



Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

MEDIA SUMMARY

January 15, 2009

1. **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of January 15, 2009

2. **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2008, SWFRPC MEETING**

Draft minutes of the November 20, 2008, meeting of the SWFRPC will be considered.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will finalize administrative and intergovernmental applications submitted under the Florida Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process.

B. Financial Statements (November 30, 2008 - December 31, 2008)

Financial statements of November and December 2008 will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval.

C. Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

D. City of Bonita Springs Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *City of Bonita Springs Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

E. Murdock Master Development of Regional Impact Increment I, II, and IV - Noticed of Proposed Change

The Murdock Center Master Development of Regional Impact (DRI) application was originally approved by Charlotte County, March 3, 1987. The DRI is located in the vicinity of U.S. 41 and State Road 776 in the Murdock community.

Regional staff has concluded that the proposed change will not create regional impacts. As such, the request is to notify Charlotte County, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and the applicant that the proposed change will not create additional regional impacts. Further, staff recommends that Charlotte County provide copies of any development approvals and related materials to the SWFRPC for review to ensure consistency with the recommended NOPC change.

F. North Port Gardens Development of Regional Impact – Request for Sufficiency Response Extension

The applicant for the North Port Gardens Development of Regional Impact project has requested a thirty (30) day extension to its deadline for responding to the Application for Development Approval's sufficiency questions. The new proposed deadline for sufficiency responses would be March 2, 2009. Regional staff has recommended approval of the extension.

G. Toll-Rattlesnake Development of Regional Impact – Request for Sufficiency Response Extension

The applicant for the Toll-Rattlesnake Development of Regional Impact project has requested a ninety (90) day extension to its deadline for responding to the Application for Development Approval's sufficiency questions. The new proposed deadline for sufficiency responses would be April 24, 2009. Regional staff has recommended approval of the extension.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Election of Officer – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

During the last official meeting of 2008, a nominating committee was appointed to nominate the Council's 2009 slate of officers. The following individuals were recommended by the committee to lead the SWFRPC in 2009.

- Chairman – Mayor James Humphrey, City of Fort Myers
- Vice Chairman – Mayor Mick Denham, City of Sanibel
- Secretary - Commissioner Paul Beck, Glades County Board of Commissioners
- Treasure – Councilman Charles “Chuck” Kiester, City of Marco Island

The Committee’s recommendations or nominations from the floor will be entertained during the meeting.

B. Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee Report – Mayor Mick Denham

Mayor Mick Denham will provide a digest of the activities and accomplishments of the Lower West Coast Watersheds Subcommittee. Additionally, a resolution has been drafted and is to be considered which will require environmental applications and conservation measures on development.

C. 29I Rules and Fee Agreement – Counsel Liz Donley, SWFRPC

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council’s rules are promulgated in Chapter 29I of the Florida Administrative Code. The rules were last revised and updated in 1995. Proposed revisions have been made and the rules are to be addressed by the SWFRPC according to the laws of Florida.

D. Executive Director’s Annual Review – Ms. Nancy Doyle, SWFRPC

An annual job evaluation of Executive Director Ken Heatherington will be undertaken by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

E. Appointing SWFRPC Representatives to the CHNEP Policy Committee – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

Regional staff will request the appointment of new representatives to fill vacancies on the CHNEP’s Policy Committee.

F. Appointment to the Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee

Regional staff will request the appointment of a representative to fill a vacancy on the Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee.

G. Council Subcommittee Update – Counsel Liz Donley, SWFRPC

Attorney Liz Donley will provide a brief update of activities and actions of various subcommittees under the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

H. Comprehensive Plan Update – Mr. David Crawford, SWFRPC

Staff Planner Dave Crawford will provide a digest of the comprehensive plans currently under review by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

I. SWFRPC Development of Regional Impact – Mr. Jason Utley

Staff Planner Jason Utley will provide a status of the Development of Regional Impact projects currently under review by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

J. SWFRPC FY 2007/08 Annual Audit – Mr. Jeffrey Tuscan, Tuscan & Company, PA

Certified Public Accountant, Jeffrey Tuscan of Tuscan & Company will present the Council's annual audit for FY 2007/08. The audit states that the Council is in compliance with the requirements that are applicable to its major federal and state projects.

5. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Inland Ports Presentation – Commissioner Paul Beck

Commissioner Paul Beck will give a presentation and note unique characteristics of the Inland Ports of the State.

B. Legislative Subcommittee Report – Commissioner Jim Coletta

Commissioner Jim Coletta will explore pertinent legislative issues and agendas confronting Southwest Florida and the State.

C. Florida's Economic and Regional Leadership Conference – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will elaborate on the need to conduct a Regional Leadership Conference and the possible benefits of such an event. The event is slated to be conducted, May 6-8, 2009, in Orlando. The location of the event is provided below:

Champions Gate Resort
1500 Master Boulevard
Champions Gate, Florida 33896

Individuals seeking additional information regarding hotel accommodations or directions should direct inquiries to (407) 390-6664.

D. Southwest Florida's Strategic Investment Framework, Mayor Jim Humphrey

Mayor Jim Humphrey will discuss measures which will promote a framework for stimulating economic recovery in the Cities, States and the Nation. A number of projects are being touted as possible ways of stimulating the economy by investing wisely in America's infrastructure, green initiatives, education, and the environment. It is hoped that prescribed programs will yield success of achieving job creation and fostering of long-term national economic recovery and energy independence. Also, Governor Charlie has announced an Economic Stimulus Plan which targets small businesses and promotes job creation in the State of Florida.

E. Southwest Florida's Regional Vision: People – Prosperity – Preservation “Working Together for a Better Tomorrow” - Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recently sponsored two forums aimed at initiating a regional visioning process. Over eighty (80) elected officials and others participated during the visioning process. A copy of the forum summary has been included by the Executive Director as an attachment with the agenda item for further consideration. Some of the findings will facilitate the update of the Regional Strategic Policy Plan.

F. Climate Prosperity Strategy – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will elaborate on the Climate Prosperity Strategy which is a proposed element of the comprehensive economic development initiative. Additionally, the SWFRPC will consider a resolution adopted by the City of North Port which opposes the efforts of Miami-Dade County to amend state statues which would alter a City's water and wastewater utility rate setting authority granted to all municipalities in the State of Florida which operate water and/or wastewater utilities outside their municipal boundaries.

G. Other Emerging Regional Issues

This agenda item provides an avenue for other emerging regional issues to be explored and debated by the SWFRPC. Additionally, the SWFRPC will consider a resolution adopted by the City of North Port which opposes the efforts of Miami-Dade County to amend state statues which would alter a City's water and wastewater utility rate setting authority granted to all municipalities in the State of Florida which operate water and/or wastewater utilities outside their municipal boundaries.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- This agenda item affords an opportunity for members of the public to openly discuss and bring issues to the attention of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings of the SWFRPC. Prior registration and approval by the SWFRPC to speak before the assembly are required.

7. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- Executive Director Ken Heatherington of the SWFRPC will provide a digest of pertinent issues facing the region and state.

8. STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Transportation
- South Florida Water Management District
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Southwest Florida's Economic Development Programs
- Southwest Florida School Boards
- Southwest Florida Stewardship Alliance

9. COUNSEL'S COMMENTS

- Counsel of the SWFRPC is afforded time to advise the body of pertinent legal issues confronting the jurisdiction.

10. COUNCIL'S MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Officials of the SWFRPC are allowed a brief opportunity to share information regarding unique activities in their respective communities, or projects for future consideration.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Adjournment signals the close of all proceedings of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.