



Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

MEDIA SUMMARY

February 19, 2009

1. **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of February 19, 2009

2. **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2009, SWFRPC MEETING**

Draft minutes of the January 15, 2009, 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 (January 31, 2009)

Financial statements of January 2009 will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval.

C. Town of Long Boat Key Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *Town of Long Boat Key Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

D. Lee County Comprehensive Plan Amendments

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

E. City of North Port Comprehensive Plan Amendment

A proposed amendment to the *City of North Port Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

F. Town of Fort Myers Beach Comprehensive Plan Amendment

A proposed amendment to the *Town of Fort Myers Beach Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

G. Big Cypress Development of Regional Impact – Request for Sufficiency Response Extension

The applicant for the Big Cypress 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 May 30, 2009. Regional staff has recommended approval of the extension.

H. Harborview Substantial Deviation Development of Regional Impact – Request for Sufficiency Response Extension

The applicant for the Harborview 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 June 25, 2009. Regional staff has recommended approval of the extension.

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

The applicant for the North Port Gardens Development of Regional Impact project is seeking a thirty (30) day extension to its deadline for responding to the Application for Development Approval's sufficiency

questions. Regional staff anticipates a letter requesting an extension prior to formal Council meeting of February 19, 2009. The new proposed deadline for sufficiency responses would be March 2, 2009. Regional staff has recommended approval of the extension.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Adoption of Council's 29I Rules

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will consider the adoption of administrative procedures pertaining to Rule 29I.

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

Mayor Mick Denham will facilitate discussion surrounding the plan implementation initiatives of the Lower West Coast Watershed Subcommittee. Also, approval of the Subcommittee's agendas will be considered.

C. Funding for the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management & Work plan, Mr. Jim Beaver, SWFRPC

The Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (ABM) was established in accordance with a settlement agreement surrounding the completion of the necessary permitting for Florida Gulf Coast University. ABM was established to protect the Estero Bay and its surrounding areas. In the past, funds from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and Florida Department of Community Affairs supported the ABM. Due to a lack of funding, it is necessary that the ABM acquire operating funds. Also, the ABM seeks approval of its 2009 work plan.

5. REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Inland Ports Presentation – Ms. Tracy Whirls, Glades County Economic Development Commission, and Ms. Janet Watermeier, Watermeier Consulting & Property Services

Ms. Tracy Whirls of the Glades County Economic Development Commission and Ms. Janet Watermeier of Watermeier Consulting & Property Services will provide a presentation regarding the Inland Port initiatives.

B. Inland Port Resolution

Resolution 2009-01 expresses regional support for an Inland Port within south central Florida. Also, the resolution is aimed at garnishing support of the Florida Legislature and the streamlining of the permitting process associated with the proposed development.

C. Economic Stimulus Package – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC

An excerpt from the U.S. Senate Committee of Appropriations Press Released of January 27, 2009, notes that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Stimulus Package Plan will focus on five areas critical to rebuilding of the U.S. economy and the creation of conditions for economic growth in the long-term. The propositions are noted and referenced in the Council's agenda package:

- √ Infrastructure and Science;
- √ Education and Training;
- √ Energy;
- √ Protecting the Vulnerable, and;
- √ Health.

Additionally, Governor Charlie Crist has unveiled his Stimulus Recovery Package which will be transmitted to federal authorities.

D. Florida Regional Council Association Legislative Report & Preliminary List of 2009 Legislative Bills – Executive Director Ken Heatherington

Executive Director Ken Heatherington will provide an abstract of the preliminary 2009 legislative bills and wish lists desired by agencies fused by the Federal economic stimulus package.

E. Other Emerging Regional Issues

This agenda item provides an avenue for other emerging regional issues to be explored and debated by the SWFRPC.

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.