



## Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

### MEDIA SUMMARY

#### November 20, 2008 - (Meeting Agenda)

#### 1. AGENDA ADOPTION

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of November 20, 2008.

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2008, SWFRPC MEETING

Draft minutes of the October 16, 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 (October 31, 2008)

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

##### C. Cape Coral Comprehensive Plan Amendments

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

**D. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Training and Planning Grants**

The Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has elected to participate in the Federal Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Training and Planning Grant Programs during the 2008-2009 year. The grants are administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and will allow Regional staff to implement "free" hazardous materials and safety training to first responders and public officials of the region. Regional staff seeks authority to implement the grants, and is requesting the execution of a contractual agreement between the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

**E. Southwest Florida Hazardous Materials Awareness Week – January 18 – 24, 2009**

A proclamation declaring the week of January 18-24, 2009, as "Hazardous Materials Awareness Week" throughout the region will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's consideration and approval.

**F. North Port Gardens DRI – Extension to Sufficiency Response Period**

The applicant for the North Port Gardens Development of Regional Impact project has requested a forty-five (45) day extension to the deadline for responding to the ADA's sufficiency questions. The proposed deadline would move the formal requirement for sufficiency responses to January 31, 2009. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension request.

**G. Harborview Development of Regional Impact – Extension to Sufficiency Response Period**

The applicant for the Harborview Development of Regional Impact project has requested a 120 day extension to the deadline for responding to the ADA's sufficiency questions. The proposed deadline would move the formal requirement for sufficiency responses to March 27, 2009. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension request.

**H. Florida Gulf Coast Technology & Research Park Development of Regional Impact – Extension to Sufficiency Response Period**

The applicant for the Florida Gulf Coast Technology & Research Park Development of Regional Impact project has requested a ninety (90) day extension to the deadline for responding to the ADA's sufficiency questions. The proposed deadline would move the formal requirement for sufficiency responses to March 31, 2009. Regional staff recommends approval of the extension request.

#### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

##### **A. 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, Resolution 2008-12 will be considered which will require environmental applications and conservation measures on development.

##### **B. Nominating Committee Selection**

This agenda item concerns the selection of a nomination committee pursuant to rules of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for the purpose of nominating officers of the SWFRPC for the new calendar year.

##### **C. 29I Rules and Fee Agreement – Counsel Liz Donley**

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.

#### **5. REGIONAL ISSUES**

##### **A. Northern Everglades/Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan – Mr. Phil Flood, SFWMD**

Mr. Flood of the South Florida Water Management District will provide a briefing of the proposed North Everglades/Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan. Public comments were due October 31, 2008. The final document is to be submitted to the legislature by January 1, 2009, for approval. Plan objectives are summarized below:

- Reduce and maximize reductions of nutrients loads to the environment.
- Reduce the frequency and duration of undesirable salinity ranges while meeting other water related needs such as water supply and flood protection.

##### **B. Reviving the Economy through Climate Prosperity – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC**

There are some who are touting that climate protection and green development are not enemies but rather are ways of reviving the economy and saving the environment. Executive Director Ken Heatherington has provided an article which promotes this claim.

**C. Visioning Organizational Meetings – Executive Director Ken Heatherington, SWFRPC**

A couple of forums are planned to discuss “People, Preservation: Working Together for a Better Tomorrow”. The forums will assemble elected officials, civic leaders, business representatives; and the public together to chart a course for Southwest Florida’s future over the next 50 years. The events are to be held at the following locations:

December 4, 2008  
8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon  
Riverside Community Center  
3061 E. Riverside Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

December 5, 2008  
8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon  
Sarasota/Bradenton Airport  
Dan P. McClure Auditorium  
5900 Auditorium Lane  
Sarasota, FL 34243

Individuals seeking additional information regarding these events should contact Ms. Debbie Kooi of the SWFRPC at (239) 338-2550, Ext. 210, or [dkooi@swfrpc.org](mailto:dkooi@swfrpc.org).

**D. 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.