



## **SOUTHWEST Florida Regional Planning COUNCIL (SWFRPC)**

# **MEDIA SUMMARY**

**December 15, 2011**

### **1. INVOCATION**

An invocation by an official of the SWFRPC will signal the start of the meeting.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and United States of America will be conducted.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Nichole Gwinnett will call the official roll of the SWFRPC to determine the presence of a quorum.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This agenda item affords an opportunity for members of the public to openly discuss and bring issues to the attention of the SWFRPC. 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.

### **5. AGENDA ADOPTION**

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) will consider changes or additions to its agenda of November 16, 2011.

### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Holiday Season Furlough Discussion**

Regional staff has recommended voluntary holidays furloughs to address budget shortfalls at the SWFRPC.

**B. November 16, 2011 Committee of the Whole Recommendations**

The SWFRPC will consider the actions and recommendations deliberated during the November 16, 2011 meeting which did not constitute a quorum.

**7. STAFF SUMMARIES**

**A. November 16, 2011 SWFRPC Meeting Executive Summary**

An executive summary of the SWFRPC's meeting conducted November 16, 2011, highlights the key recommendations, actions and directives of the SWFRPC.

**B. SWFRPC - November Activity Summary**

A brief summary of the SWFRPC's activities and accomplishments is presented in the agenda package as an update.

**C. Florida Regional Councils Association – Annual Membership**

Approval of this agenda item will allow the SWFRPC to maintain its current membership in the Florida Regional Councils Association pursuant to the recommendations presented by the Executive and Legislative Affairs Committees of the SWFRPC.

**D. Homeland Security and Hazardous Materials Training Events of Interest**

Homeland Security and hazardous materials courses sponsored by the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council are captured in the *Florida Hazmatters* which is included in the agenda package.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review**

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

**B. SWFRPC's Financial Statements (November 2011)**

Financial statement of November 2011 will be presented for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's perusal and approval. Additionally, the Council's grant activity status update is provided in the agenda package.

**C. Hacienda Lakes Development of Regional Impact – Development Order Review**

On June 16, 2011, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council recommended conditional approval of the Hacienda Lakes Application for Development Approval. The approval was subject to regional conditions relating to historical/archeological sites, energy, hurricane preparedness, solid/hazardous/medical waste, storm water management, transportation, vegetation, wildlife/wetland, and consistency with the Local Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The project was subsequently approved by the Collier Board of County Commissioners, October 25, 2011. A copy of the development order was rendered to the SWFRPC, November 1, 2011. Regional review finds that it is consistent with all regional issues and recommendation identified within the SWFRPC's official recommendations. The SWFRPC will consider the development order as rendered.

**D. Pelican Landing Development of Regional Impact – Notice of Proposed Change**

The Pelican Landing Development of Regional Impact project was initially approved by Lee County Board of Commissioners, August 29, 1994. There have been nineteen (19) previous changes to the project's development order. On January 7, 2011, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) received an Application for a Notice of Proposed Change. The applicant is proposing to extend the build-out and termination dates for the project. The proposed build-out date is May 21, 2020 with a termination date of May 20, 2026.

Regional staff has concluded that the proposed changes will not create additional regional impacts on regional resources. However, Regional staff has noted scrivener's errors in the development order which are recommended for correction. The recommendation is to notify Lee County, the City of Bonita Springs, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and the applicant that the proposed changes do not create additional regional impacts. Further, staff recommends that Lee and the City of Bonita Springs provide copies of any development approvals and related materials to the SWFRPC for review to ensure consistency with the recommended NOPC.

**E. Heron Creek Development of Regional Impact – Notice of Proposed Change**

On September 11, 2000, the North Port City Commission approved the Heron Creek Development of Regional Impact project. There have been three (3) previous changes to the project's development order. A Noticed of Proposed Change (NOPC) was submitted to the SWFRPC, March 2010. The NOPC is seeking to present multiple changes to the project's development order.

Regional staff has noted that the NOPC does not have the potential to create additional regional impacts. As such, the recommendation is to notify the City of North Port, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and the applicant regarding the regional findings and that the proposed changes do not create a reasonable likelihood of additional regional impacts. Further, staff recommends that the City of North Port provide a copy of the development order amendments related to the proposed change to the SWFRPC for review to ensure consistency with the recommended NOPC change.

**F. Southwest Florida Hazardous Materials Awareness Week – January 22-28, 2012**

Annually, the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) conducts a Hazardous Materials Awareness Programs to publicize the importance of chemicals in society and the need to plan for chemical disasters. As in previous years, the LEPC is requesting that the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council join others across the state during this awareness week period by proclaiming Hazardous Materials Awareness Week in Southwest Florida. Proclamation 2011-01 is included in the agenda package for approval consideration.

**G. Glades County Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

A proposed amendment to the *Glades County Comprehensive Plan* will be reviewed by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for consistency with the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

**H. 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*.

**I. SWFRPC Fixed Assets Removal**

Regional staff has identified a number of surplus equipment that is currently broken or is of no use to the SWFRPC. A list of the equipment and associated purchase dates and other information will be provided to the SWFRPC for its consideration.

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

**A. 2012 Nominating Committee – Chairman Karson Turner**

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.

**B. SWFRPC Committee Report**

**(1). Executive Committee – Chairman Karson Turner**

Chairman Karson Turner will share pertinent information regarding directives of the Executive Committee of the SWFRPC.

**(2). Executive Director Search Committee – Mr. Michael Grant**

Mr. Michael Grant will provide an update regarding the search for an Executive Director of the SWFRPC.

**(3). Budget & Finance Committee – Vice Chair Teresa Heitmann**

A verbal report will be provided by Vice Chair Teresa Heitmann concerning the activities of the Budget & Finance Committee.

**(4). Regional Watersheds Committee – Vice Mayor Mick Denham**

Vice Mayor Mick Denham will guide the discussion concerning the activities of the Regional Watersheds Committee and provide an update regarding efforts to improve the region's water quality.

**(5). Legislative Affairs Committee – Commissioner Jim Coletta (Co-Chair)**

Commissioner Jim Coletta will facilitate discussion surrounding legislative issues of concern for the SWFRPC.

**10. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

This agenda items allows staff of the SWFRPC to provide a digest of pertinent issues facing the region and state.

**11. 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 School Boards
- Southwest Florida's Economic Development Programs

**12. COUNSEL'S COMMENTS**

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

**13. 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.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment signals the close of all proceedings of the official monthly meeting.