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August 27, 2015

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ABSENT: Vice Mayor Rita Mack

ALSO Barbara Blake Boy, Planning Council Executive Director
PRESENT: Andy Maurodis, Legal Counsel
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A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council, Broward County, Florida, was held in Room 422 of the Government Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, 2015.

(The following is a near-verbatim transcript of the meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Anne Castro called the meeting to order.

CHAIR CASTRO: Good morning, everyone. We want to call this Broward County Planning Council meeting to order for August 27th, 2015. As all of you just witnessed, we had our new introduction to our web streaming meeting.

I want to thank the Broward County IT Department profusely for their hard work and dedication. The entire Council was just ooh-ing and ahh-ing our introduction. So thank you ladies and gentleman back there behind the wall and the window. We greatly appreciate your hard work and efforts.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIR CASTRO: We are going to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The flag is behind me to my right. Thank you. Mayor Stermer, if you would lead us, please.

(THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY MAYOR DANIEL STERMER.)

ROLL CALL:

CHAIR CASTRO: Nancy Cavender's here taking our minutes for us. And, Nancy, if you would, would you please call the roll?

THE REPORTER: Yes, ma'am. Commissioner Richard Blattner.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Angelo Castillo.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Neal de Jesus.

MR. DE JESUS: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Thomas DiGiorgio.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Michael Friedel. Commissioner Bill Ganz.

COMMISSIONER GANZ: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Michele J. Gomez.

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Here.

THE REPORTER: School Board Member Patricia Good.

MS. GOOD: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Mary D. Graham.

MS. GRAHAM: Here.

THE COURT: Mr. Richard Grosso.

MR. GROSSO: Here.

THE REPORTER: Vice Mayor Martin Kiar.

VICE MAYOR KIAR: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Michael Long.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Here.

THE REPORTER: Vice Mayor Rita Mack. Commissioner Shari L. McCartney.

COMMISSIONER MCCARTNEY: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Robert McColgan.

MR. MCCOLGAN: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Bernard Parness.

MR. PARNES: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Michael J. Ryan.

MAYOR RYAN: Present.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Nicholas T. Steffens.

MR. STEFFENS: Present.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Daniel J. Stermer.

MAYOR STERMER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Anne Castro, Chair.

CHAIR CASTRO: Here.

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM C-4 - EXCUSED ABSENCES:

CHAIR CASTRO: I'm going to go ahead and pull C-4 because we have correspondence from Michael Friedel and Vice Mayor Rita Mack for excused absences. I'll entertain a motion to excuse them.

MAYOR STERMER: Move approval to excuse the absences of Mr. Friedel and Vice Mayor Mack.

CHAIR CASTRO: I have a motion.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: I have a second by Commissioner Long. All in favor. Any opposed? Hearing none, carries unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR CASTRO: I also understand we have a special occasion today. I understand it's Mr. Parness's birthday, so I hope you all join and wish him a happy birthday.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Happy birthday.

CHAIR CASTRO: And I hope he doesn't get upset, but we also learned this morning that Mr. de Jesus is expecting his first grandbaby in February.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Congratulations.

CHAIR CASTRO: And he'll keep us apprised of that. Are there any other occasions or special events that happened that we're not aware of? No? Hearing none, good. Okay.

AGENDA ITEM C-1 - APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR AUGUST 27, 2015

AGENDA ITEM C-2 - AUGUST 2015 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN COMPLIANCE

AGENDA ITEM C-3 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2015

CHAIR CASTRO: I'll move on to the Consent Agenda. Any items for pull?

MAYOR STERMER: Move the Consent agenda.

MS. GOOD: Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: I have a motion. School Board Member Good second. All in favor. Any opposed? Hearing none, carries unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM R-1 - COUNSEL'S REPORT:

CHAIR CASTRO: We're up for the Counsel's Report.

MR. MAURODIS: No Counsel Report today, Madam Chair.

CHAIR CASTRO: I might ask you one question. I know that Dania Beach, I saw on their Commission meeting the other night, Commissioner Jones had gone to the League of Cities. He was mentioning the impact fees, and there's some legislation pending again about impact fees?

MR. MAURODIS: Well, there's generally some impact fee legislation each year. I'm not aware of any new legislation of any significance being proposed, but what I will do is I will research it and bring it back to you next meeting.

CHAIR CASTRO: He mentioned something about 6,000 square feet or 60,000 square feet. I have no idea what it was about, but they were talking about eliminating impact fees of certain small scale developments. So we might want to take a look at that. And I don't know if that's at all levels, city, County, whatever.

And I don't know that -- what kind of impact it would have, but he brought it up. I don't know. It was just something the League of Cities had raised, and they were very concerned about it. Does anybody --

MS. GOOD: No, I –

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. So –

MS. GOOD: -- I haven't heard anything.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. So obviously you'll be on legislative watch again. So thank you very much.

MR. MAURODIS: I will get something to you, and if it is of real significance, what I'll do is I'll get a memo out –

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay.

MR. MAURODIS: -- rather than waiting for the next meeting.

CHAIR CASTRO: Yeah, obviously, we have to monitor that for Broward Next, too, and tie everything together and make sure we're putting everything in order. So thank you.

AGENDA ITEM R-2 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

CHAIR CASTRO: Executive Director's Report.

MS. BOY: Good morning. Welcome back, everyone. Hope everyone had a nice summer. I just have a couple of items that I want to take you through. Some of them are listed on the agenda, and then I have a couple of extra things.

- **BrowardNext Update**

First, Broward Next update, I just want to let you all know that Henry Sniezek and I have been continuing to go out to municipalities and interested parties during the summer. We had our 56th presentation last night between presentations at municipalities and interested parties, so I feel like the past year we've been very successful in reaching out.

We've also spoken to Chair Castro, and we'll be preparing about a ten or fifteen minute presentation for Broward Next for your October meeting. And that's going to take you through -- we're really shifting our presentation. We've been doing sort of the same introductory presentation through the past year, but we're -- now we're shifting. We're having another series of outreach meetings in September, and we'll share that with you in your October meeting.

- **Updated Procedure: Recertification of Municipal Amendments:**

The second item is an updated procedure for recertification of municipal amendments. And this is a process that, you know, we've seen through the years. You have recertifications that are scheduled for Public Hearing, and we were trying to think of a way that we could make the process easier and smoother for municipalities.

So in Item PH-3 in your backup today, it's a second Public Hearing of a small scale amendment in Plantation. And what we've done is we've turned the recommendation into part of this action. If you take this action today, it will be considered the conditional recertification of the municipal plan.

So what -- what that in turn will do is that applicants and cities will still need to meet the requirements in the checklist, such as updated flex tables and updated maps, but they won't be required to come back for a second Public Hearing. So under the normal procedure where you see PH-1 and PH-2, which are recertifications, they would have to submit their application to be scheduled for that Public Hearing.

So hopefully it's going to save some time through that, and that was just something we had talked about through Broward Next, kind of streamlining the process. So I just wanted to bring that to your attention, because I think it's a great thing. I think our staff thinks it's a great thing. And hopefully applicants and municipalities are going to be equally as happy to participate in that process.

CHAIR CASTRO: Does anybody have any questions on that before she moves on? Commissioner Kiar -- Vice Mayor, excuse.

VICE MAYOR KIAR: No, I'm Marty.

CHAIR CASTRO: Marty.

VICE MAYOR KIAR: Thank you, Madam Chair. It's not a question. I just want to say how impressed I was when I was over at Pembroke Pines at Commissioner Castillo's city, and you were on the agenda before me. I saw the presentation and I thought you did an excellent job. And I know you've been working very, very hard all summer, going to as many cities and groups as you possibly can. And I was just wanting to let you know, I was very impressed by how informative it was.

MR. CASTILLO: We were all impressed.

VICE MAYOR KIAR: Absolutely. And I also think you did a great job by -- the one picture that -- my favorite picture is the one with the big sister and the little sister, you know. And you've made -- you've done a great job by not saying whether it's the County or the cities that are the big sister and the little sister.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

VICE MAYOR KIAR: So you've done a great job. Thank you, Barbara.

MS. BOY: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Now we all know.

VICE MAYOR KIAR: Absolutely. The big sister is the cities, without a doubt.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Somebody's learned something.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's one.

MAYOR STERMER: Eight to go.

MR. MAURODIS: Madam Chair, just on -- on this issue --

CHAIR CASTRO: One second.

MR. MAURODIS: -- of the --

CHAIR CASTRO: One second.

MR. MAURODIS: -- recertification --

CHAIR CASTRO: I'm sorry. One second. Start over, Mr. Maurodis. I'm sorry.

MR. MAURODIS: On the issue of the recertification, I think Barb talked about it very quickly, but this is a very -- I think it's significant, and I think puts us in good stead as a demonstration of cooperation with the cities and developers, because the recertification process has always been problematic, because there's very little jurisdiction.

So we have this big procedure. We take months for something that I generally tell you have to recertify. So this process I think is a real demonstration of the County and the Planning Council and the cities

cooperating, and I think it's a real -- it -- sounds like it's a small item, but, frankly, it's a significant item for both cities and developers, and a very good idea by the staff.

CHAIR CASTRO: Oh, I think there's a great deal of agreement up here. I know some people are probably worried because some people think openness and transparency, Public Hearings are a good thing.

But to your point, this was a ministerial thing we were doing, and it really didn't have a great impact, and it was just holding things up. I think you probably need to sing your praises a little louder, but also give it a stronger explanation so that people understand it's not hiding the ball. It's actually a very positive step forward, but everybody is still protected. And I think you need to do that probably a little louder and put it more out in the community so people are aware of it.

MS. BOY: And just to follow up as far as we are protecting also -- you know, Andy and I work together to develop, and we developed something that the municipality gives us their signature acknowledging that they have to fulfill the requirements, and if they don't fulfill the requirements, then we will have to schedule them for a separate Public Hearing, you know, if they're -- if they don't meet that. So we have tried to kind of figure it out, and the process isn't perfect yet, but I think it's a really good work in progress and very positive step.

CHAIR CASTRO: There's enforcement.

MS. BOY: Yes.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. Mr. Grosso.

MR. GROSSO: Thank you, Madam Chair. I think the change seems to make a lot of sense. I had a question. Does this mean that recertifications will no longer be treated as quasi-judicial proceedings? Because I had a question about why we had quasi-judicial related to plan amendment issues, in the first place.

MR. MAURODIS: Yeah, they will -- they will not be, pursuant to this process. And we were almost forced, when we had a separate process, to do it that way, but it was a quasi-judicial process that provided almost no discretion to -- to this body. As the Chair put it perfectly, it generally was ministerial. It was only kind of a checklist kind of thing.

Now, it was an important thing to have, because that last check is important, because it has to be consistent. But in many cases, we were having quasi-

judicial hearings over local plan amendments which were just following to determine consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, when the only purposes of the local plan was to match the Comprehensive Plan. I mean, there was a matching County -- you know, County Plan amendment.

So you -- we were going through this process, and people were having to wait, and -- and it also gives -- gives people false expectations. Okay, we have a quasi-judicial hearing. For instance, someone who was unhappy with the original result thought this was a second bite at the apple and -- and I can understand where they would think it. Oh, boy, it's a quasi-judicial hearing. It's set forth there, and then I'm sitting there telling them there's nothing to do but approve it, which is always, you know, well-received advice.

So, yeah, this is -- this is positive, but, as Barbara said, we're going to make sure that we have the processes in place. And this staff will not let it go, I can tell you that, that there is that consistency.

MR. GROSSO: But there's, I don't think, any requirement that plan amendment decisions be quasi-judicial in the first place, so --

MR. MAURODIS: We -- the plan amendment, matter of fact, is not quasi-judicial, and then we had this -- this certification process that looked like it was quasi-judicial. So this is a good result.

MR. GROSSO: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR CASTRO: And, again, the fact that the makeup of this council and you have such agreement is a wonderful thing. And I'm going to just say this, you know, I went to Nova Law School, so I happen to know his credentials, Mr. Grosso. And when you can make the environmental attorney happy that's a really good thing. So thank you for making your comments and -- and bringing that --

MR. GROSSO: I wish everyone shared that perspective.

CHAIR CASTRO: Sorry. Just --

VICE MAYOR KIAR: You were -- you were my professor, as well.

CHAIR CASTRO: There you go. Just bringing it up. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

MS. BOY: Thank you. Thank you, everyone, for the support. And thank you, Vice Mayor Kiar and Commissioner Castillo, for your comments about the Pembroke Pines presentation.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: So far, this is going rather well; don't you think?

CHAIR CASTRO: It's all good.

- **Updated Procedure: Distribution of Agenda Materials**

MS. BOY: The next item on the list is distribution of agenda materials. And this is just something that I went to Chair Castro about. If a member requests an excused absence in advance, such as Mr. Friedel, what I would ask of the board is that if you receive a hard copy of the agenda materials and you are requesting a -- an excused absence well ahead of the meeting, that we do not send you the hard copy of the materials, that, for that month, you would just utilize the Drop Box unless you specifically request of staff to receive a hard copy of the materials.

And, really, I'm kind of doing that for myself, because sometimes I forget to ask, and the administrative staff will be like, well, do we need to send them a book anyway; do they still want it? So that was just something for me to kind of make it simpler. So if you are requesting an excused absence, you will not receive a hard copy unless you request it of us, and then we'll send you one.

CHAIR CASTRO: Any issues? Any objections? Saves money, saves paper, it saves every time, saves time, saves aggravation. So if you -- if you really want to go review it, you can ask for it. You can go out to Drop Box and see it, but --

MS. BOY: Right.

- **September meeting may be subject to cancellation**

CHAIR CASTRO: -- if you're not going to be at the meeting, it made no sense to spin all the wheels and time to do it. Great. Cool.

MS. BOY: Thank you. Just two more items that aren't on the list. The September Planning Council agenda is looking a little light, and I'm not sure, I won't know really probably until tomorrow or Monday, but there may be -- we may not need to have a September Public Hearing.

So if there's no objection from the Council, I talked to Chair Castro before the meeting, and I will try to alert you, hopefully by next week, to let you know if you need to save the date for September or not.

CHAIR CASTRO: Now, that would be the good news.

MS. BOY: Oh, so the bad news. There's never bad news. There's just, you know, better news.

CHAIR CASTRO: Today's a light agenda.

MS. BOY: Today is –

CHAIR CASTRO: September may not –

MS. BOY: -- a light agenda.

CHAIR CASTRO: -- have a meeting at all because –

MS. BOY: Because the Fort Lauderdale Regional Activity Center, which we're waiting for the second Public Hearing, asked on Monday to go to the October Public Hearing. We're also, as I mentioned, going to have the Broward Next presentation. We're going to have a couple other first public hearings if we shift this item from -- from September, so it might be a longer agenda than today -- than today's meeting.

So to let everyone know that for the October 22nd Planning Council Public Hearing. And I'll try to keep you all abreast of that information, and as I know, you'll know, so you'll know what kind of block of time to schedule for that. Okay?

CHAIR CASTRO: Yes, sir.

MAYOR STERMER: Any other good news?

MS. BOY: I always have good news. I do have one more thing.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Chair?

CHAIR CASTRO: Commissioner Castillo.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: I just had a question with respect to that application. It's a procedural question, but –

CHAIR CASTRO: That's fine.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: -- it's not out of order –

CHAIR CASTRO: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: -- I don't think, unless you say so. So the first

time they were here, they had certain things that were on their things to do list. So if those things aren't addressed, the application is incomplete, and there'll be no hearing; is that correct?

MS. BOY: No. I -- I would --

MR. MAURODIS: I don't think it was incomplete.

MS. BOY: -- I don't think -- it wasn't incomplete --

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Well, I don't know what we'd be doing --

MS. BOY: -- so --

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: -- if the application was incomplete.

MS. BOY: -- so the first Public Hearing that was in January, the staff's recommendation was approval, subject to additional information regarding affordable housing and transportation. Those were the two --

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Right.

MS. BOY: -- primary issues. It's not that there was incomplete information. It was that the information that we had we didn't feel completely comfortable with. So we're waiting for additional information for that. If they want to go to an October Public Hearing and they haven't provided additional information, that just may make a difference on how our -- on how staff's recommendation comes down.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: See, and that's exactly the point. It seems to me that either an application is ripe for our review or it's not. And if the application is incomplete because it doesn't address certain required components of the -- of the Comprehensive Plan, then what is the point of us hearing it?

MAYOR STERMER: And, Commissioner, I understand that, but the issue is we approved it on first hearing and had concerns.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Right.

MAYOR STERMER: If the applicant, in one person's belief, says if they haven't answered those concerns and they want to take the chance of coming back to this board, understanding they haven't complied or responded to our concerns, they run the risk of saying -- having the majority of people here say, we raised these issues with you, you haven't responded.

Therefore, we're not going to approve your application. I'm just -- that's a possibility. I mean, that's the risk the applicant takes.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Well --

MAYOR STERMER: We didn't condition saying the only way you come back is when this stuff is done.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: -- well, Mayor, I could see -- I could see if they said we have an argument this way, and you may not like the argument. But to not address the two concerns at all makes the application incomplete. And we passed it last time giving the city direct instruction that they were to submit a complete application. So it -- I mean, if that just continues on and on and on, what's the point of -- of -- I mean, it seems to me that, you know, we sit in judgment of the application against the standard, so --

CHAIR CASTRO: I'm not sure what they're coming back with.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: -- but if -- but if the application is incomplete, then it's not even ripe for our review.

MAYOR STERMER: But I think -- I just want to differ with the word, complete.

CHAIR CASTRO: Right.

MAYOR STERMER: If it was incomplete, it never would have made it to first hearing. That's what I'm saying. I think there's a distinction between complete and responding to concerns we raised to continue to approve it on second and final reading.

It's complete. We've raised concerns that we have with regard to certain aspects of it. It's complete. We just think there's further information to make people comfortable. So I think I just -- my --

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Well, if that's the standard, we should never give somebody a break to go to second hearing if the application is incomplete.

MAYOR STERMER: But --

CHAIR CASTRO: I'm -- I'm going to interject here, because I've got three people waiting. And gentlemen, I'm going to -- you -- I think you both are dicker about the nomenclature.

You know, anybody could put anything they want before this board, from my perspective. Complete, you know, is it -- is it sufficient? That's why we're here to decide does it meet whatever standard we, as a -- as -- are looking for comparative to what our Land Use Plan says. That's why we measure it against those rules.

It's all up for interpretation, quite frankly. Staff has to interpret it. They make a recommendation. Then we interpret it with staff's recommendation. Now, they may, to your point, Commissioner, come to us and not make any changes at all to what they submitted the first time, and we may tell them go pound sand again. But they may come in with a different argument about why they think they're justified in that --

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Okay.

CHAIR CASTRO: -- presentation again.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Okay.

CHAIR CASTRO: And you know what? They lose their shirt. They gain a shirt. Maybe they convince some of us their argument is real this time. I don't know.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Well, I'm just --

CHAIR CASTRO: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: -- I just raised --

CHAIR CASTRO: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: -- the procedure.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Yeah, no, and I agree, and I understand.

MS. BOY: Microphone. Sorry. Sorry, that's what I was trying to figure out.

MR. MAURODIS: We've got the director (inaudible).

MS. BOY: Because we're -- because we're on webcasting now, I need to make sure everyone has their microphones turned on when they speak so --

CHAIR CASTRO: Oh.

MS. BOY: -- that it picks up for the webcast.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MS. BOY: Sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is the red on?

CHAIR CASTRO: Now the red is on now. You're good now. Sorry. I didn't even know he wasn't on. So good for him. Okay. I have Ms. Graham, Commissioner Blattner, followed by Commissioner Long. And I think procedurally I was correct in what I said. Is that correct? Thank you. Sorry.

MS. GRAHAM: Thank you. I only know when I watch the Fort Lauderdale Commission meetings and the conferences on Comcast. They had a meeting I believe on the 18th was their first Commission meeting back from their summer break, and then last night they had a budget advisory joint Commission meeting, and it came up briefly.

Not to defend them, because I disagreed with some of the things they were proposing, but we have to give them their due process. I just think they need more time. I think my -- my take is that they just need more time to get everything before they come back before us. So I don't think they're necessarily trying to get around the recommendations and what was put on, because they sent one of their planners to present at the first meeting. So, you know, I live in Fort Lauderdale. Maybe the rest of you speaking do, as well, but I just think they need more time.

CHAIR CASTRO: Commissioner Blattner, followed by Commissioner Long.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: Well, we're arguing about complete, and complete is in the eye of the beholder, in a sense. But I think that some of the comments that were made helped me come to this conclusion. If what they present is their best and final offer --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It is.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: -- fine. If it's not, we shouldn't even have it presented. So my suggestion would be that we convey that -- if you all agree, we convey that message to Fort Lauderdale that if this is your best and final offer and, therefore, complete, which we can act on, I'm fine. By the way, unfortunately I won't be here for the meeting. And I would love to be here for that meeting. But that's my thought, that it -- they either have to be ready to fall on their sword for this or not.

CHAIR CASTRO: Commissioner Long.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Just quickly. I think -- I agree with what everyone is saying, maybe except for Angelo, and the fact that --

MAYOR STERMER: But nobody heard him anyway.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. That's perfect.

COMMISSIONER LONG: The best part of this is that we, as a collegial body, have the opportunity to vote on this. And based on the knowledge that they provide to us, whether we agree with it or not, we have our votes. We have our comments we can throw on there. To what Mary Graham has said, if they are not ready, they shouldn't be bringing it to the table.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LONG: If they do bring it to the table and they strongly believe that their point is correct and that they don't need to address the issues anymore, then we take this information; we process it; we vote on it as a collegial body; we send a message back to them, thumbs up, thumbs down.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LONG: It's really simple, So.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Works for me.

CHAIR CASTRO: Mr. Parness.

MR. PARNES: Yeah. I really feel that --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You've got to turn that mic on, Bernie.

CHAIR CASTRO: There you go.

MR. PARNES: Okay. I really feel that complete is not a word in concrete. What may be complete to them may not be complete to us. So who's to say what the complete is until it's presented? They have that right to submit it, and it's our judgement whether or not the application has been completed or not.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

MR. PARNES: Okay? But we can't say, well, it's not complete. We have

to have a definition, by our standards, what complete would be. And that's something we vote on. So to say, well, why did they bring it, it's not complete? They probably think it is. They're probably making a presentation based on the fact that, to their knowledge, they did their job. But then we get to vote yes or no. I don't think we can pre-judge this without seeing their finished product.

CHAIR CASTRO: Anybody else?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Complete the discussion.

CHAIR CASTRO: Complete the discussion. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

CHAIR CASTRO: That's good. No, and I appreciate you bringing up that point, because I think it's a very valid issue as what comes before us and -- and how it goes.

But as you all know, when -- when people bring applications before us, a lot of times there's discussions about interpretation and mitigation or, you know, negotiation of can we do this instead of this, or how can you ameliorate an affordable housing component? How can you take care of a transportation element? And sometimes we'll say, well, staff will work it out between this reading and the next reading, and there is a discussion, and there is negotiation, and they do bring it back a second time, not knowing whether we're going to like the -- what they came up together with or not.

So that's why I said I don't know what complete means, because it's a work in progress as you go, as you know. But, to your point, I think every applicant risks bringing what they come to before us, hoping we're going to buy it. And, hopefully, if they do nothing, you know, it's a little arrogant. Take your chances and see what happens. It is what it is. So hopefully they did better than that, but we'll find out.

Okay. Anything else?

MS. BOY: One more thing.

CHAIR CASTRO: You got it.

- **Recognized Ginette Saucier's retirement from Broward County after more than 24 years of service**

MS. BOY: One more thing. I'm just going to step over here. I just want to announce that Ginette Saucier is retiring tomorrow, and she's been our

Administrative Coordinator. So I just would ask her to come up for a second.

And she's really upset about this, so it's kind of -- I kind of had to do it secretly. So we just bought an orchid. We had a little celebration last week. We went out to lunch and had a little office celebration.

But I just wanted to mention she's been with the Planning Council for just over four years, but she's been with the -- with Broward County for 24 years. And her and her husband Claude, he works for the Libraries Division, they're retiring tomorrow, and that'll be her final day. So this is her last Planning Council meeting. We're going to miss her desperately.

CHAIR CASTRO: Yes, we are.

MS. BOY: And I just wanted to say thank you to her for all the hard work that she's done. And everyone on the staff loves her, and we have great people that are going to try to do her job afterwards.

MS. SAUCIER: They'll do fine.

MS. BOY: Terry and Sharon, and they're going to do great. But we will really miss her. And so I asked the photographer to come, so if we could get a couple of pictures, because she loves photos, so we'll take pictures.

(Applause.)

MS. SAUCIER: (Inaudible.)

MS. BOY: Yeah, she does not like to talk. This whole thing was not --

MAYOR STERMER: You get -- you get to run the rest of the meeting.

CHAIR CASTRO: Absolutely.

MS. BOY: You get to sit in my seat.

MS. SAUCIER: You're in trouble. Thank you very much. I really appreciate it. It was a pleasure working with Planning Council, and I really appreciate all of you. And everything went so well all the time. So it's going to be very different for me, and -- but I'm ready. And thank you, Barbara, for every --

MS. BOY: Thank you.

MS. SAUCIER: -- single thing.

MS. BOY: Thank you. So if we could just get a couple of quick photos, if that's okay. Sorry, everyone. Okay. Thank you.

(Pictures taken.)

MS. BOY: So thank you for that moment of privilege. I appreciate it. And the final thing I just want to let you know is there is no one signed in to speak.

CHAIR CASTRO: Before you go, I really -- just real quick. I tend to come early to meetings, and Ginette's always in the room, whether it's the executive meetings, whatever.

Thank you, Ginette, for your service. Everything is always read. Minutes are always going. Professional. Friendly. Nice. Always a smile. Always what can I get you? What can I do for you? We appreciate your service very much. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And parking tickets.

CHAIR CASTRO: And your parking tickets. Thank you very much.

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MS. BOY: Thank you. So for Items PH-1 through PH-5, there are no speakers signed in. Questions only.

CHAIR CASTRO: Do -- anybody have to disclose any activities regarding any of these items, any contacts?

MAYOR STERMER: Move PH –

CHAIR CASTRO: Seeing none, are there any pulls?

MAYOR STERMER: -- Item 1 through PH-5.

CHAIR CASTRO: I have a motion to move –

MS. GOOD: Second.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Second. CHAIR CASTRO: Motion, second. All in favor? Any opposed? Seeing none.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. Hope everybody enjoyed their summer. It's back to school. Any other business before we adjourn?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Drive safely.

CHAIR CASTRO: We will let you know if there's -- oh, sorry. Mr. Steffens.

MR. STEFFENS: Yeah. This is my last meeting.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. Sorry to hear that.

MR. STEFFENS: It was a pleasure working with all of you, and I will see you all down the road.

CHAIR CASTRO: It was a pleasure working with you. Take care in whatever endeavors you do. Best of luck. Again, everybody, we'll let you know about the September meeting. Please calendar on a longer October meeting. Thank you.

MS. BOY: Thank you.

(The meeting concluded at 10:34 a.m.)