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BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

March 24, 2016

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MEMBERS Commissioner Mark Bogen
ABSENT: Commissioner Angelo Castillo
Commissioner Michael S. Long, Vice Chair
Mayor Michael J. Ryan
Mary D. Graham, via telephone

ALSO Barbara Blake Boy, Executive Director
PRESENT: Andy Maurodis, Legal Counsel
Nancy Cavender, The Laws Group

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, March 24, 2016.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Anne Castro called the meeting to order.

CHAIR CASTRO: I have 10:00 o'clock on my cell phone, so that's now the official time.

MS. BOY: We're live.

CHAIR CASTRO: We're live. That's what I thought. So we're going to go ahead and call this Broward County Planning Council regular meeting and Public Hearing for March 24th to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR CASTRO: Please, if everyone would stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Richard Blattner is going to lead us in the pledge.

(THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD BLATTNER.)

ROLL CALL:

CHAIR CASTRO: If we could have the roll call, please.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Richard Blattner.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Mark Bogen. Commissioner Angelo Castillo. Mr. Neal de Jesus.

MR. DE JESUS: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Thomas H. DiGiorgio.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Charles F. Fink.

MR. FINK: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Michael Friedel.

MR. FRIEDEL: Here.

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THE REPORTER: Commissioner Bill Ganz.

COMMISSIONER GANZ: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Michelle J. Gomez.

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Good morning.

THE REPORTER: School Board Member Patricia Good.

MS. GOOD: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Mary D. Graham. Mr. Richard Grosso.

MR. GROSSO: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Michael S. Long. Vice Mayor Rita Mack. Mr. Robert McColgan.

MR. MCGOLGAN: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Bernard Parness.

MR. PARNES: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Michael J. Ryan. Mayor Daniel J. Stermer.

MAYOR STERMER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Anne Castro, Chair.

CHAIR CASTRO: Here.

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM C-4 - EXCUSED ABSENSE REQUESTS:

CHAIR CASTRO: If I could have a motion to excuse Commissioner Castillo, Mayor Ryan, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Bogen.

MAYOR STERMER: So moved.

CHAIR CASTRO: All --

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Second.

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CHAIR CASTRO: -- have provided email correspondence that they were not going to be here. And is there anybody else to add to that list that's corresponded or communicated?

MS. BOY: There's no excused absence request, but I know that Ms. Graham, we've been communicating with her, she's going to phone in. So last time this happened, she had some problems phoning in, so we'll just keep an eye out if we hear her about --

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. And if she doesn't make it in, we will include her in the motion.

MS. BOY: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MS. BOY: Thank you.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. All in favor. Any opposed? Hearing, carries unanimously. Thank you all very much.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM C-1 - APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR MARCH 24, 2016
AGENDA ITEM C-2 - MARCH, 2016 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN COMPLIANCE
AGENDA ITEM C-3 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2016

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. We're going back now to the original agenda, approval -- excuse me, C-2, March 16 plat reviews for trafficway plans compliance. There's nothing there; correct?

MS. BOY: Correct.

CHAIR CASTRO: From the meeting.

MAYOR STERMER: Move the Consent Agenda.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

MS. GOOD: Second.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second. All in favor? Any opposed? Thank you.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM R-1 - COUNSEL'S REPORT:

CHAIR CASTRO: Counsel's Report?

MR. MAURODIS: None today, Madam Chair. But next week we'll endeavor to provide a summary of the land use and government related --

CHAIR CASTRO: Next month?

MR. MAURODIS: -- (inaudible) in the Legislature. We're reviewing them. It wasn't the most active session, which may be a good thing.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MR. MAURODIS: But we'll provide you with a summary of what did happen.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

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

CHAIR CASTRO: Executive Director's Report?

MS. BOY: Good morning. Thank you so much. A couple of items of information. First, I'd like to introduce Robert Modys. He is our new planner. And he comes to us from the private sector. And we welcome him. He's been with us for a few weeks, and so you'll be seeing his face over, hopefully, the next several years.

CHAIR CASTRO: Welcome.

MAYOR STERMER: Welcome.

MS. BOY: So --

CHAIR CASTRO: It's a good team.

MS. BOY: -- also, I want to talk -- just talk about minute about the Pantry of Broward fund raiser that we've done. We've got -- we've gotten over a hundred pounds of food through our staff donations, and between the staff wearing jeans today or just making a donation, we've raised -- and Planning Council members matching and Planning Council contributions, we have close to \$500 dollars that we've raised just for today.

CHAIR CASTRO: Excellent.

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MS. BOY: So we'll drop that contribution off at the pantry this afternoon, because it's our understanding that the holiday weekends are especially busy there. So thanks to everyone for participating and supporting the effort, and giving us the go ahead for the casual jean with our business attire.

CHAIR CASTRO: Before you move on, one of the questions was asked, could the Council do the casual jean. I didn't want to make a commitment, because different people have different sensitivities to our level of dress when they're in a body like this or a commission or a council.

I'm just going to ask you all really quickly, are there any objections in the future if they want to do this that the Council members can also wear their jeans or do whatever? No objections. Nobody has anything about it's got to be, you know, formal dress?

MS. GOOD: It's okay.

CHAIR CASTRO: Perfect. So feel free to include the Council next time.

MS. BOY: Okay. Thank you so much. Thanks for everyone's participation and support. The other item of information is just related to Broward Next. I want to let everyone know we're having an ad hoc steering committee meeting on Monday morning. And at that meeting, we'll be reviewing those first four topics, redevelopment, attainable housing, multimodal transportation, and renewed intergovernmental partnership.

We'll be going through the more detailed information about how we're proceeding with the drafts. And then the next piece will be the remaining three items, post-disaster redevelopment, climate resilience planning, and environmental protection. So what we're anticipating for a future schedule for Planning Council Public Hearing is we're looking at possibility of May/June, June/July. So, traditionally, we have canceled the July Planning Council meeting, but we want to hold that date open this year in case we need to have a Public Hearing related to Broward Next specifically.

And then, subsequent to the first Public Hearing at the Planning Council, we will be proceeding to transmittal at the County Commission, and probably handling that through a series of one or two meetings, and maybe some workshops, because there is a lot of information that's going to be involved with moving this forward. So I just wanted to give you that informational update.

CHAIR CASTRO: And the meeting Monday is at 9:00 a.m. --

MS. BOY: It's a 9:00 a.m. in --

CHAIR CASTRO: -- in 430.

MS. BOY: -- Room 430, yes.

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CHAIR CASTRO: Down the hall.

MS. BOY: The final item is the additional agenda material that was included in the package. Many of you are aware that the County reviews its Charter approximately every ten years. And so the Charter Review Commission was seated last summer by the County Commissioner -- by the County Commission.

They each appointed two members, so that makes 18. And then the 19th member was appointed at large by the County Commission. They just hired their Executive Director in the month of February, and held their meeting where they got their subcommittees. So they've organized four sub -- subcommittees, and that was attached to the additional agenda material.

Land use has ended up as a topic on two of those subcommittees. I spoke with the Executive Director this week, and there's no formal agenda yet for the meetings on April 5th or 8th where land use is a topic. I will be attending those meetings. And, in the future, future subcommittee meetings will have agendas set so we will know and be aware if land use and the discussion is part of that conversation. And I don't know if Anne Castro, Ms. Castro, wants to add anything to that.

CHAIR CASTRO: Yeah, there's a couple things. One, I think Barbara has a good suggestion. If we have any members of this Council who would volunteer to become point people on those subcommittee's meeting -- okay.

We're going to take everybody, just in case somebody can't show up. We want to make sure we have somebody in the room at all times, and the reason being -- let the record reflect that Commissioner Mack has arrived, too, by the way. We want to make sure that we have ears on it. And, Ms. Blake Boy and I were discussing this before the meeting, if they take an action that needs to come back to the Council, not needs to but should come back to the Council for consideration, discussion, debate, that we might make a recommendation or object to it or do something else, we want people in there who know the conversation, know what was said, know why they came to the conclusion they did, and so forth.

And we're assuming this process will play out for the next several months, so we're looking for regular attendance at these meetings for a long period of time. I'm hearing three ears over here. I wasn't part of the last Charter review, so this is new to me. But that's okay. I know that it's on the ballot in 2018 or something like that, correct, the questions. So we just want to make sure we have assigned people who are supposed to be around there, and then, if something happens, we can have time at the Council to come back and digest it and consider it and take any other action that we deem appropriate, so.

MS. BOY: So for the -- for the upcoming meetings for April 5th and 8th, I saw

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Commissioner Gomez, Mayor Stermer, and Mr. DiGiorgio are very interested in this topic.

MS. GOOD: And me.

MS. BOY: I'm sorry, and School Board Member Good. Let me add you to the list. I can send the emails as we receive the agendas and the announcement information out to the full Council, and then I can just assure you that if one of them has been able to make a commitment to attend that subcommittee.

And the other thing that I mentioned to Ms. Castro was that when I spoke with the Executive Director, right now, there isn't an agenda. I believe that these first subcommittee meetings may not be specific to the topic, so it would be a very good idea to be in attendance at that.

Then, for future meetings, we will be aware if land use is one of the topics. We've expressed our commitment to making any presentations and being available to answer questions at these meetings, so we're on -- you know, we're ready to go if they need anything at all with that, so.

CHAIR CASTRO: Another suggestion I made, and I -- I'm assuming they're considering this, is they're going to be probably having these meetings across the County at various locations and places, which means sometimes web streaming might not be available or possible.

So I've suggested that we go back to the Charter Review Board and at least, at the very least, have every meeting on a conference bridge that people can listen in, not engage, but listen in, so that if you want to sit in your office or sit in your car or do whatever and hear them discuss the issues, whoever you are in Broward County, you should be able to do that. So she will take that suggestion back to them as well and see if they can manage that.

MAYOR STERMER: And some of the County Commissioners --

CHAIR CASTRO: Because there's a phone everywhere.

MAYOR STERMER: -- and some of the County Commissioners have already voiced their concern --

CHAIR CASTRO: Yeah.

MAYOR STERMER: -- about it not being in this building and not being able to be streamed and to your point --

CHAIR CASTRO: Right.

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MAYOR STERMER: -- and carried. So that's been raised by members of the County Commission already.

CHAIR CASTRO: The one thing we know, there's a phone everywhere, so they can do that. So that, we're good with. Any questions about the Charter review process or anything for the staff or the team? No. You know, along with Broward Next, this is a huge thing, and not just how it pertains to what we do here, but, obviously, the entire County.

They're even talking about changing the makeup of the County Commission and that sort of thing. So, hopefully, all of Broward County is tuning in and paying attention, and will be ready to, you know, voice their concerns or support using their vote, so -- because it will eventually come back around, and it's important. Anything else?

MS. BOY: That's all today for the Director's report.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. Thank you.

AGENDA ITEM R-3 – CORRESPONDENCE:

CHAIR CASTRO: Correspondence we've kind of already handled with the absentees.

PUBLIC HEARING

CHAIR CASTRO: We're on to the Public Hearing agenda and the quasi-judicial hearings. Has anybody been contacted by any of the applicants who have disclosed for either quasi or non-quasi-judicial hearings? I'm doing my Angelo Castillo moment. Excuse me. Who, by the way I understand is in Cuba.

MS. BOY: Yes.

CHAIR CASTRO: So God bless him, and I hope his trip is safe, and he travels well and gets to reconnect to his family and his roots, because that's an important trip to take. That's a good thing. Anybody? Okay. Do we -- go ahead.

MS. BOY: PH-1 through 7, there's no one signed in to speak from the public, only applicants for questions only. And then I would also note that PH-2, the waiver to the Broward County Trafficways Plan, and PH-7, the amendment to Broward County Trafficways Plan, were considered by the Land Use Trafficways Committee immediately preceding this meeting, and they recommended approval of both items.

MAYOR STERMER: Move PH-1 and PH-7 with the staff's recommendations, understanding the two items heard at the trafficways.

MS. GOOD: Second.

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CHAIR CASTRO: All in favor? Okay. Do we have any pulls from 2 -- that was 1 and 7 or 2 and 7?

MAYOR STERMER: 1 through 7.

CHAIR CASTRO: Oh, 1 -- you included them all.

MS. BOY: He said 1 through 7, he included --

MAYOR STERMER: 1 through 7.

MS. BOY: -- them all. Yeah.

CHAIR CASTRO: I thought he said 1 and 7, too. I was like, but she said it was 2 and 7. So I'm like, okay, back up here a little bit.

MAYOR STERMER: No. 1 through 7, understanding that 2 --

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay.

MAYOR STERMER: -- and 7 were things that were --

CHAIR CASTRO: Just so we're sure, anybody have any pulls before we redo that vote real quick, so now that we understand it? Any pulls? Otherwise, this is going to be a really fast meeting. Anybody have anything else they want to talk about before we all take off out the door?

OTHER BUSINESS:

CHAIR CASTRO: Well, I'm just going to do it before we call the vote. I hope everybody has a happy holiday and a happy Easter --

MAYOR STERMER: Happy holidays.

CHAIR CASTRO: -- and, you know, it's a time, obviously, for family and spring and renewal. I hope we'll all keep in mind, again, we had a -- an issue in Belgium -- an issue, that's a pathetic way for me to express it -- a situation in Belgium which is obviously the world over, so I hope, whether you're religious or not, people will pray for Belgium and support Belgium as other countries have supported us in our times when we've had terrorist attacks.

But, in the meantime, with the holiday what it is and a lot of what it represents to people as far as renewal of life and spring and whatever, I hope everybody and your families enjoy it and have a good time and take a moment to, you know, appreciate what we

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have, especially in this country, because we're very fortunate. So everybody have a happy Easter. I don't know what other holidays are coming up. Is there another holiday --

MS. GOMEZ: Passover next meeting.

CHAIR CASTRO: -- during this weekend? Passover.

MAYOR STERMER: Passover's coming up.

CHAIR CASTRO: A good -- a good Passover next meeting. I thought that was a little further out. And any other holiday that's tied to the spring renewal. I hope everyone has a good time and be safe. Now is there anything else? Anybody else want to speak up, wish happy holidays? No?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ditto.

PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA ITEM PH-1 AMENDMENT PC 16-3

AGENDA ITEM PH-2 - WAIVER TO

THE COUNTY TRAFFICWAYS PLAN - DIPLOMAT PARKWAY - PCTW 16-1W

AGENDA ITEM PH-3 - AMENDMENT PCT 15-4

AGENDA ITEM PH-4 - AMENDMENT PC 16-2

AGENDA ITEM PH-5 - AMENDMENT PC 16-3

AGENDA ITEM PH-6 - AMENDMENT PC 16-4

AGENDA ITEM PH-7 - AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY TRAFFICWAYS PLAN - NORTHEAST 48/49 STREET - PCTW 16-2

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. All in favor of the motion? Any opposed? Hearing none, carries unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR CASTRO: We stand adjourned. Thank you all very much.

(The meeting concluded at 10:13 a.m.)