

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL  
March 27, 2025**

**Members** Thomas H. DiGiorgio, Jr., Chair  
**Present:** City of Pembroke Pines Mayor Angelo Castillo, Vice Chair  
City of Tamarac Mayor Michelle J. Gomez, Secretary  
Ms. Jessica Abramson  
City of West Park Mayor Felicia Brunson  
Broward County Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher  
Mr. Adam M. Geller  
Ms. Ryann Greenberg (via CMT)  
City of Plantation Councilmember Denise Appleby Horland  
City of Hollywood Mayor Josh Levy  
City of Oakland Park Commissioner Letitia Newbold  
City of Coconut Creek Vice Mayor Jackie Railey (via CMT)  
Mr. David Rosenof (via CMT)  
City of Sunrise Mayor Michael J. Ryan (via CMT)  
School Board Member Dr. Allen Zeman (via CMT)

**Members** Ms. Denise B. Fernandez  
**Absent:** City of Pompano Beach Mayor Rex Hardin

**Also** Barbara Blake Boy, Executive Director  
**Present:** Andy Maurodis, Legal Counsel  
Karen Pannell, Real Time Reporter

A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council was held on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 10:02 a.m., in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The meeting quorum and format were consistent with Section 1-233 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances regarding advisory boards utilizing communications media technology in the form of telephonic conferencing.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair DiGiorgio called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Angelo Castillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Following the Roll Call by the Real time Reporter, Chair DiGiorgio declared that a quorum was present.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**C 1 APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR MARCH 27, 2025**

**C 2 MARCH 2025 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN COMPLIANCE**

**C 3 APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2025**

**C 4 ATTENDANCE RECORD/EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS**

- Email correspondence from Mayor Rex Hardin dated March 18, 2025
- Ms. Denise B. Fernandez indicated that she had an out-of-town emergency.

**Mayor Levy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Brunson seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**R 1 COUNSEL'S REPORT**

**Florida Legislative Session Update 2025** – Mr. Maurodis introduced HB943 and discussed several changes. He stated that the goal of this bill is to encourage the development of affordable housing, noting that it is the most aggressive attempt to date. Mr. Maurodis provided the revised guidelines to Chapter 163 and how they negatively affect the Live Local Act. He indicated that if this bill is passed, it would greatly expand jurisdiction over Live Local. Mr. Maurodis spoke on the restrictions, prohibitions, regulations and requirements of developments and Live Local under this bill. Councilmember Horland expressed her opposition to HB943 stating that it not only takes away local control, but also the voice of the residents.

Chair DiGiorgio thanked Mr. Maurodis for the memo that was provided in the back-up material. He urged the Planning Council members to share the memo with their residents and concerned constituents.

Mayor Gomez affirmed that this bill is unconstitutional and inappropriate.

Mayor Castillo stated that this bill threatens rural counties more than urban counties. He discussed several challenges to the bill.

Chair DiGiorgio explained that this bill would change land values and the thoughtful designs that have been made, noting the significance of unintended consequences long-term for economic development planning. He urged the Planning Council members to distribute this information back to their constituents and to speak to their State Representatives.

- Mr. Maurodis stated that he included a packet of proposed legislation information regarding the School Board and the impact fee agreement as it pertains to Oakland Park. He explained that the information includes a potential resolve to the issue.

## **R 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Ms. Boy:**

- Provided an update of the BrowardNext process, public input, and Steering Committee. She stated that the BrowardNext Steering Committee had met before this meeting to discuss draft language, noting the potential for three meetings in total. Ms. Boy explained the work staff is completing on the framework documents, drafting policy, permitted usage changes, definitions, updates, and Steering Committee comments. She explained that a series of workshops will be held in May and June, once the Steering Committee meetings have been concluded. Ms. Boy affirmed that all information is posted on the BrowardNext website. She expects a public hearing for the Planning Council to commence in August or September and the completion by Spring of 2026.

## **R 3 CORRESPONDENCE**

(None.)

### **PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

Ms. Boy stated that there were no members of the public signed up to speak on items PH 1 through PH 3 other than applicants, agents, and local governments. Ms. Boy provided a brief overview of the items, noting that staff recommended approval of each of the items.

### ***QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING - Waived***

#### **PH 1 RECERTIFICATION PCR 25-6**

**Public Hearing on Recertification of the City of Sunrise Future Land Use Element – Text Amendment**

### ***END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING***

**PH 2 RECERTIFICATION PCR 25-1**

**Public Hearing on Recertification of the City of Dania Beach Future Land Use Element -Text Amendment**

**PH 3 AMENDMENT PCR 25-4**

**Public Hearing on Recertification of the City of Lighthouse Point Future Land Use Element – Text Amendment**

**Mayor Gomez made a motion to approve PH 1 through PH 3 per Planning Council staff recommendations. Mayor Castillo seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PLANNING COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Castillo stated that he will be present via CMT for the April 24, 2025, meeting.

Regarding the legislative update, Commissioner Newbold inquired about how unspent Federal money will be used. Mr. Maurodis stated that he will get that information for the Planning Council.

School Board Member Zeman discussed several critical parts of Live Local and stated the need for community support. He spoke on many financial factors that could change in the future and the potential for a decrease in the housing market.

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Planning Council meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fisher made a motion to adjourn. Without objection Chair DiGiorgio adjourned this day's meeting at 10:32 a.m.