

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL  
MAY 25, 2023**

**Members Present:** Thomas H. DiGiorgio, Jr., Chair  
Commissioner Angelo Castillo, Vice Chair  
Ms. Denise B. Fernandez  
Mayor Michelle J. Gomez  
Ms. Ryann Greenberg  
Mayor Rex Hardin  
Councilmember Denise Appleby Horland  
Mayor Josh Levy  
Commissioner Jackie Railey  
Mr. David Rosenof  
Mayor Michael J. Ryan  
School Board Member Dr. Allen Zeman

**Members Absent:** Mr. Brion Blackwelder  
Mr. Robert Breslau  
Mayor Felicia Brunson  
Mr. Easton K. Harrison  
Vice Mayor Nan H. Rich

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

A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council was held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 10:00 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**

Vice Chair Castillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

Commissioner Jackie Railey was installed as the newest member to the Planning Council.

## **REAPPOINTMENTS**

Chair DiGiorgio acknowledged and congratulated the Council's reappointed member, Mayor Michael J. Ryan.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**C 1 APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR MAY 25, 2023**

**C 2 MAY 2023 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN COMPLIANCE**

**C 3 APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2023**

**C 4 EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS**

- Vice Mayor Nan H. Rich
- Mayor Felicia Brunson
- Mr. Robert Breslau
- Mr. Brion Blackwelder

**Vice Chair Castillo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Gomez seconded. With no objection, the Planning Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, Items C1 through C4.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**R 1 FISCAL YEAR 2024 PLANNING COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Ms. Boy stated that the 2024 Planning Council Budget Proposal had been sent to the members of the Planning Council, which included the organizational chart and Budget Report. She noted that the 2024 Budget reflects a 2.9% increase for personal services. Ms. Boy acknowledged a 4% raise that was granted to unrepresented employees, which includes the Planning Council staff members. She explained one new line item for professional dues and memberships.

The combined Land Use/Trafficways and Executive Committee's recommended formal acceptance of the FY24 Budget.

**Following the Chair's request for a motion, a motion was made by Mayor Hardin for formal acceptance of the FY24 Budget per the combined Executive and Land Use/Trafficways Committee's recommendation. Mayor Gomez seconded. With no objection, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **R 2 ANNUAL EVALUATION: PLANNING COUNCIL ATTORNEY**

Chair DiGiorgio reviewed the Annual Evaluation for Planning Council Attorney Maurodis. He read the full evaluation aloud showing much support of Mr. Maurodis.

Mayor Ryan thanked Mr. Maurodis on behalf of the Planning Council, as well as the residents.

**Mayor Levy made a motion to adopt this as a unified evaluation on behalf of the Planning Council per the combined Executive and Land Use/Trafficways Committee's recommendation. Mayor Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **R 3 ANNUAL EVALUATION: PLANNING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Chair DiGiorgio reviewed the Annual Evaluation for Planning Council Executive Director Ms. Boy. He read the full evaluation aloud showing much support of Ms. Boy.

Mayor Hardin recognized Ms. Boy and thanked her for being a great liaison with the local community, Planning Council staff, and local government agencies. He complimented Ms. Boy for her leadership.

Mayor Ryan thanked Ms. Boy, on behalf of the Planning Council and the residents, for her commitment in service. He complimented Ms. Boy and her staff.

Vice Chair Castillo acknowledged Ms. Boy, Mr. Maurodis, and staff for their focus in evaluating proposals against the Land Use Plan. He discussed Ms. Boy's professionalism, consistency, and high standards.

Chair DiGiorgio applauded the Planning Council staff for the work they do for Broward County.

**Mayor Hardin made a motion for formal acceptance of the annual evaluation of Ms. Boy per the combined Executive and Land Use/Trafficways Committee's recommendation. Mayor Gomez seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **R 4 COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Mr. Maurodis:

- Thanked the Council for their kind words.
- Spoke on the evaluation of Ms. Boy. He showed much support in working with Ms. Boy and Planning Council staff.
- Provided an update on the Legislative Session and Land Use Plan. He explained changes to statutes that relate to municipal Design and Review Boards, affordable housing, land use, and development.
- Answered questions from the Council. Much discussion ensued.

## **R 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Boy:

- Thanked the Council for the evaluation. She thanked the Planning Council staff.
- Welcomed Commissioner Railey and congratulated Mayor Ryan on his reappointment.
- Explained that USB drives have been provided to aid in archiving public correspondence for public record related to the 1301 South Ocean Drive amendment located in the City of Hollywood.
- Clarified that the June 22, 2023, meeting will be held in-person with a presentation of the Student Generation Rate update by the School Board of Broward County staff and consultant.
- Stated that the July 27, 2023, meeting will be a virtual workshop, with guest speaker, Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Chief Resilience Officer, who will discuss climate change, sea-level rise, and resiliency planning. A Zoom link will be provided.
- Requested that the Council keep the August 24, 2023, date available. She stated that the City of Hollywood amendment (1301) may be on the agenda. Ms. Boy will update the Council as the date approaches.
- Provided an update on Affordable Housing policies.
- Referencing Policy 2.16.4, Ms. Boy noted that the annual survey is due. She recommended that the survey be sent in January of 2024 to give cities additional time to implement the policy updates that were effective in January 2023. With no objection, January was agreed upon for survey distribution.

## **R 6 CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Boy stated that correspondence was received from the School Board staff in response to recommendations from Ms. Boy and the Urban Planning Division regarding the Student Generation Rate Study update.

## **PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

### **PH 1 AMENDMENT PCT 22-7**

#### **Public Hearing on Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan-City of Dania Beach**

Ms. Boy stated that three members of the public had signed up to speak on this item. She provided an overview of the Regional Activity Center in the City of Dania Beach. Ms. Boy explained that two uses were modified within the proposed application for the existing Activity Center. She noted the modifications would increase the residential component by 4,000 units, 15% of which will be designated for affordable housing. She stated that the amendment also reduces the commercial acreage pool from 294-acres to 265-acres.

Ms. Boy spoke on the recommendation of the Planning Council noting commitments by Dania Beach regarding the proposal. She discussed the resolution which lays out the drainage and flood protection measures that will be implemented citywide. Ms. Boy detailed the several conditions of the amendment.

Two members of the public addressed the Council regarding the Land Use Plan and redevelopment of the Regional Activity Center with the third member of the public waiving his time. Ms. Boy and Eleanor Norena, City of Dania Beach staff, answered questions from the public and the Council.

**Vice Chair Castillo made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed amendment per Planning Council staff recommendation. Mayor Gomez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Planning Council Member Comments

Mayor Levy made comments regarding Priority Planning Areas for Sea Level Rise related to potential mitigation and adaptation.

Chair DiGiorgio recognized Mayor Fisher. He announced that Mayor Fisher will be receiving the Frank Furman Lifetime Community Service Award. Mayor Fisher thanked the Planning Council and spoke on the importance of this Council.

School Board Member Dr. Zeman stated that at the next meeting, there will be a presentation regarding School Impact Fees.

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Planning Council meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection the Chair adjourned this day's meeting at 11:45 a.m.