

MINUTES

BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 23, 2017

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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 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 23, 2017.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thomas H. DiGiorgio, Jr. called the meeting to order.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Good morning, everyone.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Good morning.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Welcome to the February 23rd Planning Council meeting. This meeting will call to order.

ROLL CALL

MR. DIGIORGIO: Nancy, please call the roll.

THE REPORTER: Yes, sir.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Brion Blackwelder.

MR. BLACKWELDER: Here, unsworn. But here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Richard Blattner.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Felicia Brunson.

Commissioner Angelo Castillo.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Here.

THE REPORTER: Neal de Jesus.

Mr. Thomas H. DiGiorgio, Jr.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Charles F. Fink.

MR. FINK: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Bill Ganz.

Commissioner Michelle J. Gomez.

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Good morning.

THE REPORTER: School Board Member Patricia Good.

MS. GOOD: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Mary D. Graham.

MS. GRAHAM: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Richard Grosso.

Mr. Robert McColgan.

MR. MCGOLGAN: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Bernard Parness.

MR. PARNESS: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Michael J. Ryan.

Commissioner Michael Udine.

COMMISSIONER UDINE: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Udine.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Beverly Williams.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Daniel J. Stermer, Chair.

CHAIR STERMER: Good morning from Lexington.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Let the record show that Mr. Grosso just walked in.

THE REPORTER: And Mayor Stermer?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is on the phone.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Stermer's on the –

MR. DIGIORGIO: Excellent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MR. DIGIORGIO: Mr. Blattner, will you please lead us in the Pledge.

COMMISSIONER BLATTNER: Yes, please.

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

OATH OF OFFICE

MR. DIGIORGIO: Okay. I think we have an oath of office. Mr. Blackwelder, I'll meet you downstairs. Mr. Blackwelder, behind me and in front of you is the -- what I will be reciting to you. Please raise your right hand. I do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and government of the United States and of the State of Florida –

MR. BLACKWELDER: I do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and government of the United States and of the State of Florida –

MR. DIGIORGIO: -- that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State and Charter of Broward County –

MR. BLACKWELDER: -- that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State and the Charter of Broward County –

MR. DIGIORGIO: -- and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of a member of the Broward County Planning Council –

MR. BLACKWELDER: -- and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of a member of the Broward County Planning Council on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.
(Laughter.)

MR. BLACKWELDER: Helped you out.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Well done.
(Applause.)

MR. DIGIORGIO: Picture time?

MS. BOY: Yeah, can we do a group photo, please?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (Inaudible.)
(Picture taken.)

MR. DIGIORGIO: Okay. Excellent. Welcome aboard, Mr. Blackwelder.

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM C-1 - APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2017
AGENDA ITEM C-2 - FEBRUARY 2017 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN
COMPLIANCE
AGENDA ITEM C-3
A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2017
AGENDA ITEM C-4 - EXCUSED ABSENCES

MR. DIGIORGIO: Next -- the next item is the Consent Agenda. I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER UDINE: **Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda.

MR. PARNES: Second.

MR. DIGIORGIO: We have a motion and second by Mr. Parness.

Is there anything to add to the Consent Agenda?

MS. BOY: I just want to make sure we recognize that Mayor Ryan asked for a last minute excused absence yesterday afternoon. And then, also, Mayor Stermer's on the phone, in case anyone wasn't aware of that.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Excellent. Thank you very much. All those in favor of accepting the Consent Agenda, please signify by saying aye. It's unanimous. Thank you.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM R-1 - COUNSEL'S REPORT

MR. MAURODIS: No -- no counsel's report today, Mr. Chair.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Thank you, Andy.

AGENDA ITEM R-2 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MR. DIGIORGIO: Barbara?

MS. BOY: Good morning.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Good morning.

MS. BOY: I have a report. Thank you. The first -- the item that's in your backup materials is a copy of the recommendations that were made to the Charter Review Committee -- the Charter Review Commission Infrastructure Subcommittee at this month's meeting. They asked the Planning Council to come back, along with several other boards, to go over the -- the potential changes to the County Charter. This will be to Article 8. So those are outlined in your backup material.

During the discussion with the subcommittee, they did ask, you know, if there were one or two items that we would pick out of all the recommendations what were the most important. And, you know, at that point, not having talked to you all, the recommendation that I made was the elimination of the requirement for two Public Hearings before the Planning Council, to rephrase that as a minimum of one Public Hearing required for Land Use Plan amendments. That was the most important change that we had identified through previous discussions.

And then, in addition, if they want to have a consideration of a designee for the County Commission for the -- for platting authority. So those kind of came up as the two most important. Mr. McGolgan was at the meeting with me. And I think we were -- I think I was at the table for about 45 or 55 minutes to go through each of the pieces of the Charter. But I will continue to update you on any of the recommendations that the full Commission -- are going to be taken to the full Charter Review Commission.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Excellent.

MS. BOY: Thank you. The second item, you all received an email from me yesterday. We've set up a Broward Next orientation for new members. And this is important, because the second Public Hearing for Broward Next, the updated Broward County Land Use Plan, will be before your Council at next month's meeting. So we've set up orientation for March 8th. Consulting with Mayor Stermer, we've also extended the invitations to the municipal planning staffs in case there's any new staff members that also want to be caught up on Broward Next and what's going on with that, and also to the -- the new County Commission members, to their staffers, in preparation for an April

adoption at the County Commission. So it's a very exciting time. We're looking forward to the workshop, you know, to be able to continue to share this information.

I do want to note that we received notification from Commissioner LaMarca's office that Commissioner Long is no longer serving on the Planning Council. So he was serving as the Vice Chair. Your rules of procedure state that Mr. DiGiorgio moves up from Secretary to Vice Chair, and that would put you in a position with a vacancy for the Secretary. You can hold that election either this month or next month.

I just want to note that.

MR. DIGIORGIO: If it pleases the Board, I'd prefer if we hold the election next month when Mayor Stermer's back, if that's okay.

MS. GRAHAM: Agree.

MS. BOY: Okay. A couple other housekeeping items. The Planning Council staff is working with the Office of Public Communications to develop a new logo. I think it's long overdue. We've had our logo and letterhead for over 20 years, so we're working with them, and we will bring forward to the Council three options for you to vote on and make a decision either at the March meeting or the April meeting.

We're also working on updating the website to include staff headshots. I had talked to Mayor Stermer about this over the past couple of weeks. The final item is as you all know, and you were all very supportive of our fund raiser and food drive for the pantry of Broward, Mr. DiGiorgio won the halftime football pool.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh.

MS. BOY: He donated his hundred dollars back to the pantry –

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

MS. BOY: -- so we were able to make a donation of \$700. In partnership with the Property Appraiser's Office, we dropped off about five or 600 pounds of food yesterday and a \$700 donation and they were -- they were –

MR. DIGIORGIO: Fantastic.

MS. BOY: -- thrilled.

MR. DIGIORGIO: (Inaudible.)

MS. BOY: So thank you for your support.
(Applause.)

MS. BOY: The final item is I have no one except for questions only signed in to speak on Items 2 and 3. So only representatives of the agents or applicants are signed in to speak, no members of the public.

MR. DIGIORGIO: On 1, 2, and 3?

MS. BOY: On 1 -- yes. No –

MR. DIGIORGIO: Thank you.

MS. BOY: -- no one signed in to speak on 1, 2, or 3.

PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA ITEM PH-1

- A. RECERTIFICATION PC 17-7
- B. RECERTIFICATION PCR 17-2

AGENDA ITEM PH-2

- A. AMENDMENT PC-17-4
- B. AMENDMENT PCT 17-2

AGENDA ITEM PH-3 - AMENDMENT PC 17-7

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Mr. Chair?

MR. DIGIORGIO: Mr. -- Commissioner Castillo.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: I would **move** Items 1, 2, and 3 with the proviso that on Item 3, by the second hearing, there is compliance with the affordable housing requirement.

COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Second.

MR. DIGIORGIO: We have a motion and a second. Further discussion?

MR. GROSSO: (Inaudible.)

MR. DIGIORGIO: Mr. Grosso.

MR. GROSSO: What would that mean for -- for Item 3 in terms of subject to compliance? Why don't we just -- why wouldn't we deny it, and they have to show compliance before we approve it.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: We -- the -- Mr. Chair?

MR. DIGIORGIO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: The practice here has been to allow the applicant an opportunity to comply at the second hearing. If they don't comply by the second hearing, I think that would be in order. Certainly, we could -- we could deny it now, but that would -- that would take from them the ability to comply by the second hearing, and then they'd have to start all over.

MR. GROSSO: That's the second hearing that comes before us before it would go to the County --

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Yes, sir. That's correct. Yes, sir.

MR. GROSSO: Thank you.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Ms. Graham.

MS. GRAHAM: Thank you, Chair. Because Mr. Grosso lives in Plantation -- do you live in --

MR. GROSSO: I do.

MS. GRAHAM: -- right. Again, if it's something, I always defer to the Commissioner whose district the work may be in, or the application. But, again --

MR. GROSSO: I appreciate that gesture. I think we are a countywide body, and I don't necessarily think that it's necessary or appropriate for us to defer to the representative of the city. And I don't represent my city. I just happen to live there. So I appreciate that, but I would -- I accept the Commissioner's explanation and -- and my sense is I'm going to support staff on this.

I think that we lament the affordable housing issue all the time. We tend to not really take any action, waiting for the silver bullet. But there isn't one. And I think that on a case-by-case, project-by-project basis is the only way we can make some dents in it. So

I -- I certainly would never vote to approve this finally until we -- we're in full compliance with our affordable housing goals. Thank you.

MS. GRAHAM: Agreed. Thank you.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Thank you, Mr. Grosso. Thank you, Ms. Graham. Further discussion? Does everyone understand the motion? All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Any opposed? Motion passes unanimously. Thank you.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

MR. DIGIORGIO: Any other business? Anybody leave their car running in the parking lot, see if we get out here quickly?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: Mr. DiGiorgio, I just want --

MR. DIGIORGIO: Commissioner Castillo.

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: -- I just want to comment how much more efficiently this committee is running under your leadership and I just --
(Laughter.)

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: -- want to thank you --

MR. DIGIORGIO: Well, the ascension --

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: -- for everything.

MR. DIGIORGIO: -- the ascension --

COMMISSIONER CASTILLO: I know -- I know Mayor Stermer's on the phone, and he's -- he's very jealous.

MR. DIGIORGIO: -- the ascension to the top has been quick.
(Laughter.)

MS. BOY: Just -- just before -- before the Board concludes the meeting, I just want to mention, the March meeting will definitely be a longer meeting. We're going to have the

Broward Next, the second Public Hearing for that. We have several second Public Hearing items. We have several first Public Hearing items. So don't anticipate this type of meeting for next month.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm glad it was today.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Our meeting date is?

MS. BOY: March 23rd.

MR. DIGIORGIO: March 23rd.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

MS. BOY: At 10:00 a.m. And the March 8th workshop, if you're able to make it, but that's really focused on the newer members if you weren't here for the first Public Hearing, but all are welcome.

MR. FINK: Where's the workshop meeting?

MS. BOY: Room 302 of the Governmental Center, so right downstairs.

MR. DIGIORGIO: Anything else for the good of the order? Take that as a motion to adjourn.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

(The meeting concluded at 10:15 a.m.)