



**SUMMARY MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
AUGUST 26, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas H. DiGiorgio, Jr., Chair
School Board Member Patricia Good, Vice Chair
Commissioner Angelo Castillo, Secretary
Brion Blackwelder, via telephone
Robert Breslau, via telephone
Mayor Felicia Brunson, via telephone
Denise Birdsong Fernandez
Mayor Michelle J. Gomez
Richard Grosso, via telephone
Mayor Rex Hardin
Chadwick Maxey
Commissioner Bernie Parness
Commissioner Nan H. Rich, via telephone
Carla Romaner, via telephone
David Rosenof, via telephone
Vice Mayor Beverly Williams

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mayor Michael J. Ryan

ALSO Barbara Boy, Executive Director

PRESENT: Andrew Maurodis, Legal Counsel
Jo Sesodia, Director, Broward County Planning and Development Management Division, via telephone
Dennis Mele, Esq., Agent for PH 5 Applicant
Nancy Cavender, The Laws Group

A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council, Broward County, Florida, was held in Room 422 of the Governmental Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 26, 2021.

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 during a declared state or local emergency. To promote social distancing and avoid risk of additional community spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the public and the media were encouraged to attend telephonically or view the live meeting via webcast; however, the Public Hearing was open to physical attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Denise Birdsong Fernandez led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Secretary Castillo requested a moment of silence for former City of Hallandale Beach City Commissioner and Planning Council member Bill Julian and for former City of Pembroke Pines Commissioner Carl Schecter.

Chair DiGiorgio offered his prayers for the family of Ms. Boy as he recognized the very recent passing of her brother.

(Mr. Grosso confirmed his telephonic attendance.)

CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1 APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR AUGUST 26, 2021**
- C 2 AUGUST 2021 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN COMPLIANCE**
- C 3 APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2021**
- C 4 EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS**
 - Mayor Michael J. Ryan

Following the Chair's request for a motion, a motion was made by Vice Chair Good and seconded by Mayor Gomez to approve the Consent Agenda. The Planning Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, Items C1 through C4.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R 1 Local Planning Agency Review: Proposed Revisions to Chapter 2 - Airports and Aircraft, Chapter 5 - Building Regulations and Land Use, Chapter 27 - Pollution Control and Chapter 39 – Zoning of the Broward County Code of Ordinances**

Jo Sesodia, Director, Broward County Planning and Development Management Division, gave a brief overview of the proposed revisions. There being no discussion, **the Chair requested a motion, a motion was made by Mayor Gomez and seconded by Vice Mayor Williams to find the revisions consistent with the strategies and policies of the BrowardNext – Broward County Land Use Plan and transmit the same to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. The motion was unanimously approved.**



R 2 COUNSEL'S REPORT

(No report given.)

R 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Boy:

- Thanked the staff and Council for their support during the past four (4) weeks;
- Suggested that the Council cancel its September meeting, as no items were scheduled; the Council cancelled the September meeting without objection;
- Stated that December 2, 2021, was the preferred date for the combined meeting; the Council agreed to that date without objection;
- Stated that tomorrow (August 27) was Commissioner Parness's birthday and the Council wished him a happy birthday; and
- Stated that Sharon Walker of Planning Council staff was transferring to Port Everglades for a promotional opportunity.

R 4 CORRESPONDENCE

(No correspondence)

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Ms. Boy advised the Council that there were no public speakers signed in for Items PH 1, PH 2, PH 3 and PH 5 with the exception of applicants and one (1) member of the public signed in to speak regarding Item PH 4. Ms. Boy proceeded to give an overview of each item, including the Planning Council staff's recommendations.

During the overview of Item PH 5, Commissioner Rich asked a question about affordable housing and the applicable policies; the Council engaged in an extensive discussion regarding the applicant's affordable housing commitment, as well as its commitment to address Priority Planning Areas for Sea Level Rise prior to the second Planning Council public hearing. Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Broward County Climate Resilience Officer, provided additional information and input to the Council regarding the County's request for a legally enforceable mechanism as well as the Policy itself. The Council continued its discussion and Ms. Boy noted correspondence submitted by Benjamin Fessler and confirmed that it would be provided to the City and made part of the amendment report.

Following the Chair's request for a motion, a motion was made by Secretary Castillo and seconded by Mayor Gomez to approve items PH 1, PH 3 and PH 5 per Planning Council staff recommendations, including the 'conditional recertification' for Item PH 1, not requiring a second Planning Council public hearing and the 'conditional recertification' for Item PH 3 and addressing the Priority Planning Areas for Sea Level Rise prior to a second Planning Council public hearing and the applicant reexamining its affordable housing commitment for Item PH 5. The motion was unanimously approved.



**PH 1 AMENDMENT PC 20-5
Second Public Hearing on Small Scale Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan – Unincorporated Broward County**

(Previously approved)

**PH 2 AMENDMENT PC 21-10
Public Hearing on Small Scale Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan – City of Pompano Beach**

The Council engaged in an extensive discussion regarding the proposed amendment, including opposition due to the location on the barrier island. It was noted that the amendment did not propose any new residential units and the purpose is to denote an underlying “Residential” use as the building existed and predated the adoption of the 1977 Broward County Land Use Plan.

At the conclusion of the discussion, a motion was made by Secretary Castillo and seconded by Mayor Gomez to approve the amendment per Planning Council staff recommendation, including not requiring a second Planning Council public hearing and the ‘conditional recertification.’ The Chair called for a vote and the motion was approved. (Vote of the Board; 13-3; Yes: Breslau, Brunson, Castillo, Fernandez, Gomez, Good, Hardin, Maxey, Parness, Romaner, Rosenof, Williams and DiGiorgio. No: Blackwelder, Grosso and Rich.)

**PH 3 AMENDMENT PC 21-11
Public Hearing on Small Scale Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan – City of Pompano Beach**

(Previously approved)

**PH 4 AMENDMENT PC 21-8
Public Hearing on Small Scale Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan – City of Sunrise**

Ms. Boy provided a brief overview of the proposed land use plan amendment including highlighting the affordable housing commitment.

The Chair called for public speakers. Ms. Boy called public speaker Christine Ruffolo; Ms. Ruffolo stated that she did not wish to speak. There being no further discussion by the Planning Council members, a motion was made by Secretary Castillo and seconded by Mayor Gomez to approve the amendment per Planning Council staff recommendation, including recognizing the affordable housing commitment, not requiring a second Planning Council public hearing and the ‘conditional recertification.’ The motion was unanimously approved.



- PH 5 A. **AMENDMENT PC 21-9**
Public Hearing on Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan – City of Hollywood
- B. **AMENDMENT PCT 21-5**
Public Hearing on Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan Text – City of Hollywood

(Previously approved)

OTHER BUSINESS

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

No member comments.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

The next Planning Council meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center. The September 23, 2021, meeting was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection the Chair adjourned this day's meeting at 10:49 a.m.

(A copy of the audio recording of this meeting is available upon request by calling Document Control located in Room 336U, at (954)357-7297 or on the Planning Council website at <https://www.broward.org/PlanningCouncil/Pages/Meeting%20Archives.aspx>) (A copy of the public speakers is available by contacting the Planning Council office at 954.357.6695.)

