

MINUTES

BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

May 23, 2013

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Anne Castro, Chair
Tim Bascombe
Vice Mayor Richard Blattner
Mayor Vincent Boccia
Sara Case
Neal R. de Jesus
Mayor Lamar Fisher
School Board Member Patricia Good
Mary D. Graham
Dan Hobby
County Commissioner Martin D. Kiar
Commissioner Michele Lazarow
Commissioner Michael S. Long
Mayor Michael J. Ryan
Nicholas T. Steffens
Mayor Daniel J. Stermer

**MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Commissioner Bobby DuBose
Commissioner Rita Mack

**ALSO
PRESENT:**

Barbara Blake Boy, Planning Council Executive Director
Andy Maurodis, Planning Council Legal Counsel
Nancy Cavender, The Laws Group

(A sign-in sheet reflecting those present is filed with the supplemental papers to the transcript of this meeting.)

A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013, in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anne Castro called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR CASTRO: As we stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, we'll remind everybody, obviously, it's a three-day Memorial Day weekend, so maybe while we're saying the Pledge, keep in mind our men and women in uniform, as well as our public safety officials, as well as their families. And if School Board Member Good would be able to conduct the Pledge, I'd appreciate it.

(THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER PATRICIA GOOD.)

ROLL CALL

CHAIR CASTRO: Call the roll, please.

THE REPORTER: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Tim Bascombe.

MR. BASCOMBE: Here.

THE REPORTER: Vice Mayor Richard Blattner.

VICE MAYOR BLATTNER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Vincent Boccard.

MAYOR BOCCARD: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Sara Case

MS. CASE: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Neal de Jesus.

MR. DE JESUS: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Bobby DuBose. Mayor Lamar Fisher.

MAYOR FISHER: Here.

THE REPORTER: School Board Member Patricia Good.

MS. GOOD: Here.

THE REPORTER: Ms. Mary Graham.

MS. GRAHAM: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Dan Hobby.

MR. HOBBY: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Martin Kiar.

COMMISSIONER KIAR: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Michele Lazarow.

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Michael Long.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Here.

THE REPORTER: Commissioner Rita Mack. Mayor Michael Ryan.

MAYOR RYAN: Present.

THE REPORTER: Mr. Nicholas Steffens.

MR. STEFFENS: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor Daniel Stermer.

MAYOR STERMER: Here.

THE REPORTER: Mayor -- I'm sorry, Anne Castro, Chair.

CHAIR CASTRO: Here. Council staff, do we have any last minute why they're not going to be here today type emails or calls or communiqués?

MS. BOY: Yes. We got a phone call from Commissioner Mack this morning, and she has a work issue.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. Would you like to excuse Commissioner Mack, please?

MAYOR FISHER: So moved.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

MAYOR STERMER: Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

ELECTION OF OFFICER – SECRETARY

CHAIR CASTRO: Now we have an election of an officer. As many of you probably got the email, Louis Reinstein has chosen to resign for very valid, justified reasons, and I know I'm going to miss him. I'm sure all of you are going to miss him. He'll be invited back in the near future to tell him how much we appreciated his service. But in the meantime, we have to fill the position. And I believe the staff's going to explain to us what the progression is, and we'll have a-- an election for the Secretary.

MS. BOY: Sure. The Rules of Procedure state that the Secretary will move up to the Vice Chair, so you would be filling the Secretary position today.

CHAIR CASTRO: So Bobby DuBose is now the Vice Chair.

MS. BOY: Yes.

CHAIR CASTRO: And now we're opening it up for the Secretary position.

MAYOR FISHER: Madam Chair?

CHAIR CASTRO: Yes, sir.

MAYOR FISHER: I'd like to nominate Commissioner Michael Long.

CHAIR CASTRO: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER KAIR: Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: Any other nominations? Motion to close the nominations?

MR. STEFFENS: Motion to close.

CHAIR CASTRO: Second?

MR. HOBBY: Second. All in favor?

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR CASTRO: We have one nomination. All those in favor of Commissioner Long being our new Secretary, say aye. It's unanimous. Congratulations.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Thank you.

CHAIR CASTRO: We're not allowing for discussion of it. We're just doing it. Sorry about that. (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER LONG: I just hope I'm qualified.

CHAIR CASTRO: That's true. You had a chance to speak up, all of about ten seconds, and you lost it.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Thank you.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-4

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. We're moving on to Consent Agenda. Any items from Consent to be pulled? Do I have a motion to -- oh, sorry.

MS. BOY: I would just note that Item C-2, the trafficways plan --

CHAIR CASTRO: There's a modification.

MS. BOY: -- there's a modification --

CHAIR CASTRO: Yes.

MS. BOY: -- that was emailed to everyone yesterday for clarification.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. Any questions, pulls, concerns? Do I have a motion for approving Consent Agenda?

MAYOR STERMER: So moved.

CHAIR CASTRO: Second?

MR. STEFFENS: Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: All in favor? Any opposed? Seeing none, item carries

unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

CHAIR CASTRO: Regular Agenda. First two items and we can take them one at a time, obviously, is the annual reviews for the attorney and the Executive Director. I do want to tell you that the Executive Committee approved these items unanimously. With that, I don't know if staff has any other report before we open up for discussion.

AGENDA ITEM R-1 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW: PLANNING COUNCIL ATTORNEY

CHAIR CASTRO: May I have a motion on R-1, please?

MR. HOBBY: So moved.

CHAIR CASTRO: I have a motion from Mr. Hobby.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Second.

MR. BASCOMBE: Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: Second from Mr. Long and Mr. Bascombe. Any comments? This is where you get to tell them how wonderful they are.

MR. STEFFENS: I think Andy does a great job.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And Barbara.

COMMISSIONER LONG: I just want to say, obviously, that when we looked at these recommendations and -- and thoughts. I'm just surprised at the wonderful seamlessness of not only of our attorney, but our -- our Director, as well (inaudible).

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. On R-1, I have a motion and a second. All in favor. Any opposed? Passed unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM R-2 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CHAIR CASTRO: R-2, Executive Director review (inaudible). Is there a motion?

MS. GOOD: Move it.

MR. BASCOMBE: Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: Any discussion.

MAYOR FISHER: Madam Chair, I just wanted to state that Ms. Boy is just obviously -- as a past Chair, it's just absolutely incredible what she does, what she's able to accomplish with her staff. Job very well done.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. Commissioner Lazarow.

COMMISSIONER LAZAROW: Thank you. As a newly elected member of this Council and a newly elected official of Hallandale Beach, I would like to say thank you.

You did a phenomenal job making me feel welcome, from the minute you called me the first time when I was in Las Vegas on vacation, and said whenever you come back, and we did, and we met and I don't think I would have been able to be as comfortable meeting this group if it had not been for you. So thank you.

MS. BOY: You're welcome.

CHAIR CASTRO: Commissioner Kiar, then Mr. Steffens.

COMMISSIONER KIAR: Thank you, Madam Chair. Actually, I wanted to talk about quickly both Mr. Maurodis and also Ms. Boy. I think they are both excellent, excellent public servants.

I, of course, have known Mr. Maurodis for a very long time, and I believe he's one of the best land use attorneys around, and I think we're very blessed to have him.

So I'm very glad to approve that. Also, I wanted to thank Ms. Boy very much for being so open, for always taking my phone calls and for working so hard for the people of Broward County. And I think you do an excellent job. And so my only review of yourself is just to thank you for the work that you do, and I'm very excited that you're going to continue to work very hard for the people.

CHAIR CASTRO: And, briefly, Commissioner, since you're the Commission representative for the County, the County has tremendous staff all over the place, and I've interacted with many different groups.

But in my experience as an elected official and as a citizen, by far this is probably one of the best staffs I've ever seen in action in any government, and it even compares to private sector and exceeds private sector. And whether it's before or now seamless transition, they're phenomenal. So I just wanted that on the record. Mr. Steffens.

MR. STEFFENS: Yes, I just wanted to say as probably newest person, in all of these things, Ms. Boy made me feel very comfortable, initially explaining things about flex units or reserve units even though I may not have fully understood all those (inaudible). And the same thing for Mr. Maurodis. So I think a job well done and I look forward to what's next.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. Thank you. Any other comments?

COMMISSIONER KIAR: I have one more.

CHAIR CASTRO: Go ahead, please.

COMMISSIONER KIAR: And also I just wanted to thank the -- the folks up here for continuing to elect Ms. Boy even though I know that she's working on taking away -- the land use decisions for the cities and my job. I'm joking. Just kidding. That was a joke.

COMMISSIONER KIAR: She has not done that. (Inaudible.)

CHAIR CASTRO: We'll see you out there in the parking lot.

MAYOR STERMER: Madam Chair?

CHAIR CASTRO: Yes, sir.

MAYOR STERMER: So then, Commissioner Kiar, on behalf of the Planning Council, we'd ask that you look favorably upon any increase in budget line Ms. Boy proposes (inaudible) -- because of the great work that this Council does for the entire County.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thumbs up to the staff on that one. Thank you. Any other comments? We have a motion, we have seconds.

MAYOR BOCCARD: I would like to say that, you know, I'm new to this committee, as well, and I also have to say everything I've asked for, you kept me informed, you've been in touch with my staff, and I truly look forward to continue working with both of you. So thank you.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. Anything else? Great. We have a motion, we have

a second. All in favor. Any opposed? It carries unanimously. Congratulations. Thank you.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM R-3 - PROPOSED YEAR 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

CHAIR CASTRO: Move to R-3, proposed year 2014 meeting schedule.

MS. BOY: It is just the proposing of a schedule for next year as well as application deadlines.

Once you approve it, you will be able to make it public record so people will be able to set their schedules also.

CHAIR CASTRO: Any comments? Any concerns?

MR. STEFFENS: I just wanted to know where exactly the September meeting, what we -- so that's going to be treated the same as the November and December meetings? We'll look at that as it gets closer?

MS. BOY: Right. We will poll the members in August, most likely, and if there's a conflict and we can't get a quorum for a September meeting, then we'll talk about moving the meeting dates, seeing what's on the agenda, if we need to have a September meeting or if we can handle business in October, so members will be polled in August of 2014.

MR. STEFFENS: Sure.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. Is there a motion to adopt this? Is that what you require?

MR. BASCOMBE: So moved.

MR. STEFFENS: Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: We have a motion from Commissioner Long? Mr. Bascombe, thank you. Second, Mr. Steffens. All in favor. Any opposed? Seeing none, carries unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM R-4 - COUNSEL'S REPORT

CHAIR CASTRO: Counsel Report?

MR. MAURODIS: None, Madam Chair, but to thank you for the kind words.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you, sir.

AGENDA ITEM R-5 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CHAIR CASTRO: R-5, Executive Director Report.

MS. BOY: I'd like to congratulate our new Secretary, Commissioner Long.

COMMISSIONER LONG: Long hand, shorthand –

MS. BOY: I know he's going to be looking in the newspaper for his name on the Public Hearing advertisement.

MS. BOY: And I'd like to thank the Council for all your kind words about my evaluation. It's been a really exciting year when we made the transition last year, and I appreciate everyone's patience and tolerance and working through the year with me also. So thank you.

Just a few words to mention the June meeting agenda is going to be a little bit lengthier than this month's agenda. We're going to see six map amendments and a text amendment that has been moved forward from the Trafficways Committee.

So it will probably be a little bit more lengthy than the last couple of months. And then next month we will also be able to discuss whether or not we're going to cancel the July meeting. And that will really depend on if anything gets tabled at the June meeting.

Right now, we have no items on the agenda for July. Everything is June or August, the way that the applications have come in. The determination will be up to the Council. You'll be able to take a vote next month. And that's all.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. Did you want to discuss the item that you just discussed at the Land Use and Traffic Committee at this point or not? Are you waiting for that?

MS. BOY: I would just say that that item's going to come forward with the Land Use Trafficways Committee recommendation on the text amendment, and it will be up for a full discussion on the Public Hearing next month.

CHAIR CASTRO: Just so everybody knows, this is the affordable housing policy change, and basically -- matter of fact, Mayor Ryan, why don't you summarize

the motion that we voted unanimously on?

MAYOR RYAN: Madam Chair, I would defer to the Secretary. I'm sure he was taking notes. Essentially, after discussion –

MAYOR STERMER: And by -- you being Secretary, you mean Commissioner Long.

MAYOR RYAN: Correct.

MAYOR RYAN: That based upon the lack of enthusiasm and outright opposition of some of the cities, and the lack of detail as to the impact financially and procedurally, the lack of information on the procedural process, the changing of the Broward Board of County Commissioners' membership, there was a recommendation of the subcommittee that we do not recommend the adoption of the County Commission's proposal and, instead, recommend that the County Commission not adopt that proposal until such time as they conduct a workshop which should include all the stakeholders, so that their voices can be heard.

I would note that there was strong support for the concept of affordable housing and the need to continue to look at this. So not opposition to the goals that were being proposed by Commissioner Gunzburger, but rather a reflection of our lack of understanding of the true impact of the proposal. Thank you.

CHAIR CASTRO: Thank you. And, again, that will be coming up before the full Council at the next meeting.

MAYOR RYAN: At the next meeting.

CHAIR CASTRO: It will be an item –

MS. BOY: Yes.

CHAIR CASTRO: -- so when you get the backup you may want to take a closer look. There are also some details that were enunciated that we want to include of things that they haven't provided enough information on that has people hesitating. So we may want to add to that other, so be sure you take a good look at it.

PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA ITEMS PH-1 - PH-2 (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

AGENDA ITEMS PH-3 - PH-5

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay. Moving on to the Quasi-judicial Hearing, we have PH-1 and PH-2.

MS. BOY: The quasi-judicial proceedings are waived.

CHAIR CASTRO: Everything is waived.

MS. BOY: Yes.

MR. MAURODIS: (Inaudible) and if there no one to oppose anything, by one motion you can approve both.

CHAIR CASTRO: You don't have any comment cards or cards; right?

MS. BOY: Only if questions.

CHAIR CASTRO: Okay.

CHAIR CASTRO: From staff or from the applicants. That's fine. So we can actually move PH-1 through PH-5 unless there's any pulls. Are there any pulls?

MR. DE JESUS: So moved.

MR. STEFFENS: Second.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

CHAIR CASTRO: We have a motion to move PH-1 through PH-5. Any discussion? No? All in favor? Thank you.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIR CASTRO: That's it.

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