

# **MEMORANDUM**

AGENDA ITEM #5g

DATE: JULY 6, 2009

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: CITY OF AVENTURA ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

#### Introduction

On June 25, 2009, Council staff received adopted plan amendment #09-RWSP1 to the City of Aventura Comprehensive Plan for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida* (*SRPP*). The proposed amendment was reviewed at the March 2, 2009 Council meeting and found to be generally consistent with the *SRPP*. Staff review is undertaken pursuant to the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rules 9J-5 and 9J-11, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

#### Community Profile

The City of Aventura, located in northeast Miami-Dade County, was incorporated in November 1995. It began as a master planned community called Turnberry Isle. The surrounding communities include Sunny Isles Beach and Golden Beach to the east, North Miami Beach to the south, portions of unincorporated Miami-Dade County to the west, and Hallandale Beach in Broward County to the north. The City contains a land area of approximately 3.2 square miles. The population was estimated to be 31,044 in 2008, a 22.8 percent increase from the 2000 population. The City's commercial "spine" is located along the Biscayne Boulevard/U.S. 1 Corridor, between the Broward County line and the City of North Miami. The primary land uses in the City are residential (26%), commercial (16%), recreation and open space (12%), and water bodies (26%). No public schools are currently located within the City. The City is substantially built-out, with only 5% vacant land. Redevelopment is an emerging issue. A map depicting the general location of the City is included in Attachment 1.

#### Water Supply Planning

The text amendments in this adopted package have been transmitted pursuant to 2005 Growth Management Legislation. Chapter 163.3177(6)(c) of the Florida Statutes requires local governments to adopt a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan) into their Comprehensive Plan within 18 months after the jurisdictional Water Management District approves a Regional Water Supply Plan or its update. The Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan (LECWSP) Update was approved by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on February 15, 2007. Therefore, the deadline for local governments within the Lower East Coast jurisdiction to adopt a Work Plan was August 15, 2008.

The Work Plan is intended for local governments to identify and plan for water supply facilities and sources needed for existing and new development or population. The emphasis on the preparation of the Work Plan is to coordinate local comprehensive planning with the Regional Water Supply Plan, as well as promote coordination among local governments, the SFWMD, and water supply utilities within and across local government jurisdictions. The Work Plan should address the following, related to water supply planning: regional and local issues; current and projected population, water supply, and demand; Level of Service (LOS) standards; conservation and reuse; alternative water supplies (AWS); and capital improvement updates for implementation.

The Goals, Objectives, and Policies (GOPs) of a local government's Comprehensive Plan are required to reflect adoption and content of the Work Plan. The Infrastructure, Capital Improvements, Intergovernmental Coordination, Conservation, and Future Land Use Elements may need to be revised for consistency with water supply planning.

# City of Aventura Creek Work Plan

The City of Aventura receives potable water from both Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD) and the City of North Miami Beach (NMB) through retail service agreements. Since the City is dependent upon MDWASD and NMB for current and future water supply needs, the City Work Plan has been drafted for consistency with both the County Work Plan (found compliant on July 18, 2009) and the NMB Work Plan (found compliant on May 12, 2009). The City Work Plan describes its service area relationship with the County and NMB, provides data and analysis on current and projected water supply and demand through 2030, describes local and regional conservation and reuse initiatives, and identifies their providers' capital improvements.

## Summary of Staff Analysis

Adopted amendment package #09-RWSP1 was adopted as proposed with revisions based on the April 6, 2009 Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report issued by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). In response, the City revised the Infrastructure Element by amending Policy 2.7 to coordinate its Work Plan with the Work Plans of the County and the City of NMB. The City adopted its Work Plan by reference (amended in May 2009) into the Comprehensive Plan. Amended Policy 2.3 of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element directs the City Work Plan to be consistent with the LECWSP Update; and new Policy 2.5 ensures the coordination of potable water LOS Standards with the City's water suppliers. In addition, the word 'xeriscape' has been replaced with 'Florida Friendly' throughout the Comprehensive Plan. The Work Plan was amended to reflect the correct potable water LOS Standards for the areas of the City served by the County and NMB; the water service area map was updated to correctly delineate the area served by NMB; and information on supplier facilities has been updated.

The City of Aventura Commission unanimously approved (7-0) the transmittal of the adopted amendments at its June 2, 2009 meeting.

Staff analysis confirms that the adopted amendments are generally compatible with and supportive of the Goals and Policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*.

## Recommendation

Find City of Aventura adopted amendment #09-RWSP1 generally consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*. Approve this staff report for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

# Attachment 1



