



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #6b

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2008

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Introduction

On August 28, 2008 Council staff received proposed plan amendment #08-RWSP1 to the City of Miami Springs Comprehensive Plan for review of consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (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 Miami Springs, originally known as Country Club Estates, was founded by Glen Hammond Curtiss and James Bright in the 1920s. Curtiss and Bright were also the founders of the Cities of Hialeah and Opa-Locka. The area was used as an aerial training "bombing range" by U.S. pilots during World War I. Here Curtiss began to develop his planned residential community, Country Club Estates, using the City of Coral Gables as a model. Miami Springs continued as a small, mostly residential community until after World War II. The airplane industry was a major factor in the economic growth of the Town, which in 1962 became the City of Miami Springs. Since that time, economic growth has remained fairly stable. The population of the City was 13,643 in 2007, a 0.5% decrease in population from the year 2000. Miami Springs' triangular boundaries include: Miami International Airport to the south, the Miami canal to the north, and the Florida East Coast Railway canal on the west. Local governments surrounding the City include Hialeah to the north and northeast, Virginia Gardens and Unincorporated Miami-Dade County to the south, east, and west.

Additional information on the City and the Region can be found on the Council's website, www.sfrpc.com.

Summary of Staff Analysis

Proposed amendment #08-RWSP1 includes amendments to the Infrastructure, Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements Elements of the Comprehensive Plan related to water supply planning. The general location of the City of Miami Springs is shown in Attachment 1.

A summary of the proposed amendments in this package follows.

Water Supply Planning

The text amendments in this proposed 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 is 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 of water supply planning.

A summary analysis of the City of Miami Springs proposed 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan) and related text amendments follow.

Work Plan

The Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD) provide potable water to the residents of Miami Springs through a retail service agreement. In addition, MDWASD serves approximately 90 percent of County residents within the Urban Development Boundary (UDB). Since the City is dependent upon MDWASD for current and future water supply needs, the City's Work Plan has been drafted for consistency with the Miami-Dade County Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (2008). The County's Work Plan was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on April 24, 2008 and found in compliance by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on July 18, 2008.

The City's Work Plan describes its service area relationship with MDWASD, provides data and analysis on current and projected water supply and demand through 2030, and expresses the need to revise potable water Level of Service (LOS) standards and support conservation and reuse initiatives identified in the Miami-Dade County Work Plan.

Infrastructure Element

The key proposed changes to this element include revisions to objectives and policies to correct potable water deficiencies, support the SFWMD and Miami-Dade County's reuse and conservation initiatives and programs, and enforce potable water LOS standards through an interlocal agreement with Miami-Dade County.

Objection

Section 163.3177(6)(c), F.S. requires local governments to adopt a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan into their comprehensive plans within 18 months after the jurisdictional water management district

approves a regional water supply plan or its update. The City of Miami Springs has included a Work Plan in proposed amendment package #08-RWSP1, however, policies were not included in the proposed Infrastructure Element amendments to adopt the City's Work Plan and update it within 18 months of an update to the LECWSP.

Until these issues are resolved, the proposed Infrastructure Element amendments are incompatible with the goals and policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*, particularly with the following goal and policies related to protecting and restoring the region's potable water resources through adequate water supply planning:

- Goal 7 Protect, conserve, and enhance the Region's water resources.

- Policy 7.1 Develop a more balanced, efficient, and ecologically sustainable allocation and reservation of the water resources of the Region.

- Goal 15 Restore and protect the ecological values and functions of the Everglades Ecosystem by increasing habitat area, increasing regional water storage, and restoring water quality.

- Policy 15.2 Restore natural volume, timing, quality, and distribution of water to the Everglades, Florida Bay, Biscayne Bay, other estuaries, and the Atlantic Ocean by implementing the LECWSP so that the needs of the natural system are met consistent with ecosystem restoration.

Recommendation

Council staff recommends the Infrastructure Element be revised to reflect the adoption and need to update the City of Miami Springs' Water Supply Facilities Work Plan to address adequate water supply planning.

Conservation Element

The key proposed change to this element is the provision to support its potable water supplier (MDWASD) in development of AWS sources and to conserve during emergency situations, as approved by the SFWMD.

Intergovernmental Coordination Element

The key proposed change to this element are new provisions for coordinating the Comprehensive Plan with the SFWMD, specifically regarding the development and implementation of the LECWSP, and to support water suppliers (MDWASD) in AWS development.

Capital Improvements Element

The key proposed change to this element includes revised LOS standards for potable water of 155 gallons of water per capita per day, in agreement with MDWASD. In addition, a new policy is proposed to adopt by reference the capital improvement projects identified in Miami-Dade County's Work Plan.

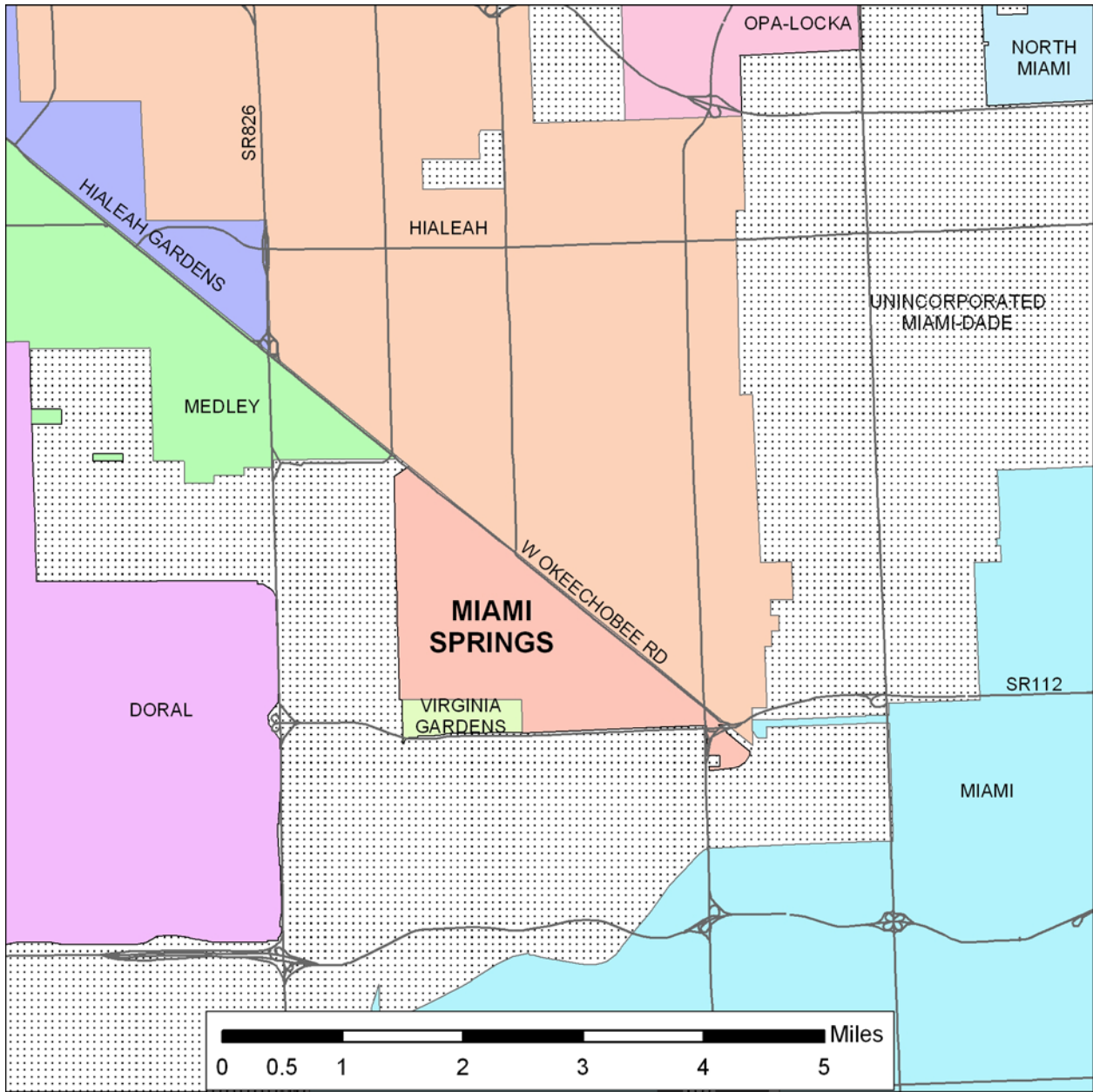
The City of Miami Springs' Commission unanimously approved the transmittal of the proposed amendment at its August 11, 2008 meeting.

Recommendation

Find the City of Miami Springs' Infrastructure Element of proposed amendment #08-RWSP1 generally inconsistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*, particularly with Goals 7 and 15, Policies 7.1 and 15.2 related to protecting and restoring the region's potable water resources through adequate water supply planning; and

Find the Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements Elements of proposed amendment #08-RWSP1 generally consistent with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*. Approve this staff report for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Attachment 1



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

Location Map

City of Miami Springs
Proposed Amendment #08-RWSP1

Sources: SFWMD, Miami-Dade County, SFRPC.

Note: For planning purposes only. All distances are approximate.