

# **MEMORANDUM**

AGENDA ITEM #7f

DATE:

FEBRUARY 4, 2008

TO:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM:

**STAFF** 

SUBJECT: CITY OF OAKLAND PARK ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

## Introduction

On December 26, 2007 Council staff received adopted amendment package #07-2ER to the City of Oakland Park Comprehensive Plan for review of consistency with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP). Proposed Amendment #07-2ER was reviewed at the August 6, 2007 Council meeting and was 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 Oakland Park was formally incorporated in 1925 under the name of "Floranada". In 1929 the name of the City was changed to Oakland Park. The City occupies approximately 6.7 square miles in the center of Broward County, and is bounded by Commercial Boulevard on the north, Oakland Park Boulevard on the south, U.S. 1 on the east, and on the west by N.W. 31st Avenue. Oakland Park abuts the Cities of Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Lauderdale Lakes, Wilton Manors, and unincorporated Broward County. The population of the City in 2007 was estimated to be 42,081, a 36 percent increase over the 2000 population due to several annexations in 2005. The City is currently experiencing redevelopment in its downtown area. This effort will be helped by the recent creation of a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), which contains a Local Activity Center (LAC). The LAC is intended to provide land use designations that will encourage mixed-use developments, parks, and a pedestrian safe environment within the downtown area.

Additional information regarding the City or the Region may be found on the Council's website as www.sfrpc.com.

#### Summary of Staff Analysis

Adopted amendment #07-2ER includes text amendments to the Future Land Use; Transportation; Housing; Sanitary Sewer; Solid Waste; Drainage; Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge; Conservation; Recreation and Open Space; Intergovernmental Coordination; and Capital Improvements Elements; These changes are based on recommendations in the City's adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The proposed amendments are the City's EAR-based amendments. A map depicting the general location of City of Oakland Park is included in Attachment 1.

The EAR-based amendments were adopted as proposed with minor revisions. In response to the Objections, Recommendation and Comments (ORC) Report issued by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), the City modified the Future Land Use Element Policy 1.7.1 and support material to adopt lower intensity standards for the Commercial, Community Facilities, Parks/Recreation, Conservation designations and to establish the ones for TOC (Transit Oriented Corridor) and TOD (Transit Oriented Development) designations. Slight revision to Objective 1.6 and its related policies of the Future Land Use Element is made to strengthen the City's support of the preservation for historic housing. The Coastal Management Element is reinstated with minor modifications regarding agency title changes and timelines based on DCA's objection. The Capital Improvements Element is revised to include the fifth fiscal year (FY 2011-2012)'s capital improvement program and to clarify the funding sources for all improvement projects.

Staff analysis confirms that adopted amendment package #07-2ER is generally consistent with and supportive of the goals and policies *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida*.

The City Commission voted 5-0 to adopt the amendments and authorized the transmittal of the plan amendments to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for review at its December 12, 2007 meeting.

### Recommendation

Find the City of Oakland Park adopted amendment package #07-2ER 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



