



City of North Miami Beach, Florida

Planning and Zoning Department

Planning and Zoning Board Staff Report

TO: Planning and Zoning Board

FROM: Carlos Rivero, City Planner

DATE: January 12, 2015

ITEM: 14-021

RE: Amending the City's Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the "10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan."

Request:

The applicant, City of North Miami Beach ("City"), requests amendments to the City of North Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan ("Comprehensive Plan") based on the requirements set forth in Section 163.3167(13), Florida Statutes regarding water supply planning. The amendments include the preparation of the *City of North Miami Beach Water Supply Facilities Work Plan* ("Work Plan"), and the implementation and incorporation of this Work Plan into the Comprehensive Plan. The incorporation and implementation of the Work Plan is accomplished by amending the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element, Infrastructure Element, Conservation Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, and Capital Improvement Element.

Background:

The Florida Legislature has enacted bills in the 2002, 2004, and 2005 sessions to address the state's water supply needs. These bills, especially Senate Bills 360 and 444 (2005 legislative session), significantly changed Sections 163 and 373 Florida Statutes (F.S.) by strengthening the statutory links between the regional water supply plans prepared by the water management districts and the comprehensive plans prepared by local governments. In addition, these bills established the basis for improving coordination between local land use planning and water supply planning.

In accordance with Florida law, the State's five water management districts must periodically evaluate whether adequate water supplies exist to meet the needs of their areas. If a district

finds that the water supply will not be adequate, it must prepare regional water supply plans for those areas, identifying how water supply needs can be met for the next 20 years. As it relates to the City, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) prepared the, *The Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update*.

The next step in accordance with Florida law are for local governments that fall within the area of a regional water supply plan to ensure that adequate water supplies will be available to meet future demand by developing 10-year water supply facilities work plans. These work plans include alternative water supplies, water reuse and conservation programs, and they are incorporated into the local governments' comprehensive plans. In addition, all local governments - regardless of whether they are in one of these planning areas - must address water supply in their concurrency management programs. The City, as a water service provider for our City and numerous other jurisdictions or portions thereof, prepared the Work Plan .

The final step being undertaken as required by Florida law is for the Work Plan to be incorporated and implemented via the Comprehensive Plan. The incorporation and implementation of the Work Plan is accomplished by amending the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element, Infrastructure Element, Conservation Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, and Capital Improvement Element.

Planning and Zoning Department Analysis:

In order to meet the legislative requirements, the City's Public Services Department Administration developed with MWH Global consultants, the *Work Plan* dated August 18, 2014 (**EXHIBIT 1**). **EXHIBIT 1** is a CD containing the *City of North Miami Beach 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan*. A hard copy of **EXHIBIT 1** is available through the City Clerk's Office and on the City's Website.

The text of the Comprehensive Plan will be amended to address the *Work Plan*. The amendments to the Comprehensive Plan include changes to the Future Land Use Element, Infrastructure Element, Conservation Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, and Capital Improvement Element. A copy of the proposed amendments is attached respectively as **EXHIBIT 2, EXHIBIT 3 and EXHIBIT 4**. Please note that the new proposed language is provided in underline format

Planning and Zoning Department Recommendation:

It is recommended that the *City of North Miami Beach 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan* and amendments to the City of North Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element, Infrastructure Element, Conservation Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, and Capital Improvement Element receive a favorable recommendation for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs.