MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
   AGENDA ITEM 5J
From: Staff
Date: September 19, 2008 Council Meeting
Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendments to the Town of Lantana Comprehensive Plan
DCA Reference No. 08RWSP-1

Introduction

The Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, requires that Council review local government comprehensive plan amendments prior to their adoption. Under the provisions of this law, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) prepares an Objections, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report on a proposed amendment only if requested to do so by the local government, the regional planning council, an affected person, or if an ORC Report is otherwise deemed necessary by the DCA. If an ORC Report is to be prepared, then Council must provide DCA with its findings of consistency or inconsistency with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP), and provide any comments and recommendations for modification on the proposed amendments within 30 days of its receipt.

Background

The Town of Lantana is proposing text amendments to the Infrastructure, Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination and Capital Improvements Elements of the Town Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments are exempt from the twice per year limitation on plan amendments because they are to incorporate the regional water supply work plan (Rule 9J-11.006(1)(a)7.t Florida Administrative Code). The Town has requested a formal review of the amendments by the DCA.

Evaluation

The purpose of the amendments are to address statutory requirements (Chapter 373.0361(7) and 163.3177(6)(c) Florida Statutes) by providing coordination of the Town’s Ten-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (WSFWP) with the South Florida Water Management District’s (SFWMD) Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan.
Some of the highlights of the amendments follow:

A. Infrastructure Element

1. New Policy Inf.1.7.5 addresses the reduction of water consumption by restricting the frequency of irrigation.
2. New Goal Inf.2 is for the Town to meet the statutory requirement to promote water supply planning and coordinate with applicable agencies during the planning process.
3. New Objective Inf.2.1 is to plan for future water supply under the WSFWP and incorporate the alternative water supply project identified in the Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan.
4. New Policy Inf.2.1.1 calls for coordination with the SFWMD on water supply planning.
5. New Policy Inf.2.1.2 adopts the Town’s WSFWP as a component of the Data and Analysis of the Town Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conservation Element

1. Revisions to objectives and policies call for active enforcement of water conservation technologies and procedures, limitations on frequency of landscape irrigation, and water restrictions during a water shortage declaration.

C. Intergovernmental Coordination Element

1. New Policy IC1.4.4 calls for coordination with the SFWMD, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other entities on development and implementation of water reserves in Southern Florida.

The Town also substantially revised its Data and Analysis for the Infrastructure Element.

Extrajurisdictional Impacts

Due to an oversight, the Town did not provide the proposed amendments to the Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC) prior to transmittal. According to information available to Council, no objections have been made to the proposed amendments.

Effects on Significant Regional Resources or Facilities

Analysis of the proposed amendments indicates that they would not have adverse effects on significant regional resources or facilities.
Analysis of Consistency with Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Council has no comments/recommendations for modification to the proposed amendments. The amendments are considered to be consistent with the SRPP.

Consistency with Strategic Regional Policy Plan

The contract agreement between the DCA and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council requires Council to include a determination of consistency with the SRPP as part of the written report to be submitted to the DCA. Council finds the proposed amendments to be CONSISTENT with the SRPP.

Recommendation

Council should adopt the above comments and instruct staff to transmit the report to the Department of Community Affairs.

Attachments
List of Exhibits

Exhibit

1  General Location Map
2  Future Land Use Map
Exhibit 1
General Location Map
Town of Lantana