TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: December 14, 2012 Council Meeting

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review
Draft Amendments to the City of Fort Pierce Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-2ESR

Introduction

The Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, requires that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) review local government comprehensive plan amendments prior to their adoption. TCRPC comments are limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any local government within the Region. TCRPC must provide any comments to the local government within 30 days of the receipt of the proposed amendments and must also send a copy of any comments to the State Land Planning Agency.

Background

The City of Fort Pierce is proposing text amendments to the Future Land Use, Infrastructure, Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements elements of the comprehensive plan.

Evaluation

Capital Improvements Element Update

The amendment package includes an update to the Capital Improvements Element of the comprehensive plan in order to comply with recent changes in the Florida Statutes. This element ensures the availability of public facilities at the adopted level of service standards concurrent with the demand placed upon those facilities by new development. The changes include adding a fifth year of the capital improvement program to the five-year schedule of capital improvements, as required by Section 163.3177(3), Florida Statutes.
**Water Supply Plan Update**

The purpose of the Water Supply Plan amendment is to identify and plan for the water supply sources and facilities needed to serve existing and new development in the City during the next ten-year planning period. The comprehensive plan is being amended to incorporate changes resulting from an updated regional water supply plan, an updated 10-year Water Facilities Work Plan, and to meet statutory requirements. The South Florida Water Management District approved the Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan Update in March of 2011. The Fort Pierce Utilities Authority 10-year Water Facilities Work Plan was updated in 2012. The amendment package includes a number of minor changes to the text of the Future Land Use, Infrastructure, Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination, and Capital Improvements elements. These changes are being made to meet updated statutory requirements related to the coordination of land use and water supply planning, to adopt the water supply facilities work plan by reference, and to maintain internal consistency within the comprehensive plan.

**Extrajurisdictional Impacts**

Under the informal agreement facilitated by the TCRPC, local governments in the northern three counties of the region are to provide copies of amendment materials to other local governments and agencies that have expressed an interest in receiving such materials. On September 18, 2012 the TCRPC requested comments from these local governments and organizations regarding any conflicts with the proposed amendments. As of the date of the preparation of this report, no objections to the proposed amendment have been received from other local governments or agencies.

**Effects on Significant Regional Resources and Facilities**

No adverse effects on significant regional resources and facilities have been identified.

**Conclusion**

The proposed amendments are not in conflict or inconsistent with the SRPP.

**Recommendation**

Council should approve this report and authorize its transmittal to the City of Fort Pierce and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.