AGENDA ITEM 4B9

Introduction

The Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*, requires that the regional planning council review local government comprehensive plan amendments prior to their adoption. The regional planning council review and comments are limited to adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. Council 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.

The amendment package from the Village of Tequesta was received on December 23, 2019 and contains text amendments to the Utilities and Conservation elements of the comprehensive plan related to the Town’s ten year update to its Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (WSFWP). This report includes a summary of the proposed amendment and Council comments.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

The purpose of the text amendments is to address statutory requirements of Chapter 163.3177(6)(c)3, *Florida Statutes*, by providing coordination of the Town’s 10-Year WSFWP with the South Florida Water Management District’s (SFWMD) Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan (LECWSP), which was approved on November 8, 2018. The statutes require that local governments update their plan within 18 months of the SFWMD approval. Work plans must cover a ten-year period; be updated every 5 years; and identify alternative and traditional water supply projects, conservation efforts, and reuse activities needed to meet projected future demands. The proposed amendment updates dates and references to the SFWMD and Palm Beach County water supply plans. The proposed amendments, shown in *strikeout* and *underline* format are included as Exhibit 2.
Regional Impacts

No adverse effects on regional resources or facilities have been identified.

Extrajurisdictional Impacts

The proposed amendments were circulated by the Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee Clearinghouse Coordinator on December 31, 2019. No extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified.

Conclusion

No adverse effects on regional resources or facilities and no extrajurisdictional impacts have been identified.

Recommendation

Council should approve this report and authorize its transmittal to the Village of Tequesta and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Council Action – January 17, 2020

Commissioner Smith from Martin County moved approval of the staff recommendation. Commissioner Johnson from the City of Fort Pierce seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Attachments
List of Exhibits

Exhibit

1. General Location Map
2. Proposed Text Amendment Shown in Strikeout and Underline Format
Exhibit 1
General Location Map

Village of Tequesta

Palm Beach County

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
Village of Tequesta

10 Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan
Associated Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Goals, Objectives and Policies

As a reference, the following represents Comprehensive Plan associated amendments related to the Village’s 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Update and are in underline (proposed new provisions) or strikethrough (proposed deleted provisions) format.

As GOPs are often amended outside of the cycle for Water Supply Plan amendments (i.e. Evaluation and Appraisal Report amendments every seven (7) years), these GOPs are being provided as reference and not made part of the officially adopted Water Supply Plan. These amendments will be processed concurrently with, but not made part of, the WSP update.

Utilities Element, Potable Water Sub-element

Objective 1.7.0: The Village of Tequesta shall update its 10-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (Work Plan) as required by section 163.3177(6)(c), F.S.

Policy 1.7.1 The Village shall amend its Comprehensive Plan and Water Supply Facilities Work Plan, as required by section 163.3177(6)(c), F.S. within 18 months after the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) approves its Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan (LECWSP) Update. The last LECWSP update was approved on September 12, 2013 November 8, 2018 by the SFWMD’s governing board.

Policy 1.7.2 The Village of Tequesta’s Work Plan is designed to assess current and projected potable water demands; evaluate the sources and capacities of available water supplies; and, identify those water supply projects, using all available technologies necessary to meet the Village’s water demands for a ten-year period.


Conservation Element

Objective 2.15.0: The Village shall implement the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan to ensure that adequate water supplies and public facilities are available to serve the water supply demands of any population growth the Town Village may experience.

Policy 2.15.16: To further protect and conserve the Surficial Aquifer, and protect against sea level rise and future climate change impacts, the Village shall seek funding for studies to research enhancing aquifer recharge and investigate utilization of alternative water resources to supplement and broaden the Village’s future water supply sources. These potential sources include but are not limited to, Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), desalination, capture and storage of excess storm water, appropriately treated reclaimed water, and other technologies addressed in the 2018 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update of the SFWMD.