

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL  
AUGUST 29, 2024**

**Members Present:** Thomas H. DiGiorgio, Jr., Chair  
City of Pembroke Pines Mayor Angelo Castillo, Vice Chair  
City of Tamarac Mayor Michelle J. Gomez, Secretary (via CMT)  
Ms. Jessica Abramson  
Broward County Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher  
Ms. Ryann Greenberg (via CMT)  
City of Pompano Beach Mayor Rex Hardin  
Mr. Easton K. Harrison (via CMT)  
City of Plantation Councilmember Denise Appleby Horland  
City of Hollywood Mayor Josh Levy  
City of Oakland Park Commissioner Letitia Newbold  
City of Coconut Creek Vice Mayor Jackie Railey  
City of Sunrise Mayor Michael J. Ryan (via CMT)  
Mr. Steve Werthman (via CMT)  
School Board Member Dr. Allen Zeman (via CMT)

**Members Absent:** City of West Park Mayor Felicia Brunson  
Ms. Denise B. Fernandez  
Mr. David Rosenof

**Also Present:** Barbara Blake Boy, Executive Director  
Andy Maurodis, Legal Counsel  
Karen Pannell, Real Time Reporter

A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council was held on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 10:02 a.m., in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The meeting quorum and format were consistent with Section 1-233 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances regarding advisory boards utilizing communications media technology in the form of telephonic conferencing.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair DiGiorgio called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Following the Roll Call by the Real time Reporter, Chair DiGiorgio declared that a quorum was present.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- C 1 APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR AUGUST 29, 2024 – Including Additional Agenda Material**
- C 2 AUGUST 2024 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN COMPLIANCE**
- C 3 APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2024**
- C 4 ATTENDANCE RECORD/EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS**

**Mayor Castillo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- R 1 Local Planning Agency Review: Proposed Revisions to the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Land Development Code, Chapter 5, Article IX, Section 5-182.9, “Development Review Requirements,” Relating to Student Generation Rates and Streamlining the Existing School Impact Fee Schedule.**

Ms. Boy provided an overview of R 1. She stated that the School Board recommended the School Impact Fees remain unchanged in the existing Land Development Code and the Student Generation Rates be modified per the study. She affirmed that the Council’s recommendation would be consistent with the Broward County Land Use Plan.

Ms. Boy explained that the School Impact Fees must be paid before the issuance of the Building Permit, retains the quarterly remission to the School Board of Broward County for expenditures from the County Commission, and maintains the existing adopted School Impact Fee schedule. She noted that the Student Generation Rates would be revised based on dwelling units, types, and number for all three levels of education.

Oakland Park Mayor Mitch Rosenwald showed much support to Item R 1 and the School Administration to streamline Student Generation Rates and waive fees for affordable housing projects. He explained that in 2005 nine Broward County cities entered into Tri-party Educational Mitigation agreements to pay Student Station Fees for Activity Center dwelling units, which have a monthly escalation cost and no termination provisions. Mayor Rosenwald asked the Planning Council to support the request to seek release from these outdated agreements for Oakland Park and the

other eight cities.

**Mayor Hardin made a motion to approve Item R 1. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Chair DiGiorgio opened the floor for discussion regarding the comments made by Mayor Rosenwald.

Commissioner Newbold requested to place a discussion on this agenda under the Rules of Procedure section 3.05. She spoke on the letter from Ralph Stone, which discussed the Tri-Party Educational Mitigation Agreements that were established over 20 years ago and had been accepted by the Council as additional agenda material. She explained that these agreements were created to address significant overcrowding concerns in public schools by imposing additional fees on residential developments. Commissioner Newbold spoke on efforts to create (re)development opportunities and affordable housing. She stated that nine cities within Broward County have these existing agreements with the School Board which no longer serve the intended purpose and has become an impediment to the development of affordable housing.

Mayor Castillo showed much support to release the cities due to several changes that have occurred since 2005 when the mitigation agreements were implemented. School Board Member Zeman agreed with Mayor Castillo. He stated that there is relief on impact fees for certified affordable housing. School Board Member Zeman spoke on a new agreement for the nine municipalities which will also give relief for Student Generation Fees in the future.

Commissioner Fisher stated that he would sponsor a resolution at the county level to support releasing the nine cities from the Tri-Party Educational mitigation Agreements moving forward. Chair DiGiorgio made a clarification that it would not be retroactively terminated. Mayor Ryan, Vice Mayor Railey, Mayor Levy, Councilmember Horland and Mayor Hardin verbalized support of this motion. School Board Member Zeman agreed noting that changes to the Land Use Agreement have been initiated and expects it to be in place for future developments.

Chair DiGiorgio thanked Mayor Rosenwald for attending and speaking at this meeting. He spoke on the amount of support from the Planning Council to make these changes.

**Commissioner Newbold made a motion urging the Broward County Commission to take appropriate action by requesting the School Board release all nine cities from the outdated Tri-Party Education Mitigation Agreements. Mayor Levy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## R 2 COUNSEL'S REPORT

(None.)

## R 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Ms. Boy:**

- Presented the Planning Council 2024 Customer Service Survey Results
- **Combined November/December 2024 Meeting Date**  
Ms. Boy announced the combined November/December 2024 meeting date of December 5, 2024. The date was approved without objection.
- **BrowardNext Update**  
Ms. Boy spoke on the success of the August 15, 2024, meeting. She noted that 60 people attended in person and approximately 45-85 people attended virtually. Ms. Boy explained the next step, in which the Executive Committee will be participating in educational presentations regarding affordable housing on September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>. She noted that they would be online live or available online later. She listed several speakers who will be in attendance.
- Ms. Boy requested the cancellation of the September 26, 2024, Planning Council meeting. The meeting was cancelled without objection.
- Ms. Boy stated that October 24, 2024, is the County's Read for the Record Day. She noted the participation of several Planning Council members and inquired if a later meeting time would be favorable. After discussion and without objection, the October meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m.

## R 4 CORRESPONDENCE

(None.)

### **PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

Ms. Boy stated that there were no members of the public signed up to speak on items PH 1 other than applicants, agents, and local governments. Ms. Boy provided a brief overview of the item, noting that staff recommended approval

#### **PH 1 A. AMENDMENT PC 24-6**

**Public Hearing on Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan -  
City of Fort Lauderdale**

**B. AMENDMENT PCT 24-3**

**Public Hearing on Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan  
Text – City of Fort Lauderdale**

**Mayor Castillo made a motion to approve item PH 1. Mayor Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PLANNING COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Castillo spoke on the conflict between local traffic patterns and school transportation. He stated that 96% of school aged kids live within a two-mile radius of their schools and are out of the allowance for bussing causing more congestion on the roadways. Mayor Castillo would like to reduce the radius to include transportation for children who live closer to their school.

School Board Member Zeman spoke on changes to include children within the two-mile radius of the school. He discussed a new app called “Here Comes the Bus” to encourage bus usage. School Board Member Zeman spoke on the environmental benefits and child developmental benefits of bus usage. He also discussed the reduced funding in Florida for public education, which is \$4,000 below the national average and can affect some School Board decisions. Planning Council members showed much interest in discussing this topic further in the future.

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Planning Council meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center. The September 26, 2024, meeting was previously cancelled by the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection the Chair adjourned this day’s meeting at 10:59 a.m.