



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida**

**Date: March 23, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Commission Workshop**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Belvedere called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Mikkie Belvedere
Vice Mayor Joshua Rydell
Commissioner Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley
Commissioner Sandra L. Welch
City Manager Mary C. Blasi
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
City Clerk Leslie Wallace May

ALSO PRESENT:

Karen M. Brooks, Assistant City Manager/Finance & Administrative Services Director
Bernadette Hughes, Assistant to the City Manager
Eve Lewis, Assistant City Attorney
Yvonne Lopez, Community Relations Director
Sheila Rose, Sustainable Development Director
James Cromar, Director of Planning, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Peter Gies, Transportation Planner, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Anthea Thomas, Public Involvement Specialist, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization

PRESENTATION BY THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Mayor Belvedere introduced James Cromar, Peter Gies, and Anthea Thomas from the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Sustainable Development Director Sheila Rose provided an overview of the MPO's efforts to facilitate transportation projects consistent with the community's vision and the funding sources available for the projects.

Mr. Cromar played a brief video on the MPO from *YouTube* followed by a *PowerPoint* presentation. He explained that the role of the MPO was funding and planning Broward's transportation network and noted that they also collaborate with the Miami-Dade and Palm Beach transportation organizations to address regional issues. He discussed the MPO's organizational structure and its mission and vision statements. He explained that federal, state, and local gas taxes make up the MPO's annual budget.

Discussion continued with the types of projects undertaken by the MPO. Mr. Gies summarized the four core products of the MPO:

1. Long-Range Transportation Plan;
2. Transportation Improvement Program;
3. Unified Planning Work Program; and
4. Public Participation Program.

He explained that the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is updated every five years and represents the most important needs in Broward County over a twenty-year period. Discussion ensued regarding funding for the projects. Mr. Cromar discussed the SW 10th Street Interchange improvement project and Sawgrass Expressway expansion. Commissioner Tooley commented on the need for a wall on the Turnpike adjacent to the South Creek and Wynmoor neighborhoods. Ms. Rose explained that a lawsuit had delayed the expansion of the wall.

Mr. Gies described the regional coordination efforts of the MPO, including corridor studies, mediation of disputes, and roundtable discussions. Ms. Rose discussed improvements to State Road 7 within the City limits. Discussion continued with the Complete Streets Initiative. Mr. Gies reported that the MPO would be developing a Complete Streets Master Plan to identify gaps in the mobility system and a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. He discussed local mobility projects, including Lyons Road, Cullum Road, and Copans Road bike lane and sidewalk improvements. Mr. Cromar spoke about a conceptual mobility hub at the Sample Road/SR 7 intersection and the Education Corridor transit study. He explained that the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) listed the planning projects over a two-year period. He advised the Commission that the Plan was being updated and that suggestions for new projects were welcome. He closed by discussing the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP) and several public outreach programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Dated