

H. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT: EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR)-BASED AMENDMENTS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

In order to meet the statutory requirements related to periodic updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan as stated in F.S. 163.3191, staff has prepared amendments to the Coastal Zone Management Element that address the new regulations regarding flood hazards as found in F.S. 163.3178(2)(f). Staff is recommending approval of the text amendments to the Goals, Objectives, and Policies in the Coastal Zone Management Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Jean Dolan, Principal Planner, presented herself to the Board. She stated that the amendments relate to the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and that they are required by Chapter 163 based on the schedule adopted by the Department of Economic Opportunity. The corresponding amendments are due a year after that EAR is submitted, hence the reason for these amendments being proposed now. She stated that the only thing that needed to be addressed through the EAR process was to add sea level rise policy to correspond to state statute. She mentioned that there will be a larger update to the Comprehensive Plan, but the time limit on the EAR-based changes necessitated these specific changes. She stated that staff took Broward NEXT plan's sea level rise policies and adopted those into the City's coastal zone element. She presented a map to the Board and explained how certain new policies relate to it.

Dr. Mills asked what a "groin" refers to.

Ms. Dolan stated that it is like a jetty and its purpose is to stop the flow of sand.

Mr. Hill noted that the majority of the language appears the same but changed slightly. He asked if they will be included in the re-write.

Ms. Dolan confirmed that most changes were minor and stated that they would be included in the Comprehensive Plan rewrite.

Mr. Hill asked if the City is no longer requiring applicants to construct dunes.

Ms. Dolan stated that the City only requires dune protection, and has never actually required dune construction. She stated that this is something that the Department of Environmental Protection is involved with.

Mr. Stacer asked about the sections related to canal depth and boating speeds.

Ms. Dolan stated that these changes were not substantive but rather wordsmithing.

Mr. Stacer pointed out that all the navigable canals in the City are dredged to 5'.

Mr. Stacer asked if "appraised value" in the policy related to rebuilding after damage refers to the building value

Ms. Dolan confirmed this.

Mr. Stacer asked if these changes would be brought to the CRS committee.

Ms. Dolan stated that the Comprehensive Plan amendment would not, but the changes to Chapter 152 would.

Ms. Coleman asked if the discouraging of Styrofoam products has any vehicle by which to impact this goal

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Ms. Dolan responded that there is a related ordinance that will go to the City Commission on December 12. This would restrict vendors from using Styrofoam products for events in City parks.

Ms. Coleman requested that staff look into whether the depth of canals should be 4' or 5' deep.

Ms. Dolan responded that she would look into this.

Mr. Stacer opened the hearing to the public. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION was made by Tony Hill and second by Carla Coleman to recommend approval of the text amendments to the Goals, Objectives, and Policies in the Coastal Zone Management Element of the Comprehensive Plan. All voted in favor of the motion; therefore, the motion passed.

8. CHAPTER 155 ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS: MEDICAL MARIJUANA

The City's 6-month moratorium on Medical Marijuana is set to expire on January 25, 2018. Therefore, staff has prepared amendments to the City's Medical Marijuana Ordinance 2017-42, which was adopted prior to the enactment of the State Medical Marijuana regulations in F.S. 381.986. The proposed text amendments maintain the City's regulation on the location of certain medical marijuana related businesses while adopting a ban on medical marijuana dispensaries as allowed by F.S. 381.986.

Ms. Jean Dolan, Principal Planner, presented herself to the Board. She stated that the City passed an Ordinance to regulate medical marijuana in April 2017. Subsequent to adoption, the State passed legislation that restricted local regulation of marijuana uses while also giving the option for local jurisdiction to outright ban marijuana dispensing. The City Commission passed a 6-month moratorium on all medical marijuana uses due to the confusion. This moratorium will soon be over. The current proposal will keep the original ordinance largely intact as it relates to the growing of medical marijuana but ban dispensaries. Some terminology included in the state legislation has been adopted to local code. After consulting with the City Attorney, it was determined that the State regulation is prospective and so does not completely wipe out the previous City Ordinance.

Dr. Mills stated that he is upset with the decision to ban the dispensaries.

Ms. Dolan stated that if the City decides to allow medical marijuana dispensing, the City would have to look at how the City regulates pharmacies because State law would not allow the City to treat the two any differently. She reiterated that growing would be allowed as well as the fact that doctors in the City would be able to prescribe it.

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