

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-641

Introducer/Sponsor(s): LUZ Committee

Date of Introduction: August 24, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: LULZ

Date of Analysis: August 25, 2022

Type of Action: Approving Comp Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report amendments for transmission to the state for review

Bill Summary: The bill approves the transmission to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity of a package of proposed amendments to the City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan for review and comment.

Background Information: The Planning and Development Department has been conducting the state-mandated periodic Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) on its 2030 Comprehensive Plan and has developed a set of proposed amendments to several of the elements of the Plan. This bill authorizes the transmittal of the proposed amendments to the state for review and comment before they are returned to the City for further consideration and adoption. The bill recognizes that the planning timeframe for the Comp Plan exceeds 2030 and proposes to rename the plan as the 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed updates include the following:

- *Intergovernmental Coordination Element:* add a new goal and 3 policies regarding development of a City strategic vision and integrated mission under the leadership of the Mayor.
- *Future Land Use Element:* add a goal, 3 objectives and 6 policies regarding incorporation of "Health in All Policies" into policies, programs and practices affecting the built environment; provide for development of health equity strategies and monitoring and evaluation requirements.
- *Future Land Use Element:* relocate a policy from the Infrastructure Element and revise it to refocus policies regarding development with private septic systems from permitting septic systems to controlling density where sewer connections are not available and recognize lot of record development.
- *Coastal/Conservation Management Element:* revise a policy to provide for an inventory of private lift stations and encourage monitoring to identify and correct lift station failures in a timely manner.
- *Future Land Use Element:* remove an existing goal, revise one policy and add a new policy to address recreational and commercial working waterfront protection under industrial preservation policies.
- *Future Land Use Element:* revise a policy and add new policies to create a review schedule for adopted Neighborhood Action Plans, to update or sunset existing plans, and to add a requirement that new plans shall include an update or sunset schedule; add 2 new policies regarding creation of a list of neighborhoods that could benefit from a Neighborhood Action Plan or study.
- *Future Land Use Element:* add a policy to promote land development regulation changes to encourage and facilitate infill and redevelopment in economically distressed areas; add a policy that the Office of Economic Development and/or Neighborhoods Department shall evaluate the feasibility and benefit of providing tax abatement mechanism(s) for redevelopment of vacant properties in economically distressed areas; add a policy to encourage development of targeted catalyst projects along commercial corridors/nodes to facilitate revitalization of economically challenged areas.

- *Coastal/Conservation Management Element*: add a policy relating to assessment of effectiveness of drainage and flooding infrastructure in areas of the City developed before imposition of state stormwater management regulations.
- *Future Land Use Element*: add an objective and 3 policies regarding enhancement and promotion of neighborhood cohesion through the appropriate and beneficial use of digital infrastructure.
- *Future Land Use Element*: add a policy regarding City coordination with the JAA in efforts to develop a long-range economic development vision plan and policies for Cecil Airport, including potentially a zoning overlay.
- *Intergovernmental Coordination Element*: add a policy regarding City participation in an interagency project coordination program with JEA, JTA, FDOT and the Public Works Department in order to enhance efficiency and to eliminate duplication in infrastructure project planning and implementation.
- *Recreation and Open Space Element*: add a policy requiring update of the Master Recreation Improvement Plan (MRIP) by December 2023 to include identification of facility needs for a minimum 10-year timeframe, including consideration of provision of facilities and amenities in areas where health outcomes are the lowest, providing for engaging activities for youth and increasing access to the river.
- *Recreation and Open Space Element*: add an objective and 2 policies to strengthen coordination of waterfront activation and tourism through the Waterways Commission.

The update includes simplification and consolidation of concepts throughout the Comp Plan to eliminate duplication, consolidate definitions into one section, consolidate maps into one section, and consolidate Level of Service standards in the *Capital Improvements Element*.

Policy Impact Area: Comprehensive Plan update

Fiscal Impact: None at this stage of transmission of proposed amendments to the state for review.

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