

THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA IN PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE JOINT APPLICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE AND ESTABLISHING A WORKING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC, PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT, AND CIVIC SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WATER RESOURCE, HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, NON-PROFITS, ACADEMIA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, SCHOOL BOARDS AND PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS.

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a new partnership to regionally coordinate federal housing, environmental protection, and transportation planning and investment; and,

WHEREAS, this new partnership is looking to multidisciplinary regional councils of government to identify and coordinate regional strategies that:

- Provide a regional vision or plan for sustainable growth;
- Integrate housing, water infrastructure, transportation, land use planning and investment;
- Address energy efficiency;
- Address the impacts of climate change through the development of mitigation and adaptation strategies;
- Foster compatibility of sustainable built systems with restoration of the Florida Everglades;
- Promote the creation of equitable, sustainable communities;
- Promote social equity and access to opportunity;
- Promote environmental protection and restoration;
- Redevelop underutilized sites;
- Leverage federal investment in existing communities;
- Promote equitable affordable housing;
- Increase economic competitiveness; and,
- Promote multi-modal, regional transportation systems, and healthy, safe and walkable neighborhoods - rural, urban or suburban; and,

WHEREAS, there is a clear understanding that the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program is designed to support the development of a comprehensive regional plan or vision identifying critical projects and infrastructure to improve the Region's sustainability and to be used as a guide by federal funding agencies to prioritize and focus future federal investment; and,

WHEREAS, any application for funding under the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program should be prepared in consultation with the appropriate water resource, housing, environmental, and transportation agencies, local governments, non-profits, academia and research institutions, school boards, community-based organizations, and private sector organizations; and should include a formalized agreement among these entities to work cooperatively on the application and funded project; and,

WHEREAS, the regional planning councils of Southeast Florida should commit the resources necessary within the limits of their budgets and work programs to prepare and submit a successful joint application under the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission on June 1, 2010 supports the application referenced herein; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES THAT:

1. Strongly supports the South Florida Regional Planning Council and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council in preparing a comprehensive joint application for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program, and the establishment of a working partnership agreement with regional stakeholders, including, but not limited to, water resource, housing, environmental, and transportation agencies, local governments, non-profits, academia and research institutions, school boards, community-based organizations, and private sector organizations; and should include a formalized agreement among these entities to work cooperatively on the application and funded project.

2. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ A.D., 2010.

APPROVED:

DONALD D. SLESNICK, II
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ
CITY ATTORNEY

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