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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT
INTRODUCTION

Element Purpose

The Intergovernmental Coordination Element is the cornerstone of the Comprehensive plan in that it creates relationships between various local, state and federal agencies. These relationships include grant contracts, mutual aid, revenue and information sharing, contractual obligations and agreements for services. Most importantly, this Element establishes a framework for governmental interaction which affects the day-to-day operations of the City of West Melbourne. This Element is intended to ensure that the intergovernmental relations are consistent and in the best interest of those groups or agencies they serve.

Intergovernmental partnerships have been an efficient way for West Melbourne to provide services which would normally create a burden on the City and eliminate conflicts in the provision of services.

Introduction

It is essential that the City work in partnership with its local, regional, and state partners, particularly Brevard County, in order to ensure that the community’s residents and business are able to receive the most efficient and effective delivery of services. Additionally, coordination is critical to the implementation of the City’s future planning framework and achievement of its newly adopted community planning vision.

Some of the most important issues to address in the Intergovernmental Coordination Element are:

- Interlocal agreements and regional partnerships for expanded service capacity and capability.
- Improved planning and growth management of new development and redevelopment projects.
- Adequate public facilities which ensure transportation, public utilities, and public services are able to meet existing and increased service demands.
- Balancing natural habitat, passive open space and active recreation areas.
- Creating healthy environments for both people and native species.
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Evaluation and Appraisal Report: Identified Concerns

Concerns related to Intergovernmental Coordination were discussed in the following chapters of the 2009 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR):

- **Chapter 4—Community Connectivity and Transportation Systems**: addresses the need to coordinate the planning and construction of transportation improvements with the other governments who own, operate, and maintain transportation resources in the City of West Melbourne. Additionally, coordinate transportation resources with other local governments in the area to address the needs caused by their residents and businesses.

- **Chapter 5—Standards for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Systems**: ensures that expansions in public facilities and infrastructure are in place concurrent with new developments by coordinating the City’s capital improvement program with its fiscal budgeting efforts.

The EAR determined the City of West Melbourne must focus on coordinating its services on a regional level because of the regional nature of many important facilities and service systems. According to the EAR, this coordination includes a variety of service providers from the local, regional, state, and federal level, all of whom service the needs of the City and its residents and businesses. Specifically, the report identifies the following service providers: West Melbourne, City of Melbourne, Brevard County, State of Florida, and US Federal government, School Board of Brevard County, Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), Space Coast Area Transit (SCAT), East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC), and St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRMWD).

The EAR recognizes the importance of intergovernmental partnerships to expanding the City’s ability to meet the community’s needs and ensure that regional issues are addressed appropriately. The report calls for continued coordination as it states that partnerships will be essential for the community’s future as it seeks to manage growth, maintain an adequate level of facilities and services, establish community linkages, provide a healthy environment for people and native species, and preserve a high quality of life.

Recommendations found in the EAR include:

- Address impacts caused by suburban growth and development of the communities that surround West Melbourne.
- Coordinate planning areas in new and redevelopment areas of the City.
- Expand planning coordination and understanding of the City’s development needs.
- Reevaluate methods used to establish public facility and service standards.
- Continue to provide adequate public facilities and services.
Ensure local and regional priorities are similar.
- Identify and secure funding resources.
- Identify and execute partnerships which expand services and resources.

IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Interlocal Agreements

Many formal and informal networks of information and coordination currently exist between West Melbourne and other governmental agencies. These agencies often participate in some phase of planning involving land use and/or provision of services necessitating coordination with the City. Table ICE-1 contains a list of local, county, regional, state and federal governmental agencies that have been identified as interacting with the West Melbourne. Many of these are multi-functional and have continually varying responsibilities.

The data compiled in this Element is based upon current records available from the City. Some of these agreements are not in contractual form, but rather in the form of letters or memorandums of agreement or approved resolutions of acceptance.

**Table ICE-1**

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<td>Franchise Agreement to provide electric services in West Melbourne</td>
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<td>Brevard County to own &amp; maintain all of Wickham Road, Pond 1; Melbourne to maintain &amp; own new Nasa Blvd and connector road; West Melbourne to own &amp; maintain old Nasa Blvd and existing Ellis Road</td>
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<p>| <strong>FDOT</strong> | City to maintain landscaping and irrigation along the FDOT right of way in our City limits | Started 2006, renewed annually |
| <strong>Melbourne</strong> | Madison Avenue right of way (Snicole) to be dedicated by Brevard County and Melbourne-Tillman and Melbourne to accept conveyance in its City limits, and West Melbourne respectfully in its City limits | Completed |
| <strong>Brevard County</strong> | Appropriation of Traffic Impact Fee money to West Melbourne for extension of Henry Avenue from Park Hill east to Dairy Road | 2008 to September 2010 |
| <strong>Brevard County</strong> | Appropriation of Traffic Impact Fee money to West Melbourne for extension of Florida Avenue from Hollywood east to Dairy Road | 2008 to September 2010 |
| <strong>Brevard County</strong> | Appropriation of Traffic Impact Fee money to West Melbourne for widening of Palm Bay Rd | 2008 to September 2008 |
| <strong>Brevard County</strong> | Appropriation of Traffic Impact Fee money to West Melbourne for widening of Palm Bay Rd, Bicycle gap study, Doherty Dr bicycle path, Fell Road preliminary engineering for extension east to Dairy Road | 2008 to September 2010 |
| <strong>Brevard County Sheriff, Florida Department of Children and Families, Brevard County Fire, and all local governments</strong> | Protocol for handling joint investigation of criminal activity negatively impacting children in Brevard | 2006 forward |
| <strong>Brevard County Sheriff</strong> | Agreement as to the duties of the Sheriff's office to receive and manage the Byrne Grant, and West Melbourne to purchase a police vehicle | Continuous from 2009 forward |
| <strong>Brevard County</strong> | Interlocal agreement for terms of conducting the Hollywood and Henry intersection improvements | 2009 until the project is completed |
| <strong>Brevard County</strong> | Interlocal agreement to allow County to collect educational facilities impact fees on residential development | 2005 forward |
| <strong>Brevard County, Cape Canaveral, Cocoa, Cocoa Beach, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Rockledge, Titusville and West Melbourne</strong> | Interlocal agreement to allow Titusville to research a sanitary sewer biosolids facility | 2004 until delivery of a biosolids feasibility report |</p>
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<td>Agreement with all cities to manage school facilities, placement of facilities, and adopt concurrency standards for residential development, as well as the provision of mutual coordination efforts</td>
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SUMMARY OF PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Future Land Use Element

**Issue**
Coordination of land use and development practices around City of West Melbourne.

**Policy Considerations**
The City works to coordinate land use and planning practices with Brevard County and the Cities of Melbourne, Palm Bay, and Melbourne Village. Specific issues that are considered by the Horizon 2030 planning framework include:

- **Planning Coordination**—This policy addresses the need to coordinate the planning and development of land, transportation, public facilities, and infrastructure systems with Brevard County and other local, regional, state, and federal public agencies and private organizations. The focus of the coordination is to be on how to ensure that the partner’s development practices are sensitive to the City’s design, architectural standards, the environment, and cultural resources.

- **Regulation Compliance**—This policy addresses the need to continue to utilize the technical review process to ensure that development and redevelopment activities within the City of West Melbourne adhere to all local, regional, state, and federal laws.

- **Public Facility Co-location**—This policy addresses the need to coordinate the use, co-location, siting, and design of public facilities and buildings with local, regional, and state organizations on.
• Master Planning Consistency—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with local, regional, and state agencies to ensure master plans are consistent from within and between government entities. Special considerations shall be given to: comprehensive plans, park and recreation master plans, utility master plans, and facility plans.

• Regional Economic Development—This policy addresses the need to coordinate the development of the City’s economic base, workforce resources, and job market with local, regional, and state economic development organizations.

• Resource Funding—This policy addresses the need to pursue grant funding from County, regional, state, federal, and other sources for community quality of life enhancements.

**Coordinating Entities**
The City coordinates its land use development practices with the following local governments: Brevard County, Palm Bay, Melbourne, and Melbourne Village. Additionally, the City coordinates land use planning efforts with the School Board of Brevard County, ECFRPC, and the State of Florida.

**Existing Coordination**
Planning Coordinating Committee, Growth Management Subcommittee

**Recommendation**
The City should continue to participate in the Planning Coordinating Committee and Growth Management Subcommittee. If warranted, the City may pursue discussion with the identified coordinating entities on the possibility of a joint planning agreement. The City should determine whether to pursue separate agreements with each entity or one agreement involving several jurisdictions.

**Housing & Neighborhood Development Element**

**Issue**
Coordination of housing and neighborhood development practices around City of West Melbourne.

**Policy Considerations**
The City carries out regional housing strategies in coordinating with local, regional, state, and federal housing agencies and non-profit organizations. Specific issues that are considered by the Horizon 2030 planning framework include:
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- Coordinate Housing Solutions—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with Brevard County and other local municipalities on the development of housing focused on resolving the complex economic, social, and development issues related to the area’s housing needs.
- Housing Funding—This policy addresses the need to meet the area’s various housing needs by coordinating with other public and private organizations to pursue federal and state funding sources.
- Area wide Housing Supply—This policy addresses the need to participate in area wide housing initiatives to inventory and monitor, the availability of the County’s housing supply.
- Public Housing Programs—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with Brevard County and other appropriate housing organizations on the implementation and delivery of state and federal public housing programs, grants, and other initiatives within the City of West Melbourne.
- Housing Assistance—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with Brevard County on the provision of housing related services that meet the community’s diverse needs.
- Housing Education and Awareness Partnerships—This policy addresses the need to inform the community about available housing programs and initiatives in coordination with Brevard County and other local, regional, and state government and non-profit organizations.

Coordinating Entities
The City coordinates its land use development practices with the following local governments: Brevard County, the State of Florida, and the Federal government.

Existing Coordination
Planning Coordinating Committee, Growth Management Subcommittee.

Recommendation
The City should continue to participate in the Planning Coordinating Committee and Growth Management Subcommittee. Additionally, the City shall continue to coordinate the provision of special needs housing (low-income and affordable housing, senior care and disabled housing, foster care, and other special needs) with Brevard County, State of Florida, and related nonprofit organizations in order to ensure that such needs are met within the City.
Transportation Service Standards Element

**Issue**
Coordination of development, maintenance, and delivery of a multi-modal transportation system that meets the needs of the greater West Melbourne area and Brevard County.

**Policy Considerations**
Several roadways pass through the City receive a cumulative impact on the LOS from development inside and outside the City. The issue is two-fold. First, the adopted level of service (LOS) in one jurisdiction may not be consistent with the neighboring jurisdiction. Second, as development occurs in one jurisdiction, the LOS in a neighboring jurisdiction may be negatively affected to the point that development in the neighboring jurisdiction could not be permitted unless the LOS is lowered. Specific issues that are considered by the Horizon 2030 planning framework include:

- Regional Transportation Planning—This policy addresses the need to coordinate transportation funding, capital improvements, and long term planning with transportation partners including Brevard County, TPO, and FDOT.
- Site and Development Reviews—This policy addresses the need to coordinate site and development plan reviews with regional transportation planning partners including Brevard County and the TPO.
- Regional Public Transportation—This policy addresses the need to coordinate the provision of mass public transportation services with SCAT, including coordination of public transportation accessibility for land uses that locate in the City with are large impacting developments.
- Emergency Evacuation Support Coordination—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with the Brevard County Office of Emergency Management on the planning of evacuation routes and timing.

**Coordinating Entities**
Brevard County, MPO, FDOT, Palm Bay, Melbourne, and Melbourne Village.

**Existing Coordination**
Planning Coordinating Committee, Growth Management Subcommittee.

**Recommendation**
The City should continue to participate in the Planning Coordinating Committee and Growth Management Subcommittee. Additionally, the City shall continue to coordinate roadway LOS and
financing strategies with Brevard County, FDOT, TPO and other roadway agencies in order to ensure that the transportation roadway needs and demands of the City and surrounding are met.

Multi-Modal Transportation Element

Issue
Establishment of a multi-modal transportation system to provide the City the varied transportation alternatives, improved connectivity, and enhanced quality of life envisioned by the community planning vision.

Policy Considerations
The Horizon 2030 visioning process has identified the City’s need to better link the community together through an integrated, multi-modal transportation system. A multi-modal transportation system will consider concerns related to transportation planning, provision of transportation alternatives, road systems, pedestrian and bike pathways, transit services, streetscape design, and master planning. Additionally, the issue recognizes the need to utilize regional transportation partnerships to ensure that such issues are addressed throughout the Brevard County region. Specific issues that are considered by the Horizon 2030 planning framework include:

- Multi-Modal System Coordination—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with regional transportation planning partners including Brevard County, TPO, and FDOT to develop a multi-modal transportation system that provides options to pedestrians, bikers, public transportation riders, and motorists.
- Regional Urban Trail System—This policy addresses the need to coordinate the development of a regional urban trail system with Brevard County, TPO, and other regional transportation planning partners.
- Transit Coordination—This policy addresses the need to coordinate public transportation needs between the City and SCAT.

Coordinating Entities
Brevard County, MPO, FDOT, Palm Bay, Melbourne, and Melbourne Village.

Existing Coordination
Planning Coordinating Committee, Growth Management Subcommittee.

Recommendation
The City should continue to participate in the Planning Coordinating Committee and Growth Management Subcommittee. Additionally, the City shall continue to participate as an active partner with
the Brevard County, TPO, and SCAT on the provision of multi-modal transportation options including transit, regional trails, and connected bikeways.

Public Facilities Element

Issue
Provision of basic public facilities that meet the needs of its residents, businesses, and visitors and address concerns related to local standards, infrastructure capacity, and health for potable water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, and stormwater.

Policy Considerations
One of the fundamental tasks of planning is to ensure that communities have appropriate public services and infrastructure systems to meet the needs of their current and future populations. The Public Facilities Element addresses the provision of public services such as potable water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, and stormwater, that users receive from the City in coordination and partnership with its local, regional, and state service partners. Specific issues that are considered by the Horizon 2030 planning framework include:

- Ground Water Resource Coordination—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with SJRWMD and other water related agencies and organizations on the identification and protection of artesian aquifers and other natural ground water recharge areas.
- Regional Water Supply System—This policy addresses the need to cooperate with partner entities including Brevard County, SJRWMD, and the Cities of Melbourne and Palm Bay regarding an interconnected potable water supply system, regional water planning, and coordination of supply system lines.
- Sanitary Sewer Planning Coordination—This policy addresses the need to coordinate sanitary sewer criteria, requirements, and practices with FDEP and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.
- Federal and State Regulation Compliance—This policy addresses the need to ensure that all current and future sanitary sewer facilities shall meet any applicable Federal and State regulations and, at a minimum, be operated consistent with all State and Federal standards and in full compliance with respective permits as issued by regulatory agencies.
- Hazardous Waste—This policy addresses the need to protect the public and natural communities against the harmful impacts of hazardous waste by coordinating with County, regional, state, and federal agencies on the execution of hazardous waste regulations and restrictions.
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- Waste Recycling—This policy addresses the need to improve recycling efforts in order to protect natural resources and extend the life of landfill by:
  - Encouraging the public to learn about recyclable materials from Brevard County’s solid waste programs.
  - Promoting the disposal residential household hazardous waste with Brevard County’s solid waste division.
  - Participating in County programs that allow businesses to dispose of small quantities of hazardous waste, computers, and rechargeable batteries.
  - Promoting Brevard County programs that assist businesses to be environmentally responsible.

- Solid Waste Coordination—This policy addresses the need to ensure that waste disposal and treatment practices minimize negative impacts on natural resources by coordinating the disposal of solid waste with Brevard County.

- FEMA Coordination—This policy addresses the need to reduce property damage and flooding loss by reviewing and amending as necessary the City’s land development regulations to ensure that they are consistent with the latest Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations.

Coordinating Entities
Brevard County, FDEP, SJRWMD, City of Melbourne, Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District.

Existing Coordination
Planning Coordinating Committee, Growth Management Subcommittee.

Recommendation
The City should continue to participate in the Planning Coordinating Committee and Growth Management Subcommittee. Additionally, recognizing the regional nature of public facility provision, the City shall continue to strengthen intergovernmental partnerships with its public service coordinating entities. The focus of these partnerships ought to be the provision of service coordinate with the LOS standard adopted within this plan.
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Capital Improvements Element

Issue
Intergovernmental coordination of public service and infrastructure system planning, operations, and financing with the City’s local, regional, and state partners including Brevard County, State of Florida, and St John’s River Water Management District.

Policy Considerations
The City’s capital improvement planning efforts ensure that the community is able to provide adequate public facilities in a timely and efficient manner. Since many of these services are accomplished through intergovernmental partnerships, it is imperative that the City coordinate the planning, construction, and financing of the City’s public services and infrastructure systems with its local, regional, and state partners. Specific issues that are considered by the Horizon 2030 planning framework include:

- Intergovernmental Coordination Meetings—This policy addresses the need to participate in a minimum of four intergovernmental meetings which address the provision of public facilities.
- County-wide Cooperation—This policy addresses the need to appoint representatives as needed to participate in all intergovernmental activities pertaining to local government public facility issues in Brevard County.
- Multi-jurisdictional Issues—This policy addresses the need to work closely with its area partners to address multi-jurisdictional issues concerning the funding of public services.
- Transportation Improvement Program—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with the TPO to adopt its five-year work program, titled the “Transportation Improvement Program” (TIP), as amended, to ensure the financial feasibility of the transportation system and maintenance of LOS standards.
- Water Management Improvements—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with the SJRWMD on the adoption and implementation of its five-year work program, as amended, to ensure the financial feasibility of the water management infrastructure system and maintenance of LOS standards.

Coordinating Entities
Brevard County, Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization, SJRWMD, Florida Department of Transportation, Brevard County School District, and local area municipalities
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Existing Coordination
Planning Coordinating Committee, Growth Management Subcommittee.

Recommendation
The City should continue to participate in the Planning Coordinating Committee and Growth Management Subcommittee. In order to ensure capital improvement efforts are well planned and meet the ongoing needs, demands, and LOS standards of West Melbourne, the City shall coordinate its budgeting and fiscal management projects as established through the five-year capital improvement schedule with the work plans established by the City’s coordinating partners.

Parks & Public Spaces Element

Issue
Use of local, regional, and state organizations partnerships to help the City maintain and develop a diverse variety of parks, recreation, and public spaces in order to Foster West Melbourne’s quality of life, well-being, and sense of place.

Policy Considerations
Public spaces, parks, and recreational facilities are essential to the development of great communities as they provide opportunities for community members and visitors to congregate, relax, recreate, and participate in social activities. Since the City shares the responsibility for developing and maintaining its parks, recreational facilities, and public spaces with some of its local partners—particularly Brevard County—is essential that the City work with the County to ensure all of these resources contribute to the achievement of the City’s community planning vision. Specific issues that are considered by the Horizon 2030 planning framework include:

- County Park Facility Coordinated Management—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with Brevard County regarding the operation and improvements of County parks located within the City including the reuse of the existing Max K. Rodes Park and continuing function of Erna Nixon Park, as well as the new regional Max K. Rodes Park opening soon.
- School Facility Coordination—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with the School Board regarding the operation and improvements of the recreation areas at Meadowlane Primary and Intermediate Elementary Schools and Central Middle School.
- Coordinated Park Development—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with Brevard County to ensure that parks and recreational facilities in and around the City are available and maintained to accommodate the area’s growth and demand for parks and public spaces.
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- Shared Facilities Cooperative Agreement—This policy addresses the need to develop cooperative agreements with private developments, recreational organizations, and other County-based organizations for the use, promotion, and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities by the community-at-large.

- Regional Linear Park System—This policy addresses the need to participate with local, regional, and state organizations in the development of a regional linear park system that includes trails, bikeways, footpaths, and sidewalks. Coordinate such efforts with the Brevard County master trail, parks, and recreation efforts.

- Resource Co-location—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with local, regional, and state organizations on the use, co-location, siting, and design of cultural, education, park, recreation, and sport facilities.

- Transit Linkages—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with the SCAT to provide bus service to regional parks and recreation facilities.

Coordinating Entities
Brevard County, SCAT, School Board of Brevard County.

Existing Coordination
Planning Coordinating Committee, Growth Management Subcommittee.

Recommendation
The City should continue to participate in the Planning Coordinating Committee and Growth Management Subcommittee. Additionally, the City shall coordinate the development and provision of public space, park, and recreational resources with its coordinating entities in order to ensure such facilities are well-utilized by the community.

Conservation & Open Space Element

Issue
Utilization of intergovernmental partnerships to expand the City’s ability to protect, enhance, and maintain its open spaces and natural resources.

Policy Considerations
The City’s conservation and open space policies establish the basis for protecting West Melbourne’s unique natural environment that features water resources, tropical vegetation and wildlife, and a mild tropical climate. The policies promote sustainable development practices through which the City and its
partner agencies will foster development practices that meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs for the future. Specific issues that are considered by the Horizon 2030 planning framework include:

- **Funding Resources**—This policy addresses the need to pursue funding from County, regional, state, or federal sources to expand, maintain, and implement the West Melbourne’s community’s open space and natural resource conservation efforts.
- **Regional Environmental Protection**—This policy addresses the need to partner with Brevard County and other local, regional, state, and federal environmental organizations to identify, protect, and enhance significant open space and natural resource areas, particularly those habitats and species identified as either endangered or threatened.
- **Air Quality Monitoring**—This policy addresses the need to support all local, state, and federal efforts to maintain a comprehensive air quality monitoring and analysis program.
- **Clean Air Standards and Regulations**—This policy addresses the need to adhere to all minimum air quality standards and comply with all state and federal laws regulating clean air.
- **Emergency Water Conservation**—This policy addresses the need to implement emergency water conservation practices in accordance with the SJRWMD. Such directives include the implementation of water management plans and emergency conservation directives.
- **Mining Regulatory Oversight**—This policy addresses the need to coordinate with local, regional, state, and federal mining regulatory agencies to ensure that new and existing mining operations meet all governmental requirements.
- **Sanitary Sewer Oversight**—This policy addresses the need to provide to the state agencies, complete monitoring reports of the sanitary sewer treatment plant.

**Coordinating Entities**
Brevard County, FDEP, SJRWMD, and U.S. DEP

**Existing Coordination**
Planning Coordinating Committee, Growth Management Subcommittee.

**Recommendation**
The City should continue to participate in the Planning Coordinating Committee and Growth Management Subcommittee. Additionally, the City shall coordinate the development of open space, preservation of vital environmental resources, and the conservation of natural assets with the City’s development partners in order to ensure that development activities within the City support the community’s sustainable development efforts.