

grant administrative permit use approval for the FPL Heritage Switchyard with the conditions stated in the staff report.

Applicant Mr. Bruce Barkett, representing FPL, clarified details of the proposed project and requested that should the County's landscaping ordinance be amended as planned, that they would like the opportunity to update their landscaping plan.

Mr. John McCoy, Chief of Current Development, agreed that if the land development regulations (LDR) changed in the applicant's favor, they would have the opportunity to modify their landscaping plan prior to obtaining their Certificate of Occupancy (CO).

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Landers, SECONDED BY Dr. Day, the members voted unanimously (5-0) to accept staff recommendations with the revisions regarding LDR's on this Quasi-Judicial matter.**

### **Public Hearing**

Chairman Polackwich read the following into the record:

**A. FPL Blue Cypress Solar Energy Center:** Request for special exception use approval for a private heavy utility facility (solar energy center). Florida Power & Light Company, Owner. Culpepper & Terpening, Inc., Agent. Located on the west side of 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street SW (Oslo Road). Zoning: A-2 (Agricultural 2 up to 1 unit per 10 acres). Land Use Designation: AG-2 (Agricultural 2 up to 1 unit per 10 acres). (SP-SE-17-04-06 / 2017030093-78598) [**Quasi-Judicial**]

Chairman Polackwich asked the Commissioners to reveal any ex-parte communication with the applicant or any conflict that would not allow them to make an unbiased decision. He made the same disclosures as with the previous case and stated that he felt that he could be fair and impartial in this case. The other members indicated that they had not had any ex-parte communication.

The secretary administered the testimonial oath to those present who wished to speak at tonight's meeting on this matter.

Mr. Ryan Sweeney, Senior Planner of Current Development, reviewed information regarding the request for special exception use approval and gave a PowerPoint presentation, copies of which are on file in the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Office. He recommended that the Commission

recommend that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) grant special exception approval for the proposed solar energy center with the conditions stated in the staff report.

Applicant Ms. Krista Hendricks, representing FPL, clarified details of the proposed project and gave a PowerPoint presentation, copies of which are on file in the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Office.

Mr. Mike Ziegler, representing Mr. WC Graves IV, adjacent landowner to the proposed facility, voiced his concerns regarding the integrity of the culverts involved in the proposed project. He asked that the Board have a professional engineer assess the integrity of the existing culverts and provide a professional engineering report of findings with recommendations that ensure continued drainage and irrigation as well as safe travel, averting an accident involving personal injury or property damage directly caused by culvert or roadway inadequacies.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding Mr. Ziegler's concerns.

A revision to the culvert condition was suggested by the Chairman. That revision was accepted by the applicant's agent, Mr. Bruce Barkett. Mr. John McCoy agreed with the proposed revision, which makes the condition more open ended to account for field conditions.

**ON MOTION BY Dr. Day, SECONDED BY Mr. Stewart, the members voted unanimously (5-0) to accept staff recommendations with revisions regarding culvert improvements on this Quasi-Judicial matter.**

### **Commissioner's Matters**

There were none.

### **Planning Matters**

There were none.

### **Attorney's Matters**

There were none.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.