

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

September 24, 2018

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met on this date at the Hollywood Branch Library's Multi-Purpose Room, 2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Caplan called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. after the Executive Committee Meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Caplan.

Councilmember Patricia Asseff  
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey (absent)  
Councilmember Margaret Bates  
Chair Frank Caplan  
Councilmember Daniella Levine Cava (absent)  
Councilmember Tim Daubert  
Councilmember José (Pepe) Diaz  
Councilmember Beam Furr (absent)  
Councilmember Steve Geller (absent)  
Councilmember Cary Goldberg  
Councilmember Nelson Hernandez (absent)  
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman (absent)  
Councilmember George Neugent (absent)  
Councilmember David Rice (absent)  
Councilmember Greg Ross  
Councilmember Michael Udine  
Councilmember Sandra Walters (absent)

Isabel Cosio Carballo, SFRPC Executive Director, and Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, were present.

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Shereen Yee Fong, for Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI  
Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District

The following Ex-Officio Member was absent:

Jennifer Smith, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Chair Caplan and Ms. Cosio Carballo announced that the Treasure Coast (TCRPC) and South Florida Regional Planning Councils' Joint Meeting will be Friday, October 12, 2018 at the Broward County Government Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 430 in Fort Lauderdale. A Draft Agenda was part of the Agenda Packet. TCRPC attendees plan to use Brightline to travel south. Chair Caplan stated that last year's meeting was very substantive and a great meeting to exchange ideas. It was suggested the RPCs meet twice a year.

Over the past several months, Chair Caplan and Ms. Cosio Carballo, along with others discussed plans for the Strategic Planning Workshop. He asked the Councilmembers participation in organizing the Agenda for the Workshop. Ms. Cosio Carballo announced the October Meetings: October 12, 2018 – the Joint Meeting, October 22, 2018 – SFRPC Meeting in Key Largo. She asked for input from the Councilmembers, especially the Monroe County Members for ideas for the Key Largo Meeting. The Council has a Meeting

in November after Thanksgiving and there is no Meeting in December. Councilmember Goldberg suggested the Council not meet in November but in early December. There was discussion on when to have a Strategic Planning Workshop. Chair Caplan gave an overview of information he thought would be discussed at the Strategic Planning Workshop. A poll of dates will be sent to the Councilmembers for attendance.

Chair Caplan announced that Key West Commissioner Samuel Kaufman has been appointed to the SFRPC.

There was discussion about the Miami-Dade League of Cities Dinner in Key Biscayne. Chair Caplan and Councilmember Daubert attended; Ms. Cosio Carballo attended on behalf of the SFRPC. The Council was profiled regarding the Council's work.

Members of the audience introduced themselves. Attending the meeting was Mark Elsner and Tom Colios, (SFWMD), Fernando Leiva and Celeste Dunmore (Lauderdale Lakes), Juan Pelaez (Miami-Dade County), Vicki Garcia (Florida Fish and Wildlife), Alex Dambach (Oakland Park), others, and members of the SFRPC staff.

## **II. Approval of Council Agenda**

Councilmember Ross moved to approve the Council Agenda. Councilmember Goldberg seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

## **III. Presentation – 2018 Lower East Coast (LEC) Water Supply Plan Update, Mark Elsner, Bureau Chief, Water Supply Development Section, South Florida Water Management District**

Chair Caplan gave a brief description of Mr. Elsner's professional background. Mr. Elsner had a PowerPoint presentation on the 2018 Lower East Coast (LEC) Water Supply Plan Update. Tom Colios, Water Supply Section Supervisor, assisted with the presentation. The Draft document has been completed and is on the SFWMD website under public review waiting for further comments due on Friday, September 28, 2018. These comments will be incorporated into the document. He explained the history, geographic area, and updated timeline of the Water Supply Plan. The current Plan was approved in 2013. The Plans are built on the previous Plans moving forward and updated every five years. There are five distinct Plan areas. He explained the details on each area's location. The Water Supply Plan identifies current and future water demand, and the sources and strategies on how those demands will be met without impacting the environment. He explained the requirements: demand estimates and projections, resource analyses, identification of issues, evaluation of water source options, water resource development, water supply development, and minimum flows and minimum water levels. There have been various workshops, stakeholder discussions (local government, utilities, etc.), presentations and documentation for public participation. The overview included the objectives of the Plan, the linkage between regional and local planning (local governments are required to update their Comprehensive Plans to incorporate a Water Facilities Work Plan), the Lower East Coast Planning Area (Palm Beach, Hendry, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties), population projections, the total demand projections to 2040, etc. The water supply issues, water source options (surface water, fresh groundwater, brackish groundwater, conservation, reclaimed water, reservoirs, seawater and aquifer storage and recovery), water conservation, agriculture water use, public water supply, and environmental water needs, etc. were also described in detail.

Ms. Corry, SFWMD, informed the Council that there is more information on the SFWMD website. One link has information on the blue/green algae which connects to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) website. There are many theories/contributions to the cause of the algae and red tide.

Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that in meetings with the SFWMD, she understood that the SFWMD concentrates on water supply and FDEP concentrates on environmental issues. Water infrastructure is one of the topics that will be addressed at the SFRPC/TCRPC Joint Meeting. Mr. Elsner explained that the SFWMD website has videos, information, facts, etc. that explain these topics in detail. Ms. Corry suggested the Councilmembers attend/watch online the Water Resources Analysis Coalition (WRAC) meeting. These meetings have candid and interesting conversations. Discussion ensued on the aquifers, their location, desalinization, population and water increase, rainfall and flood protection, technology, etc. Mr. Fernando, Lauderdale Lakes Planner, had questions regarding the city's comprehensive plan update and upgrading of the City's water infrastructure. Chair Caplan thanked Mr. Elsner for his presentation.

#### **IV. Action Items**

##### **A. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- July 23, 2018

Councilmember Ross moved to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2018 meeting. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

- August 8, 2018

Councilmember Ross moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018 meeting. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

##### **B. Financial Report**

Rene Gonzalez, Finance Director, updated the Councilmembers on the Financial Report comparing the months of June through August 2018. He explained the accounts receivables, liabilities and fund balance, the Revenue and Expense Reports. The grant pass-through expenses and program was clarified. Ms. Cosio Carballo gave a brief update on the permitting for the construction of the new office.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve the Financial Report. Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

##### **C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews**

###### **Proposed**

- Miami-Dade County 18-3ESR
- Miami-Dade County 18-4ESR
- City of Hialeah 18-2ESR
- City of Layton 18-1ACSC
- City of Miami Beach 18-2ESR
- City of Oakland Park 18-2ESR

###### **Adopted**

- Broward County 18-2ESR
- Broward County 18-3ESR
- Miami-Dade County 18-1ESR Application No. 9

- Monroe County 18-1ACSC
- City of Hallandale Beach 18-1ER
- City of Hialeah 18-1ESR
- City of Key West 18-1ACSC
- City of Lauderdale Lakes 18-1ESR
- City of Oakland Park 18-1ESR

Councilmember Walters moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews Proposed and Adopted. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comments – None

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review - none

E. Legal Counsel Annual Review and Proposed Contract Extension

Chair Caplan announced that the Executive Committee met this morning. The Executive Committee unanimously and favorably recommended the Legal Counsel's Contract be extended for another year. Mr. Goren expressed his gratitude.

Councilmember Walters moved to approve Agenda Item IV.E, Legal Counsel Annual Review and Proposed Contract Extension, Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

F. Executive Director Annual Review

Chair Caplan recapped the discussion at Executive Committee regarding Ms. Cosio Carballo's Annual Review and all the reviews were positive.

Councilmember Diaz moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F, Executive Director Annual Review, Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

G. FY 2018-19 Operating Budget

Mr. Gonzalez, explained the Special Revenue Funds, Grant Funding (one-time grant, continual grants), etc. Some of the individual Projects' funding were discussed and clarified by Ms. Cosio Carballo in detail. Mr. Gonzalez then described the Expenditure information.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.G, FY 2018-19 Operating Budget, Councilmember Diaz seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

**V. Discussion Items**

A. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Cosio Carballo introduced the new members of Council staff. Jeff Tart is the new Senior Loan Officer for the Revolving Loan Fund Program (RLF), South Florida Community Development Fund, Inc. (CDFI), and will be involved with the Council's Brownfield Program. She summarized his resume and responsibility in these positions. Mr. Tart stated his intent is to promote the RLF and would appreciate any opportunities/input from the Councilmembers. Corey Aiken has replaced

Alyssa Wood, who very highly recommended him. He will be continuing Alyssa's work and has experience with Brownfields.

Ms. Cosio Carballo announced that the Joint Meeting Agenda was in the Councilmembers' packets. She thanked Councilmembers Bates and Asseff for their participation in the RLF Program and CDFI. The CDFI is moving forward toward certification. A further consideration letter has been received from Economic Development Administration, for the development of the Economic Development Strategy Plan for South Dade. If approved, the EDA Grant will provide approximately \$200K for the development of the Plan. Upon completion, an implementation funding proposal will be prepared. Ms. Cosio Carballo will be sending a thank you letter to the President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Jordan Leonard who flew to Key West to meet with our new Councilmember, Key West Commissioner Samuel Kaufman. Julie Bernal, Council intern, was introduced. She is from Florida Atlantic University.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, stated there was no litigation to report and thanked the Councilmembers for their support. His office will make every effort to constrain expenditures and costs and work toward a more successful organization.

C. Ex Officio Reports – none

**VI. Program Reports and Activities**

A. Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report – None

C. DRAFT – SFRPC/TCRPC Joint Meeting Agenda

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) October 12, 2018, Joint Meeting with the TCRPC, 10:00 a.m. – (Broward County Government Center, Meeting Room, 430, 115 South Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301)
- 2) October 22, 2018, 10:30 a.m. - (Murray E. Nelson Government Center, Key Largo)
- 3) November 26, 2018, 10:30 a.m. - (Hollywood Branch Library)

**VIII. Councilmember Comments**

**IX. Public Comments**

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the September 24, 2018 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

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Mario J. Bailey, Secretary

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Date