

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

July 27, 2020

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually on this date. Vice Chair Geller welcomed everyone participating in the virtual meeting and via phone. Vice Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. and asked Councilmember Ross to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Patricia Asseff  
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey  
Councilmember Margaret Bates  
Chair Daniella Levine Cava (absent)  
Councilmember Michelle Coldiron (absent)  
Councilmember Joseph Corradino (absent)  
Councilmember José (Pepe) Diaz (absent)  
Councilmember Beam Furr (absent)  
Councilmember Steve Geller  
Councilmember Cary Goldberg  
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman  
Councilmember Jordan Leonard (absent)  
Councilmember Jean Monestime (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 virtually present.

The following Ex-Officio Member was present:

Ken Jeffries for Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

The following Ex-Officio Members were not present:

Jason Andreotta, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District

Also, virtually in attendance were members of various municipalities and agencies.

The meeting was conducted as a Virtual Meeting. Due to a lack of quorum, the Meeting proceeded as an expanded Executive Committee Meeting. Mr. Goren, Legal Counsel, explained the details of an expanded Executive Committee Meeting. Vice Chair Geller noted that special meetings are being held today by the Miami-Dade, and Monroe County Commissions, therefore, the Miami-Dade County and Monroe County Councilmembers will not be participating today. He announced the resignation of Councilmember Sandy Walters, who is moving to Fort Myers, Florida. Mrs. Cosio Carballo read Councilmember Walters' resignation letter.

**II. Approval of Council Agenda**

*Approval was carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.*

Vice Chair Geller announced that the Guest Presentations will begin at 11:15, and that the Council will review the Agenda Items until that time.

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

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

*Councilmember Udine moved to approve the Minutes. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.*

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

This Agenda Item was moved to later in the meeting due to technical difficulties.

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

###### **Proposed**

- Broward County 20-03ESR
- Monroe County 20-02ACSC
- Monroe County 20-03ACSC
- Town of Cutler Bay 20-01ESR
- City of Miami 20-01ESR
- City of Miami Beach 20-01ESR
- City of Miramar 20-01ESR
- City of North Miami Beach 20-01ESR
- City of Pembroke Pines 20-01ESR
- City of Plantation 20-01ESR

###### **Adopted**

- Monroe County 20-01ACSC
- City of Lauderhill 19-01ER

#### **Public Hearing**

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

Councilmember Bailey recused himself from voting on the Town of Cutler Bay 20-01ESR Amendment.

*Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed and Adopted except for the Town of Cutler Bay Amendment. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.*

*Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed and Adopted for the Town of Cutler Bay Amendment. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.*

#### **Public Hearing**

##### **D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review-None**

##### **E. FY 2020-21 Membership Fees**

Mrs. Cosio Carballo, Executive Director, explained that the Membership Fee per capita rate of 17.5¢ remains the same as it has been during the last 25 years. Due to population growth, there is a slight

increase in the overall dues. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated for the record that the Council would never suggest an increased per capita rate during these challenging times.

*Councilmember Asseff moved to approve Agenda Item IV.E FY 20-21 Membership Fees. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.*

F. Audit Contract – Correction of Scrivener’s Error

Vice Chair Geller and Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained the scrivener’s error in the Auditor’s Contract. Mr. Goren explained that the motion would be to ratify the fifth year for the current Auditor to the purposes of confirmation on the record, and during the course of this year the SFRPC will provide the process that is now required by State Statute governing the engagement of future auditing firm under State Law. Mr. Goren also explained the State Statute regarding Auditor selection.

*Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F Audit Contract – Correction of Scrivener’s Error. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a majority vote by the Councilmembers virtually present with Councilmember Bailey voting no.*

G. Appointment of Council Members to FRCA Policy Board

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that with Councilmember Walters departure, there is a vacancy on the Florida Regional Council Association’s Policy Board. Councilmember Bailey represents the Governor Appointees’ and Councilmembers Bates and Ross serve as alternates on the Committee. At the September Meeting appointments for the municipal and county openings will be made. Although this is an action item, it will be deferred for a future action item.

**Public Comments**

There were no comments or questions from the public via email or virtually.

IV. B. Financial Report

Leo Braslavsky-Soldi explained the Financial Report in detail. There were no questions.

*Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.B Financial Report. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Councilmembers virtually present.*

**V. Discussion Items**

A. Executive Director’s Report

Mrs. Cosio Carballo announced that the legislation regarding meeting quorum was passed explaining that once regular meetings can begin, the Council will require less of a physical quorum for meeting purposes. She stated that the SFRPC has been awarded \$5.3 million for the CARES Act Business Revolving Loan. This information will be shared with the Councilmembers and others. There will also be additional funding from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for economic development resources at the SFRPC. This funding will allow the Council to increase its staff with an Economic Development Recovery Coordinator who will work directly with the local governments and partners on the impacts of COVID-19.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren stated explained the Governor’s Orders regarding meeting protocol and the prospect of extending the virtual meetings. He will keep the Council posted with all updates.

- C. Councilmembers Report - None
- D. Ex-Officio Reports - None
- E. Florida Regional Councils Association - None

## VI. Program Reports and Activities

### A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer, announced the EDA approved the CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund for \$5.3 million with an additional 10 percent for administrative costs. This will help the businesses in South Florida who have been impacted by COVID-19. A marketing flyer will be shared with everyone. All businesses are welcome to apply but those that are essential businesses will be prioritized. Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked the Board and the counties for their support over the years. She stated this is a means of showing a return for your investment by bringing millions of dollars to help those small businesses in South Florida impacted by COVID-19.

### B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report – None

### C. Economic Development District

Previously discussed during the Executive Director’s Report.

### D. Council Highlights

Information only.

## III. Guest Presentations:

### **The Looming Eviction / Foreclosure Crisis**

Mr. Jeffrey M. Hearne, Esq., Director of Litigation at Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.  
Mr. Harold L. “Trey” Price, Executive Director, Florida Housing Finance Corporation

Vice Chair Geller introduced Mr. Hearne and gave a review of his educational and professional background. Mr. Hearne explained the eviction process and the size of the problem, what may happen in the courts once the moratorium is lifted, and the options that are available for the rental assistance programs. Through his presentation, detailed information on rental assistance policies, eviction process and timeline, foreclosure increase and timeline, legal services, and the moratoriums were provided.

Mr. Hearn’s presentation can be located at the following link:

<http://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/SFRPC-Presentation.pdf>

Vice Chair Geller introduced Mr. Price and gave a brief description of his educational and professional background. Mr. Price gave an overview of the Florida Housing’s Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) that will be distributed to qualified city and county governments to be used to assist impacted homeowners and rental households. The funding will be administered locally by the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) jurisdictions through a sub agreement with Florida Housing and will carry some processing and restrictions. The assistance will help eligible households with rent or mortgage payments, emergency home repairs as well as other relevant uses that the local government determines as needed for its impacted families.

Mr. Price's documents can be located at the following links:

[http://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1-Trey-Price\\_Florida-Housing-Finance-Corporation\\_Strategy-2-Speaking-Points-for-Local-Officials-and-Administrators-w-name-address.pdf](http://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1-Trey-Price_Florida-Housing-Finance-Corporation_Strategy-2-Speaking-Points-for-Local-Officials-and-Administrators-w-name-address.pdf)

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Ralph Stone, Director of Housing and Finance and Community Redevelopment of the Broward County, stated that the County's Human Services Division, along with other departments' CARES Act funding is administering senior meals and rental assistance.

Vice Chair Geller was pleased that the rental assistance payments would be going directly to the landlords. His other concern is the quick disbursement of the additional federal funding. The topic of affordability of Homeowners, Flood, Windstorm Insurances, and taxes being raised was discussed and that these entities should be part of the solution; there should not be any tax or insurance increases. The banking industry should also be involved in helping their customers' needs. There was discussion on which municipalities had SHIP entitlement and how much the counties will be receiving, availability for legal aid, State Statutes and evictions, increase in homelessness (due to evictions) and possible funding and resources, extending the eviction moratorium, rental vacation homes, etc. It was suggested that this information be shared with the municipalities and counties. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated the information would be shared.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Vice Chair Geller thanked everyone for their participation.

## **VII. Announcements and Attachments**

- A. Attendance Form  
Information only
- B. Correspondence and Articles  
Information only
- C. Upcoming Meetings
  - 1) August – TBD - No Meeting (Summer Recess)
  - 2) September 21, 2020, 10:30 a.m., TBD - (SFRPC, Hollywood)
  - 3) October 16, 2020, 10:00 a.m., TBD – (TCRPC/SFRPC Joint Meeting)

Vice Chair Geller thought that today's meeting was helpful, timely, and important. He suggested that if any Councilmember has a topic that is important for future meetings, please forward them to Mrs. Cosio Carballo. Mrs. Cosio Carballo reminded the Council that the Executive Director and Legal Counsel Annual Review will be in September, along with the adoption of the new Fiscal Year Budget. She asked for the Councilmember's thoughts for a Joint Meeting on October 16, 2020. Vice Chair Geller suggested a subcommittee meet to review the Annual Contracts of the Executive Director and Legal Counsel.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

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Beam Furr, Secretary

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Date

## SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

September 16, 2020

The South Florida Regional Planning Council's Annual Review Committee met virtually on this date. Chair Levine Cava welcomed everyone. Chair Levine Cava called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Daniella Levine Cava  
Councilmember Steve Geller  
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman  
Councilmember Greg Ross

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

Chair Levine Cava stated she has been on the Board for about five years and stated that Mrs. Cosio Carballo has led the SFRPC through some incredible changes, and we are still going through many challenges. Mr. Goren explained the history, reasoning, and rules for the Annual Review Meeting. The recommendations today are final, subject to ratification by the full Board during the next Council Meeting. We are in the GoToMeeting platform in which the public has right of access to and the right to comment.

Chair Levine Cava asked if there were any members of the public on the forum and there were none.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated for the record that this Meeting was properly advertised, all Board Members were invited to participate and sent the evaluation form. Today's recommendation and assessment will be taken to the Board to September 21, 2020 Council Meeting.

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

*Approval was carried by a unanimous vote by the Annual Review Committee virtually present.*

### **III. General Counsel Annual Review**

Mr. Goren gave a brief overview and his time with the Council, which began in 1982. He talked about the financial challenges, and the role and responsibilities the SFRPC has with the municipalities, county, and state agencies. He stated that the SFRPC is looked on with a great deal of respect. The recalibration of the financial situation between the Council and his firm was explained. His professional and personal involvement with the SFRPC transcends the economics and is more of a relationship and ethics. He explained his firm's responsibilities with the Council's programs. He welcomes the opportunity to continue this relationship. He stated that the passing of the legislation regarding virtual attendance took years to get passed and shows the significance of the RPC's meetings. Councilmember Geller stated that Mr. Goren has an amazing reputation and worked with the Council to help overcome the financial challenges that have faced the Council over the last few years by reducing his fees. Councilmember Geller approved his contract. Councilmember Ross agreed.

*Councilmember Geller moved to recommend approval of the contract for Legal Counsel. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Annual Review Committee virtually present.*

Chair Levine Cava added that she is grateful for Mr. Goren's clear, eloquent, straight forward, ethical guidance, and thanked him. Mr. Goren stated that it is a pleasure and honor to be the Council's lawyer. With no objections, Mr. Goren's contract was accepted. Mrs. Cosio Carballo clarified that the contract

is not on today's agenda but will be presented at the September 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting with the Committee's recommendation.

#### **IV. Executive Director Annual Review**

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that this year has been challenging and is thankful for the Board, Council staff, and especially Mr. Goren, who has always been there for her and the Council. She explained how a few years ago the Council almost closed. Fast forward to today, we are now adding more staff and have a long list of Council accomplishments. She was very excited to be working with this Council and Mr. Goren. Her goal is to leave the Council better than it was when she became the Executive Director and she thanks the Council and Mr. Goren for making that happen. She spoke on some of the new projects that are being proposed.

There was discussion/explanation on the Evaluation Form. Councilmember Kaufman stated that he filled out the form and gave Mrs. Cosio Carballo 5s across the board. He stated that she certainly represents the Council and exceeds expectations in every way and is professional at all times. Councilmember Geller stated that he also gives Mrs. Cosio Carballo 5s across the Board. It was agreed by all virtually present that Mrs. Cosio Carballo get 5s across the board. Chair Levine Cava stated that Mrs. Cosio Carballo is always, very proactive, practical and resolving the many issues that have confronted us, along with the fortitude and the vision to see a path forward and never giving up.

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve the Executive Director's Annual Review. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote by the Annual Review Committee virtually present.*

#### **V. Public Comment – None**

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

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