

## SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Minutes

August 8, 2016

The South Florida Regional Council met on this date at its corporate office at 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, FL 33021. Chair Asseff called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Councilmember Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

Chair Patricia Asseff  
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey (via phone)  
Councilmember Margaret Bates  
Councilmember Mark Bogen (absent)  
Councilmember Frank Caplan  
Councilmember Daniella Levine Cava  
Councilmember Tim Daubert  
Councilmember Beam Furr  
Councilmember Cary Goldberg  
Councilmember Nelson Hernandez (absent)  
Councilmember Martin Kiar (via phone)  
Councilmember George Neugent (absent)  
Councilmember David Rice (via phone)  
Councilmember Greg Ross  
Councilmember Xavier Suarez (via phone)  
Councilmember Paul Wallace  
Councilmember Sandra Walters  
Councilmember Jimmy Weekley

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

#### The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Steven Craig James, District Environmental Administrator was in attendance for Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI  
Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District  
The Honorable Roberto Martell, Mayor of the Town of Medley, representing the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

#### The following Ex-Officio Member was not present:

Jennifer Smith, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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

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

**III. Presentations** – Katrina Wright, Vice President, Community Development & Outreach, BankUnited. Chair Asseff introduced Ms. Wright and explained the history and relationship BankUnited has with the South Florida Regional Council.

Ms. Wright introduced Mr. Jerry Lintrento, Senior Executive Vice-President of Retail and Business Banking at BankUnited National Association, and Lisa Mooney, Senior Executive Vice-President of the Fort Lauderdale office and Grant Sales Leader. Mr. Lintrento appreciated the opportunity to help South Florida's small businesses grow, which is one of BankUnited initiatives. The creation of the CDFI fits nicely within BankUnited's strategic purpose. He introduced Lisa Mooney. She is a recent appointee to the Council's Revolving Loan Administration Board, and the Council's bank officer. She stated that BankUnited will be sending their clients to the SFRC for lending assistance. She is strategizing to increase the exposure of the Program. Chair Asseff stated that BankUnited is founding funding partner for the Urban League of Broward County CDFI fund. Councilmember Cava also acknowledged that BankUnited has a strong partnership with Catalyst Miami.

Mr. Lintrento, Ms. Mooney, and Ms. Wright presented the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc. (SFCDFI) with a Bank United check for \$7,500. Pictures were taken.

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

**A. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Councilmember Ross moved to approve the June 24<sup>th</sup> minutes. Councilmember Weekley seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

**B. Financial Report**

Councilmember Weekley moved to approve Agenda Item IV.B, Financial Report. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

**C. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report**

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report was carried by a unanimous vote.

**D. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews**

**Proposed**

- Monroe County 16-3ACSC
- Town of Cutler Bay 16-1ER
- City of Miami Beach 16-1ER
- City of Opa-locka 16-1ESR
- City of Parkland 16-3ESR

**Adopted**

- Monroe County 15-1ACSC
- Monroe County 15-5ACSC
- Monroe County 16-1ACSC
- Monroe County 16-2ACSC
- Town of Davie 15-5ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 15-5ACSC
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 16-3ACSC

- City of Lauderdale Lakes 15-1ESR
- City of Parkland 16-1ER
- City of Parkland 16-2ESR
- City of Sunny Isles Beach 16-2ER

Councilmember Bailey abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest regarding the cities of Lauderdale Lakes and Opa-locka.

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

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

E. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews – None

F. FY 2016-17 Membership Fees

Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo recapped the conversation from the July 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and presented the additional details that had been requested. Ms. Cosio Carballo reviewed the details of the Membership Fees, an overview of the SFRC activities, and areas of needed investment. Included in the staff report was a historical overview of Council staffing and areas of activity, information on the SFRC current activities and program areas, the state of the Council's technology infrastructure, and information about the funding structure of the state's ten regional planning councils. The sample membership fees excel sheet was reviewed in detail. She stated the places to invest Council resources would be in professional development, recruitment, and training of staff, data, and updating technology infrastructure. Ms. Cosio Carballo suggested the Council Board should come together to create a vision, strategy, and FY17–18 funding recommendations for the SFRC to grow in capacity and regional leadership. The Council staff recommendation is to maintain the current per capita rate of 17.5 cents for FY16–17.

Chair Asseff suggested the Councilmembers retain this handout for future discussion and have a workshop in January to prepare for the upcoming year.

Ms. Cosio Carballo introduced Deputy Director Manny Cela to explain the computer issues. Manny Cela of Council staff explained in detail the present computer system and its challenges. He is researching the various alternatives in maintaining, updating, and replacing the Council's computer system. He provided the Council with information related to the Council's current technology support team. There was discussion on the various options for upgrading the Council's technology infrastructure. Councilmember Walters reminded everyone that in the 80s the Council was ahead of other organizations in relation to technology. City and county entities came to the Council for technical assistance. Councilmember Cava stated that as we move forward, Miami-Dade County would like to integrate the Council in the work of economic development, climate change, and regional transportation. Mr. Cela explained the additions and

changes that were made to the conference room sound system. When the Council meetings are held offsite there is little control of the sound system. Mr. Cela is inquiring into the cost of a company to set up a sound system or purchase a system for use outside of the office.

Councilmember Suarez stated, for the record, that he doesn't envision Miami-Dade County supporting an increase in the Membership Fees and would like it if the "pennies" were translated into percentages.

Councilmember Wallace stated that the SFRC could be the guiding and mediating force for the region. Money follows the mission. The Council should go to the influential parties in each entity and ask what can the Council do for you? What do you need? How can the Council give you support?

Councilmembers suggested using "Go to Meeting" Video Conferencing, webcams, and microphones. These are technologies that can be deployed especially when having presentations featuring guest speakers.

Councilmember Furr stated that the Council should be the location to go for resources, and be the database for economic development and other issue areas. He suggested that the Council should survey the cities and counties on what the Council can provide them with regarding their needs.

Ms. Cosio Carballo advised the Board that the Conference room is not solely the Council's. It is a shared meeting space for the Venture Corporate Center. This needs to be considered when investing in conference room technology. Councilmember Bailey offered the Becker and Poliakoff conference rooms at their Fort Lauderdale and Coral Gables offices. He stated that the offices are equipped with teleconferencing.

Ms. Cosio Carballo expressed gratitude for the day's discussion, the focus on technology and the Council's needs. She stated that investment in staff is critical. The Council can move forward and contract with entities on various levels but additional staff is needed to execute the new contracts. Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that she is looking forward to working with the Councilmembers to move forward. Councilmember Furr suggested employee sharing and explained this in detail. Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that all options should be considered.

Councilmember Ross moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F, FY 2016-17 Membership Fees to maintain the existing per capita rate of 17.5 cents. Councilmember Weekley seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

G. Resolution Urging the Florida Public Service Commission to Deny Florida Power & Light the Ability to Recover Costs for Remediating Environmental Impacts from the Turkey Point Power Plant at Additional Cost to Ratepayers

Councilmember Cava informed the Council about the Resolution she brought to the Miami-Dade County Commission, which was adopted in June. Ms. Cosio Carballo explained in detail the course FPL has to take to change the rate for their customers and the purpose of the Resolution.

Councilmember Cava moved to approve Agenda Item IV.G, Resolution Urging the Florida Public Service Commission to Deny Florida Power & Light the Ability to Recover Costs for Remediating Environmental Impacts from the Turkey Point Power Plant at Additional Cost to Ratepayers. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote. Councilmember Bailey abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that a copy of the Resolution will be sent to the Public Service Commission (PSC) as well as the media, and the Broward and Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation. There was discussion regarding awareness of the cooling canals. Ms. Cosio Carballo explained the challenges, consent order, and the process of the PSC. Councilmember Cava explained the cooling canal system (the only one in the world) and the solution of using cooling towers. Councilmember Cava explained the Environmental Protection Agency's involvement in the cooling canals/cooling towers. Councilmember Cava is working with the County on Plan B in case the cooling towers are not approved. Councilmember Cava stated she would keep the Council updated.

Chair Asseff altered the Agenda to review next - VII. Announcements and Attachments, B. Upcoming Meetings.

Chair Asseff suggested that the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting in Key Largo be moved to November 14<sup>th</sup> because the original date is the day prior to the national election. Councilmember Wallace stated for the record that the Council meetings should be represented in all three counties. Councilmember Cava suggested the City of Homestead's City Hall and offered to assist with the accommodations.

There was discussion on location changes for future meetings.

Councilmember Caplan moved to approve the Executive Director to explore other venues for future Council meetings. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

## **V. Discussion Items**

### **A. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Cosio Carballo spoke with the Public Service Commission Executive Director Braulio Baez. Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that the PSC terms are regularly ending and there is a process that needs to be followed in selecting new representatives. She stated there will be an opportunity to fill a vacancy with a South Florida representative in the future.

Ms. Cosio Carballo opened the floor for discussion on the Councilmembers' insight on planning a Strategic Planning Session(s) regarding time and place. It was noted that the session(s) will require and investment of the Councilmembers time. There will be information provided from the previous SFRPC Strategic Planning Session that took place a few years ago. Suggestions were made regarding a professional moderator/facilitator. One recommendation was to have the sessions in the morning with lunch and end by 2 pm, possibly two days. A proper inspirational setting would be an advantage. There was general discussion related to possible locations, preparations, and duration of an upcoming strategic session. Councilmember Daubert stated

the final plan could be taken to the counties to show them what the Council is about and its future plans. Councilmember Wallace suggested the Council concentrate on what can the Council do for their constituents. Commissioner Cava offered to contribute resources to help pay for a facilitator. Chair Asseff offered to assist as well.

Ms. Cosio Carballo informed the Councilmembers on the upcoming update of the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). More information will be provided at a later date.

There was discussion on the upcoming Broward County infrastructure/transportation tax referendum, transit orient development (TOD), cost information and location of train stations, and electric vehicle stations. The Council should be the place to come to for information and research regarding transit-oriented development.

Ms. Cosio Carballo introduced Vincent Edwards, a Florida Atlantic University student with expertise in data and geospatial analysis. He is an important member of the Council team and is assisting with data and geospatial analysis.

**B. Legal Counsel Report**

Mr. Goren stated there were no litigations to report. The Request for Proposal for the Audit is in process and there will more information next week.

Ms. Cosio Carballo announced there will be a Florida League of Cities Conference August 18 - 20, 2016. Chair Asseff will be the moderator in the Resilient Redesign Session the afternoon of August 19th. The session will feature Dr. Keren Bolter, Policy and Geospatial Analyst, and member of the Council staff; Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Director of Broward County's Division of Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division; and Susanne Torriente, Chief Resiliency Officer and Assistant City Manager in Miami Beach.

Councilmember Wallace announced that this will be his last Council Meeting. Now that he is retired he and his wife will be moving to Clearwater, Florida. Councilmembers congratulated and thanked him for his service on the Board.

**VI. Program Reports and Activities**

**A. Revolving Loan Fund Reports**

1) SFRC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

**B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report**

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

**A. Correspondence and Attendance Form**

**B. Upcoming Meetings**

Reviewed earlier in the Agenda.

1) September 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (FDOT, Miami)

2) October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (SFRC Offices, Hollywood)

3) November 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (Murray E. Nelson Government Center, Key Largo)

**VIII. Councilmember Comments - none**

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the August 8, 2016 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Greg Ross, Secretary

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Date