

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

February 26, 2018

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met on this date at its corporate office at 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, FL 33021. Chair Caplan called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

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

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

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

The following Ex-Officio Member was absent:

Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District
Jennifer Smith, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The SFRPC Meeting continued as an Executive Committee due to a lack of a quorum.

There was a moment of silence for those affected at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

II. Approval of Council Agenda

Chair Caplan requested altering the Agenda by updating the Councilmembers on the SFRPC's current lease options first.

Councilmember Udine moved to approve the modified Council Agenda. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, summarized the lease discussion during the February 13, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. He explained the various options that were available to the SFRPC. The result of the February 13th meeting, is authorization for the Council to notify the landlord of its intent to vacate the premises after conclusion of its existing lease on February 28, 2018, and request a month-to-month lease extension until June 2018. The Council has been at the 3440 Hollywood Boulevard location for 35 years. A temporary and a permanent space are being negotiated at Oakwood Plaza, located east of I-95 between Sheridan Street and Stirling Road. Mr. Goren gave details on the timeline of the Oakwood Boulevard lease agreement negotiations regarding the new office spaces, the financial differences between the current and new lease, space, etc. He thanked Chair Caplan, Councilmember Goldberg and Council professional staff for their efforts in the lease review and finalization process.

Manny Cela of Council staff explained in detail the dimensions and financial savings of the temporary and the build-out office spaces. Council staff will be in the temporary office, which is very compact and available, while a larger space is being built-out. He explained the financing and lease contracts for both locations at Oakwood Plaza. Ms. Cosio Carballo stated an RFP for Architectural / Engineering Services has been issued.

Ms. Cosio Carballo informed Councilmembers that some of the Broward-based Council Meetings may be held at the Hollywood Library or local hotels until such time that the permanent office with conference room is complete.

III. Presentation – None

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councilmember Udine moved to approve the January 22, 2018, and the February 13, 2018, minutes. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

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

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Broward County 18-1ESR
- City of West Park 18-1ESR
- City of Homestead 17-1ESR
- Miami Shores Village 18-1ER
- Town of Medley 18-1ESR

Adopted

- Broward County 17-6ESR
- Miami-Dade County 17-3ESR
- Monroe County 17-2ACSC
- Town of Cutler Bay 17-1ESR

Public Comments - None

Councilmember Bailey recused himself from voting on the Miami-Dade County, 17-3ESR and the City of West Park, 18-1ESR amendments due to a conflict of interest.

Councilmember Walters moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews adopted and proposed, Miami-Dade County, 17-3ESR, and the City of West Park, 18-1ESR. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Walters moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C, Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews of all the Plan Amendments *except* for Miami-Dade County, 17-3ESR, and the City of West Park, 18-1ESR. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote with one abstention.

Public Comments - None

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None

Councilmember Cava requested that Agenda Item VI.C. Volkswagen Settlement Update be moved up on the Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

E. Coral Reef Conservation Program Initiative

Ms. Cosio Carballo updated the Council Members on the October 20, 2017 Joint Meeting with the SFRPC and the TCRPC where Resolution TCSF #17-01 related to the Florida Reef Tract was adopted. The Resolution was attached and explained in detail. A summary of the Council's actions and initiatives were included as part of the report.

F. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Request for Comment: 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Chair Caplan recapped the discussion from the January 22, 2108 Council Meeting during which the Council expressed that it did not feel that there is sufficient information available to assert opposition to offshore gas exploration for domestic energy production. The original comment letter has been revised for consideration of the Council. Chair Caplan reviewed the content of the letter. There was discussion on a National Energy Policy (NEP). He stated that this particular draft, probably the 10th draft, summarizes the Council's previous conversation and questions and underscores the importance of working with local and state partners as policies are developed. Councilmember Asseff made comments on the NEP with regards to the Clean Cities Coalition in assisting with policy issues. Chair Caplan reminded the Councilmembers that this letter does not have a strong opinion due to the interests of some of the Councilmembers.

Councilmember Walters moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Request for Comment: 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Oil and Gas Leasing Program. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Bailey requested a vote to support the transmittal of this letter. The results were seven (7) Yes (Councilmembers Asseff, Bates, Cava, Daubert, Ross, Walters, and Chair Caplan) and

two (2) No (Councilmembers Bailey and Goldberg). Chair Caplan stated the letter will be circulated once finalized.

VI. Program Reports and Activities

B. Volkswagen – Settlement Update

Councilmember Levine Cava updated the Council that she met with the Miami-Dade County's Office of Resilience. Their discussion was regarding the Volkswagen settlement. She will be presenting a Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County to support maximizing the use of the settlement funds for EV Charging infrastructure and EV busses. She informed the Council that Mayor Gimenez is working on an agreement with FPL on the reuse water situation. He also wants to provide access to FPL to do EV Charging stations, which is contrary to a more open and competitive process. Councilmember Levine Cava stated that she will be following up to ensure that the county has the EV charging stations procured through a competitive process.

Natalia Neira, Regional Planner and Coordinator of the SE Florida Clean Cities Coalition, summarized the developments on the Volkswagen administered section of the settlement impacting South Florida. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the National Zero Emission Vehicle Investment Plan to allocate \$2 billion over a period of 10 years divided in four 30-month cycles. Volkswagen selected Electrify America to manage these funds, in which South Florida was awarded under the first cycle. Ms. Neira explained in detail the various ways the funds will be invested. Two or three of the of the supercharging stations will be located in South Florida.

In November, Governor Scott enrolled Florida as a beneficiary in November 2017 to pursue funds from the Environmental Mitigation Trust portion of the VW Settlement and selected DEP as the funding administering agency for the state. The national trustee is Wilmington Trust, N.A. who will manage the trust for the beneficiaries. Florida's updated allocation is approximately \$166 million. Ms. Neira explained how the funds will be used, the role of the Clean Cities Coalition's stakeholders, and her position during the progression. FPL's role was also explained. The Council will be updated throughout the process.

Councilmember Asseff is the Chair of the Clean Cities Coalition.

The Executive Director suggested that Agenda Item VI.E to be reviewed next. It was unanimously agreed upon.

VI. Program Reports and Activities

E. South Miami-Dade County Economic Development Strategy

Ms. Cosio Carballo introduced Alyssa Wood of Council staff and summarized Ms. Wood's past and present education, work interests, and positions.

Ms. Wood informed the Council on the South Miami-Dade Economic Development Strategy Update that includes Miami-Dade County Commissioners Cava and Moss, and county staff. Council staff is assisting in a proposal that will be submitted to the Economic Development Administration for funds to support economic development planning and implementation efforts in South Miami-Dade County. Ms. Wood announced the various activities and meetings the SFRPC staff has participated in and the next steps for the project.

Ms. Cosio Carballo informed the Council that the SFRPC is an Economic Development District designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce, and that the EDA and the SFRPC are working on a number of initiatives together.

Councilmember Asseff mentioned that at the latest Southeast Community Development Fund, Inc. meeting, Jim Carras informed the Board of an Opportunity Zones Program through the Federal Government. She explained the basics and suggested this should be looked into further. Ms. Cosio Carballo stated that the Governor will be selecting a subset of economically distressed census tracts and that there are specific criteria.

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Cosio Carballo welcomed back Councilmembers Asseff, Bailey, and Walters who have been reappointed to the SFRPC. There was discussion on quorum management, attendance, outside speakers/presentations, and promoting SFRPC Programs at the Council Meetings. Councilmember Bailey offered his company's office location for a Council Meeting if needed. It was suggested that the Council meet every other month with a longer meeting.

Discussion ensued on the delivery method (mailing or emailing) of the SFRPC Council Packet. Councilmembers Walters and Bailey would like to receive a hard copy.

Chair Caplan explained the motion for the Councilmembers to opt to receive a hard copy of the Agenda by mail or by electronic transmission (in which each Councilmember will print if needed), with the understanding that hard copies will be at the table the day of Council Meeting. Councilmember Ross made the motion, Councilmember Bates seconded motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Legal Counsel Report - none

C. Ex Officio Reports - none

VI. Program Reports and Activities

A. Revolving Loan Fund Reports

2) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Councilmember Bailey is concerned that 16 of the 27 accounts are not current. He would like a breakout of the Council's expenses from the previous years.

3) 5-Year EDA Revolving Loan Fund Summary

B. Development of Regional Impact Status Review Report - None

C. Volkswagen – Settlement Update

Reviewed earlier in the Agenda

D. Update on Regional Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Initiatives

Christina Miskis of Council staff explained the SFRPC, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's (SFRTA) involvement with the SFRTA's Transit Oriented Development (TOD). She explained the history, strategies, past and future meetings, and the update of the TOD Outreach Program. It was suggested that the March 27, 2018 SFRTA Regional Debrief Meeting be distributed to all the cities involved in the TOD along

the South Florida Rail Corridor. The SFRPC is participating in the Miami-Dade Smart Plan Transit Corridors Charette process and is also involved with the North Corridor and the Miami Beach Northeast Corridor Steering Committees. Councilmember Asseff requested information regarding the accidents involving the Miami's Brightline.

- E. South Miami-Dade County Economic Development Strategy
Reviewed earlier in the Agenda

VII. Announcements and Attachments

- A. Attendance Form
- B. Correspondence and Articles
- C. Upcoming Meetings
 - 1) February 26, 2018 10:30 a.m. (cancelled)
 - 2) April 23, 2018 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC Office, Hollywood)
 - 3) May 21, 2018, 10:30 a.m. (Murray E. Nelson Government Center)

VIII. Councilmember Comments

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 a.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 February 26, 2018 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 21st day of May 2018.

Mario J. Bailey, Secretary

Date