

## SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

January 27, 2020

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met on this date at the Council Office located at One Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said previously before the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute Meeting.

Councilmember Patricia Asseff (absent)  
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey (absent)  
Councilmember Margaret Bates (via phone)  
Councilmember Daniella Levine Cava  
Councilmember Michelle Coldiron  
Councilmember Joseph Corradino (absent)  
Councilmember José (Pepe) Diaz (absent)  
Councilmember Beam Furr  
Councilmember Steve Geller  
Councilmember Cary Goldberg  
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman  
Councilmember Jordan Leonard (via phone)  
Councilmember Jean Monestime (absent)  
Councilmember David Rice (absent)  
Chair Greg Ross  
Councilmember Michael Udine (absent)  
Councilmember Sandra Walters

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

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Jason Andreotta, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District

Shereen Yee Fong for Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

The meeting was conducted as an expanded Executive Committee Meeting.

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

*Approval carried by a unanimous consent.*

### **III. Presentations - None**

### **IV. Action Items**

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

*Councilmember Kaufman moved to approve the Minutes. Councilmember Geller seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

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

*Councilmember Walters moved to approve Financial Report. Councilmember Goldberg seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Broward County 19-8ESR
- Broward County 19-10ESR
- Town of Cutler Bay 19-1ESR
- City of Marathon 19-4ACSC
- City of Marathon 20-01ACSC

Adopted

- Broward County 19-5ESR
- Broward County 19-6ESR
- Broward County 19-9ESR
- Miami-Dade County 19-2ESR
- Miami-Dade County 19-3ESR
- Miami-Dade County 19-4ESR
- Monroe County 19-3ACSC
- Monroe County 19-4ACSC
- Monroe County 19-5ACSC
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 19-2ACSC
- City of Miami 19-3ESR
- City of Miami Beach 19-2ESR
- City of Miami Beach 19-3ER
- City of North Miami 19-2ESR
- City of Plantation 19-1CIE
- City of Pompano Beach 19-1ESR
- City of Sunny Isles Beach 19-1ESR

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

Public Hearing – None

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None

E. Nominating Committee Report/Election of Officers

Chair Ross announced that the Nominating Committee, consisted of Councilmember Goldberg, Secretary Kaufman, Councilmember Leonard, and Chair Ross selected Councilmember Furr to Secretary of the SFRPC Executive Committee. Councilmember Furr accepted this nomination.

*Councilmember Leonard moved to approve Agenda Item IV.E, Nominating Committee Report/Election of Officers. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

The 2020 Executive Committee is comprised of:

Chair: Daniella Levine Cava

First Vice-Chair: Steve Geller

Second Vice-Chair: Mario Bailey

Treasurer: Samuel Kaufman  
Secretary: Beam Furr  
Immediate Past President: Greg Ross

*Councilmember Coldiron moved to approve the 2020 SFRPC Executive Committee. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

F. Statement of Organization Review Committee

Chair Ross, Councilmember Coldiron, Second Vice Chair Geller and Councilmember Leonard reviewed the Statement of Organization along with Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Legal Counsel, Jacob Horowitz. Chair Ross explained the review process and the Committee's decision for another meeting to discuss the term limits.

Councilmember Geller requested another modification: for Legal Counsel to add language to include updating future address changes.

Chair Ross asked the Councilmembers to review the Statement of Organization and submit any comments.

There was discussion on balancing the term limits. Councilmember Geller explained the county and municipality term limits, as well as the new language that will extend the Council's term limits. It was clarified that the Gubernatorial Appointees would serve on the Council until replaced. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that one of the challenges is that the municipality / county appointments vary, and the Council's term limits should be specified and possibly staggered.

G. SFRPC Personnel Policy Update

Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained in detail the changes to the SFRPC Personnel Policy. Some of those changes referred to Administrative resignation notice, Columbus Day to be added as a recognized Federal Holiday, family leave, etc.

*Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item IV.G, SFRPC Personnel Policy Update. Councilmember Walters seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.*

**V. Discussion Items**

A. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Isabel Cosio Carballo reiterated that the Council is working on updating various SFRPC documents. She welcomed Mark Cassidy, who recently joined Council staff. He worked previously at East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. It was announced that the Monroe County Post Disaster Recovery Strategy has been updated. She thanked Senator Flores and Representative Geller for sponsoring the legislation regarding the Councils' attendance requirements. This detail would then be included in the Statement of Organization.

Manny Cela, Council staff, gave an update on the Conference Room technology concerning the sound amplification and video conferencing. He mentioned the quotes (\$40K - \$66K) received from various AV companies that replied to the Request for Information. Since the proposals exceed this year's funding that was set aside for the Conference Room, the Council may have to take various steps for completion.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated this will be an important year for the Council in regard to support and relationships with local governments. One of the important topics for discussion would be water infrastructure on a local level, which would involve regional convening and regional meetings. She recognized Mark Smith, Clean Cities Coordinator, through his hard work and leadership, the contract with the Department of Energy's Clean Cities Coalition has doubled this year's funding from \$42,500 to \$90,000. The Economic Development Administration upgraded the Revolving Loan Fund Program's risk rating from a C to a B. She thanked Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer; Rene Gonzalez, Director of Finance & Budget; and Joyce Hall, Finance Specialist, for their hard work to improve program performance. The Councilmembers were reminded that there is funding available in the RLF Program and the Southeast Community Development Fund, Inc. Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked the Council for their support.

Councilmember Levine Cava thanked Mrs. Isabel Cosio for her leadership on the South Dade Economic Development Strategy.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Jacob Horowitz representing Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, passed along Mr. Goren's best wishes. He had nothing to report.

C. Councilmembers Report

Councilmember Walters attended a water quality conference at Florida Gulf Coast University and proceeded to update the Councilmembers about the discussions that took place regarding the Caloosahatchee River and other water basins. She thought this information would complement previous presentations held at the SFRPC.

Councilmember Geller, who is Chair of the County's Water Advisory Board, updated the Councilmembers about the C-51 water capacity. Discussion ensued on the Caloosahatchee River, the various reservoirs, storm water, municipalities pursuing their own water strategies, how the SFRPC can interface with the municipalities, Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual (LOSOM), updated changes to the new environmental protection directives, Advanced Water Technology, deep water injection, etc.

Councilmember Levine Cava was reappointed to the Florida Association of Counties Water Task Board. She attended the Everglades Coalition Meeting and was presented with the Public Service Award. The Miami-Dade County's Community Development Master Plan was updated to include greater protection of agriculture, identify areas for future development, and enhanced environmental protection in the county. She updated the Council on FPL's proposed agreement with Miami-Dade County regarding the reuse of water, ocean outfall, cooling towers and canals, etc.

Councilmember Kaufman inquired if the Lower Keys/Monroe County are part of the freshwater quality discussion in Miami-Dade County, and if not, how does Monroe County become part of the conversation. Councilmember Levine Cava stated that Monroe County should be part of the discussion and will check to make sure that Monroe County is included.

Ms. Corry, SFWMD Representative, explained the coordination of the water supply plans throughout the 16 counties. Water supply is a huge concern to the SFWMD. The Everglades will

be receiving an additional \$200 million from the Federal Government. Both new and older projects will be continuing in support of the Everglades.

Discussion commenced on the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), explanation of the organization, and the SFRPC's past involvement. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated there are opportunities for the Council to become more engaged.

Councilmember Coldiron stated Monroe County has started a Transportation Council headed by Councilmember Rice. Invited to these meetings are Key West Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, and FDOT. Even though the Keys transportation issues are unique, it is important to coordinate with the other counties to share ideas. Councilmember Coldiron will be attending the Florida Association of Counties in Tallahassee; she sits on the Growth Agricultural Transportation and Environment Committee (GATE). Information was shared on the dates for Florida Keys Days, and Dade Days. (Staff Note: Council staff participates in the Transportation Council meetings.)

D. FRCA Policy Board Meeting Update

Councilmember Walters, President of the FRCA Policy Board, supplied the Council with information she shared at the Policy Board Meeting. There were speakers from the business perspective, state lands perspective, and how the Councils can be a part of developing resilience. She read an excerpt from her speech which was part of the Agenda. She encouraged the Councilmembers to become involved with their FRCA representatives.

Councilmember Levine Cava explained the Invading Seas Editorials, which are guest editorials (she contributed one) that relate to climate change, water protection, sea level rise, etc. This collaboration of 26 Florida news organizations – 25 daily newspapers and WLRN Public Media, features editorials and opinion pieces by the media partners, scientists, academics, activists and citizens interested in Florida and the threats posed by climate change.

E. Ex-Officio Reports

Shereen Yee Fong, FDOT, VI Representative, invited the Councilmembers and other agencies to attend the Florida Planning Exchange/TransPlex 2020 Conference in Orlando, April 20-22, 2020, it is free. This is the website: <https://www.fdot.gov/planning/policy/default.shtm>.

Ms. Corry announced that the Governing Board Meeting and Workshop will be Friday and Saturday with the new SFWMD Governing Board. Councilmember Levine Cava was excited to see the entire Governing Board at the Everglades Coalition Meeting. Councilmember Levine Cava commented that it was a new day with participation and transparency, which is inspiring.

Jason Andreotta, FDEP Representative, updated the Councilmembers on the series of water main ruptures in Fort Lauderdale and the sewage that went into local surface waters, which is unprecedented. He stated that this will probably be a very water heavy legislative session. He gave an update on two bills. CS/SB 712, Water Quality Improvements Bill (the Governor's legislation), includes the blue-green algae problems, along with some language requiring any discharges into the Indian River Lagoon to be treated with Advance Wastewater Treatment (AWT). Senator Debbie Mayfield is a sponsor. This is the first of its kind. The second Bill being drafted is CS/SB 1450, sponsored by Senator Joe Gruters to increase penalties for environmental violation (50% increase). This is the first time in decades the Department has increased the penalties. He then went into detail on the penalty cost.

Councilmember Geller reiterated that the Council should be doing more regional convening on multiple topics. He suggested having three large meetings over the next two years. Water would be one topic of discussion; it has too many elements. The first discussion should be about water specified toward municipalities maintenance and replacing of water/sewer lines. How can local governments, with their 50-75-year-old water/sewer pipes maintain them and/or pay for replacing them. Other topics of discussion would be about affordable housing, and economic development. At Broward Days, the incoming Speaker of the House stated this issue is not regarded as a state issue, it would have to be paid for locally. He proposed this item be added to the Joint Meeting Agenda to include Palm Beach County in the discussion.

Councilmember Walters stated that wastewater spills occur everywhere. The critical aspect of this infrastructure is the fact that there are geographic information systems and computer capabilities available to identify and maintain the systems, along with inspections. Maintenance is the critical aspect.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo asked Mr. Andreotta if the legislation included funding mechanisms for local governments. Mr. Andreotta stated that within this legislation, he did not see anything about funding at this time. It appears to him they want to see how big the problem is first. There are provisions in the legislation that utilities will have to do studies on their infiltration inflow problem – how leaky their pipes are. Right now, the DEP can't make anyone do a study on their pipes. In the past, a large spill would have to occur and create violations before anything can be enforced. He explained the history of the Fort Lauderdale spills (2013, 2014, 2015) in which they were brought in (2016) under a consent form, fined, and that they would have to map and assess their system with an asset management plan to prioritize the problems. With this legislation, they would probably have the utilities do everything upfront so we know how big the problem is and maybe the funding will come next.

## **VI. Program Reports and Activities**

### **A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report**

Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer, announced that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has updated the SFRPC Loan Program from a "C" to a "B". He explained the specifics on a conversation that took place with EDA to raise additional funds. Mr. Tart stated that the SFRPC has been nominated for the 2020 Community Partner of the Year by the Small Business Administration. Appreciation letters from some of the RLF customers are attached to the Agenda for the Councilmember's information. He mentioned the affordable housing curriculum with the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund. Broward County's Housing Finance Authority approved funding to help build 10 affordable homes/workforce housing with the Lauderhill CRA. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated they had a very good conversation with Palm Beach County and Tom Lanahan, TCRPC Executive Director, to raise matching funds to create an opportunity for a lending program with their funds. This was explained in detail.

### **B. Development of Regional Impact Status Report - None**

### **C. SFRPC / TCRPC Draft Joint Meeting Agenda – April 24, 2020**

Chair Ross asked the Councilmembers to share their ideas for Agenda topics for the upcoming Joint Meeting.

Chair Ross stated that it was his honor to pass the gavel to incoming Chair, Daniella Levine Cava. Chair Levine Cava thanked Immediate Past Chair Ross. Immediate Past Chair Ross was given a small token of appreciation and he thanked the Council.

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

- A. Attendance Form
- B. Correspondence and Articles
- C. Upcoming Meetings
  - 1) February 24, 2020, 10:30 a.m. – (SFRPC, Hollywood)
  - 2) March 23, 2020, 10:30 a.m. – (Miami-Dade County)
  - 3) April 24, 2020, 10:30 a.m. – (SFRPC/TCRPC Joint Meeting)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 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 January 27, 2020 Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

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Beam Furr, Secretary

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Date