

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

JUNE 28, 2021

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in-person on this date at the Miami-Dade County Commission Chambers, 111 NW 1st Street, 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33128. Chair Bailey called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. and reviewed the meeting procedures. Chair Bailey requested a moment of silence in honor of the victims and families in the Town of Surfside. He thanked Senator René García, represented by Chief of Staff Iraida Mendez-Cartaya; Chair José “Pepe” Díaz represented by Special Projects Administrator Yendi Valdez; and Miami-Dade County for hosting the SFRPC Meeting and their support. Chair Bailey asked Councilmember Ziade to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that the Miami-Dade County Councilmembers, Commissioners, Mayor Levine Cava, and others were not present today due to the tragedy at the Town of Surfside.

Chair Mario J. Bailey (present)
Councilmember Michelle Coldiron **
Councilmember Joseph Corradino (present)
Councilmember Beam Furr (present)
Councilmember René Garcia **
Councilmember Steve Geller **
Councilmember Oliver Gilbert, III **
Councilmember Cary Goldberg **
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman *
Councilmember Jordan Leonard (present)
Councilmember Eddie Martínez **
Councilmember Jean Monestime **
Councilmember Greg Ross *
Councilmember Michael Udine *
Councilmember Ana M. Ziade (present)

* Virtually Present
** Absent

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

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

Jon Moore representing Jason Andreotta, from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Dat Huynh representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

The following Ex-Officio Member was absent:

Lorraine Mayers, representing the South Florida Water Management District.

II. Approval of Council Agenda

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

Welcome

- The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor

Chair Bailey introduced Sean McCrackine, Director of Policy, representing Mayor Levine Cava. Mr. McCrackine welcomed everyone to Miami-Dade County. He stated that the Mayor wishes the SFRPC a great meeting and appreciated the Council's support to her personally and for the families of Surfside.

- The Honorable José "Pepe" Díaz, Chair, Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

Chair Bailey summarized Chair Díaz's time on the SFRPC Council. Ms. Valdez accepted the award on Chair Díaz's behalf.

Chairman's Award

- SFRPC Recognition of Jared Moskowitz
Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management
January 2019 - June 2021

Mr. Moskowitz sends his appreciation for the SFRPC Award and regrets at not being able to attend today's meeting. He is assisting in Surfside. Chair Bailey suggested this award be presented at another time.

Chair Bailey suggested the presentations take place later in the meeting and continue with Agenda Item IV. Action Items.

III. Presentations

Audit Presentation FY 19-20 (Agenda Item IV.E)

- Tanya I. Davis, CPA, Partner – S. Davis & Associates

Update on the Status of the Region's Ocean Outfalls & Next Steps; Infrastructure Funding Update (Time Certain: TBD)

- Roy Coley, MBA, Director, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department
- Kevin Carter, MS, Assistant to the Director, Broward County Water and Wastewater Services
- Vivek Galav, P.E., Director, City of Hollywood Public Utilities

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councilmember Furr moved to approve the Previous Minutes. Councilmember Ziade seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

Finance Manager, Leo Braslavsky Soldi explained the Financial Report in detail.

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

Public Comments

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

Mr. Goren read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed and Adopted.

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Miami-Dade County 21-01ESR
- Monroe County 21-04ACSC
- City of Coral Springs 21-01ER
- City of Hialeah 21-01ESR
- City of Marathon 21-02ACSC

Public Comments

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

Councilmember Leonard moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed. Councilmember Furr seconded the motion. Roll was called and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Adopted

- Broward County 21-02ESR
- Monroe County 21-01ACSC
- City of Coral Springs 20-01ESR
- City of Marathon 21-01ACSC

Public Comment

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

Councilmember Furr moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Adopted. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion. Roll was called and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Bailey requested a modification of the Council Agenda by moving ahead to Agenda Item IV.F Amendment of Audit Committee / Draft RFP.

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None

E. Audit Presentation FY 19-20

F. Amendment of Audit Committee / Draft RFP

Mr. Goren, Legal Counsel, reminded the Councilmembers that the Audit Committee was chosen at the May Council Meeting. He stated that it has become a challenge to have a physical quorum and suggested that an additional member be appointed to the Audit Committee to facilitate the achievement of a

quorum. The Audit Committee consists of Councilmember Coldiron, García, Martinez, Udine, and Ziade. Councilmember Furr was added, and temporary appointments can be made if needed.

Councilmember Ziade moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F Amendment of Audit Committee. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. Mr. Goren stated that the motion includes any other member that would be available in the absence of a Committee Member to have a quorum.

Public Comment

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

Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Mr. Goren explained the updated Request for Proposals in securing audit services for the next five years.

Councilmember Furr moved to approve Agenda Item IV.F Draft RFP. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

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

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated the process will be begin before the next audit.

G. 21st Century School Bond Advisory Committee (SBAC)

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that she is currently the voting member on the SBAC and requests that the Council appoint a Miami-Dade County Council Member to serve as the designated voting representative and an alternate member from this point on. Senator García was appointed the voting member with Chair Bailey as the alternate.

Councilmember Ziade moved to approve Agenda Item IV.G 21st Century School Bond Advisory Committee. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

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

James Murley, Chief Resilience Officer, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER), 1890 SW 21st Street, Miami, thanked the Council for being present. He is speaking as a citizen for two reasons. 1) to witness the fact that the Council is here and operating. His first job after graduate/law school (a long time ago) was at the SFRPC and then later as the Executive Director. He appreciates the time he had there and is pleased to see the organization changing. 2) He commented on the tragedy at the Town of Surfside. Mr. Murley stated that when he joined the Council 40 years ago, he worked with Jack Osterholt, who had a tremendous career of public service. Mr. Osterholt was the Broward County Administrator, Executive Director of the SFRPC, and Deputy Mayor of Miami-Dade County. He stated that Mr. Osterholt passed a few months ago. There will be a celebration of Jack's life and the information will be sent to Mrs. Cosio Carballo. He thanked Chair Bailey for the opportunity to address the Council.

E. Audit Presentation FY 19-20

Audit Presentation FY 19-20 (Agenda Item IV.E)

- Tanya I. Davis, CPA, Partner – S. Davis & Associates

Tanya I. Davis, CPA, Partner of S. Davis & Associates stated that it was her pleasure to present the results of the FY 19-20 Audit. She introduced Joy Chambers-Nicholas, Senior Staff on this audit and on previous ones. Mrs. Davis thanked SFRPC management, staff, in particular the Finance staff for their assistance during the audit process. The Draft Audit is part of the packet, and she presented the audit results. Included in the presentation was the Executive Summary – Results of the Audit, Scope of the Examination, Statements of Net Position and Activities (Revenues and Expenditures), etc. There were no material weaknesses noted in the internal controls over financial reporting and no instances of non-compliance or other matters requiring reporting under *Government Auditing Standards*. A link to the Audit presentation and Audit is located here: <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Agenda-Item-IVE-Audit-Results-Presentation-Tanya-Davis.pdf> and https://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/AgendaJune21_IV.E-AUDIT-COMLETE.pdf. There were no questions. Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked Mrs. Davis and Ms. Chambers-Nicholas for their tremendous work in working with the SFRPC staff. She thanked Leo Braslavsky Soldi, Guillermo Verdura, Alisha Lopez, and staff for the hours contributed to the audit process.

Councilmember Leonard moved to approve Agenda Item IV.E Audit Presentation FY 19-20. Councilmember Furr seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

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

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Cosio Carballo announced the addition of a new staff person Bridget Huston. She will be involved in resiliency and community planning among other things.

Chair Bailey thanked Mrs. Cosio Carballo for arranging the meeting at the Miami-Dade County Commission Chambers. Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked Iraida Mendez-Cartaya and Miami-Dade County support staff for their help in organizing this meeting. There was applause.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren introduced the finalized Statement of Organization which has not been revised in many years. It reflects the work of the Committee. He thanked Miami-Dade County for their assistance in today's meeting. Chair Bailey thanked everyone as well.

C. Councilmembers Report

Councilmember Leonard commented on the tragedy at the Town of Surfside. He suggested that the SFRPC have a discussion in providing advice and expertise to the communities on the long-term building codes.

Chair Bailey stated that he has represented the Town of Surfside before the State Legislature. He reached out to the Mayor of Surfside and the Governor's office to offer the Council's assistance.

There was discussion on the 40-year building certification and whether there might be a role for the Council. Many conversations will be taking around the state regarding what occurred at Surfside. We will monitor to identify opportunities for assistance. Chair Bailey stated the Florida Association of Counties will be meeting and this discussion will take place there.

Councilmember Corradino thanked the Council for having him and was glad to be back in person. As the Miami-Dade County League of Cities President, he stated that the League is excited to play a role in regional planning. As seen in the Town of Surfside, planning is very important to make sure the people are safe and sound.

D. Ex-Officio Reports – None

VI. Program Reports and Activities

A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Jeff Tart, Senior Loan Officer, stated that the Program is performing well. He gave details on the active loans and the funding available to be distributed.

B. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report

Mr. Tart gave a brief history and reviewed the requirements for funding under the RLF CARES Act. Detail was provided on the loans processed located in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties and the amount of funds left to lend. EDA has advised that additional funding may become available as they recover funds from non-performing programs later this year. He asked the Councilmembers to continue to communicate with prospective borrowers within their respective counties.

**Update on the Status of the Region's Ocean Outfalls & Next Steps;
Infrastructure Funding Update (Time Certain: TBD)**

- Roy Coley, MBA, Director, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department

Mr. Coley introduced Jose Cueto, P.E. LEED Green Associate, from Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Coley gave a presentation on Ocean Outfall Legislation Overview. It contained detailed information on the legislation overview, WASD Compliance Plan, reduction of Ocean Outfall Disposal, Nutrient Diversion, Reuse Program, and the status of projects. There was discussion on Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT), recharged water, regional collaboration for infrastructure funding for ocean outfall issues, workshop on the goals for the region, wastewater issues, keeping on track with the projects, cooling plants and FPL, etc. Mr. Coley noted that Mayor Levine Cava and the Miami-Dade County staff are promoting the improvement of the wastewater issues and protecting the environment. Mr. Coley was asked to help guide that discussion in which he stated he would like to be part of the process. The link to the presentation can be located here: <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/1.-2021-Miami-Dade-WASD-Ocean-Outfall-Presentation.pdf>.

- Kevin Carter, MS, Assistant to the Director, Broward County Water and Wastewater Services

Mr. Carter gave an overview of Broward County’s Ocean Outfall Law Update. He gave a brief history, areas serviced, the current practices on the ocean outfall discharge, deep well injections, water reuse, the “purple pipe”, partnership with Palm Beach County, future water reuse, key milestones, and the funding from various State agencies. There was discussion on biosolids, AWT levels, deep well injections, etc. The link to the presentation can be located here: <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/3.-2021-Broward-County-Ocean-Outfall-Presentation.pdf>.

- Vivek Galav, P.E., Director, City of Hollywood Public Utilities

Mr. Galav shared his research information he had gathered in the two years being at the City of Hollywood. He had a presentation on the Ocean Outfall Compliance Update, City of Hollywood compliance requirements, and progress. He addressed the City of Hollywood’s service area, history of outfall use, wastewater, reuse and water infrastructure, brackish water, seasonal tidal flooding, the City’s unique compliance challenges, and the approach to the key elements. The outfall transition progress, remaining work, benefits, and cost was detailed. He stated that the City is on track to satisfy its requirement and is ahead of schedule. There was a discussion on recharging the aquifers, protecting the aquifer and wells, brackish water, saltwater intrusion in the drinking water, in which there is no saltwater in the drinking water supply. The link to the presentation can be located here: <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2.-2021-City-of-Hollywood-Utilities-Ocean-Outfall-Presentation.pdf>.

Chair Bailey thanked the Directors for their presentations and being here.

- Kevin Carter, MS, Assistant to the Director, Broward County Water and Wastewater Services, State of Florida Funding Opportunities Presentation

Mr. Carter gave an overview of the 2021 Legislative Session including wastewater funding opportunities, Resilient Florida funding opportunities, and DEO Rebuild Florida’s Mitigation Programs. He detailed the documentary stamps distributions, FDEP web portal, HUD Community Development Block Grant, statewide flooding and sea level rise resilience, innovation grants, water quality improvement grants, wastewater grants, etc.

Chair Bailey thanked everyone again for their presentation.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo will send the presentations to the Councilmembers.

Councilmember Ziade stated that the City of North Lauderdale has a population under 50,000 and is not entitled to the HUD Grant. She would like to see more funding opportunities geared toward smaller municipalities. Chair Bailey suggested Councilmember Ziade reach out to DEO, and they will help her community to receive some funding.

- C. Development of Regional Impact Status Report – None
- D. Council Member Information Request / Hallandale Beach Water Supply

Chair Bailey thanked Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Council staff for their quick response to Councilmember’s request. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that when a Councilmember has a question/request, they will have a response at the next meeting if not sooner. This is an information only item for the Councilmembers.

E. Council Highlights – Information only

VII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

Mrs. Cosio Carballo announced that Councilmember Oliver Gilbert, the Chairman of Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization Governing Board recently received the National Association of Regional Councils 2021 Tom Bradley Leadership Award. Another item to note is the update to the 836 extension in the correspondence file.

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) Monday, July 26, 2021, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC, Hollywood)
- 2) August – No Meeting (Summer Recess)
- 3) Monday, September 27, 2021, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC, Hollywood)
- 4) Friday, October 15, 2021, TBD, Joint Meeting with the TCRPC, South Florida Region
- 5) Monday, October 25, 2021, (SFRPC, Hollywood)
- 6) Monday, November 22, 2021 (TBD – Monroe County tentative)

Mrs. Cosio Carballo noted the issues of having two meetings back-to-back in October.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 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 June 28, 2021, Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 26th day of July 2021.

Jordan Leonard, Secretary

Date