

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 8, 2021

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in-person on this date at the Murray E. Nelson Government Center 102050 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL 33037. Chair Bailey called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and reminded everyone of the meeting's procedures. Councilmember Coldiron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome – The Honorable Michelle Coldiron, Mayor, Monroe County

Councilmember and Monroe County Mayor Michelle Coldiron welcomed everyone to the Florida Keys and hoped everyone arrived a day earlier to enjoy Key Largo. Katie Atkins, Mayor Coldiron's Executive Aide, was thanked for arranging a visit to the Coral Restoration Foundation Exploration Center that morning. Councilmember Coldiron stated, as policymakers it is nice to have the opportunity to do hands on work and see what our policies help protect, such as the restoration of the third largest barrier reef in the world. She thanked Chair Bailey and welcomed everyone to the fabulous Florida Keys. Chair Bailey was excited to be in the Keys and noted the importance of visiting Monroe County. He stated that the tour was quite informative and interesting. The Center's work to actively working to restore the reefs is inspiring.

Councilmember Coldiron asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Monroe County Commissioner Mike Forster and gave a brief tribute to his accomplishments both professionally and personally.

- Chair Mario J. Bailey (present)
- Councilmember Michelle Coldiron (present)
- Councilmember Joseph Corradino **
- Councilmember Beam Furr (present)
- Councilmember René García *
- Councilmember Steve Geller *
- Councilmember Oliver Gilbert, III **
- Councilmember Cary Goldberg **
- Councilmember Samuel Kaufman *
- Councilmember Jordan Leonard *
- 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:

Dat Huynh, from the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
Lorraine Mayers, representing the South Florida Water Management District.

The following Ex-Officio Member was absent:

Jason Andreotta, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Additional Guests included:

County Commissioner David Rice, Mayor Pro-Tem

County Commissioner Holly Merrill Raschein

State Representative Jim Mooney

Roman Gastesi, County Administrator

Rhonda Haag, Chief Resilience Officer

Lisa Tennyson, Director of Legislative Affairs

Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, stated that this meeting will be held as an expanded Executive Committee Meeting.

II. Approval of Council Agenda

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

III. Welcome – The Honorable Michelle Coldiron, Mayor, Monroe County

Done in the beginning of the meeting

IV. Introduction of Special Guests & Conversation – Chair Bailey

Chair Bailey stated that he has had the honor to work with both of special guests while in Tallahassee. He has known Commissioner Raschein since 2008 and found it amazing to watch her grow and see her passion for this area and the key issues of Monroe County. He thanked her for being here.

- The Honorable Holly Merrill Raschein, Monroe County Commissioner, 5th District

Commissioner Raschein stated that she loves when our meetings are in Monroe County. She noted that she has known Mrs. Cosio Carballo for a very long time. She stated that there is a lot happening in the Keys, such as the Coral Restoration tour and gave details of that work, along with the issues Monroe County has with water quality. South Florida's natural resources are the backbone for Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties, which is why people come to visit us. She stated that Monroe County is proud to be partners with the SFRPC. Commissioner Raschein said that she was honored to be appointed to the Monroe County Commission and will do her best to continue Mike Forster's legacy. She thanked everyone for visiting Key Largo.

Councilmember Geller welcomed Commissioner Raschein to the exclusive club of former legislators that are now County Commissioners. He looks forward to working with her.

- The Honorable James "Jim" Mooney, Jr., State Representative, 120th District

Chair Bailey stated that he has worked with Representative Mooney and is excited to see how much he will achieve by the end of his term. He thanked him for attending today's meeting.

Representative Mooney stated that he had worked with Commissioner Forster for years and always tried to make the community and community life better. He was raised and taught school in Islamorada and is working on part of the SFRPC and Monroe County. He had explained to her how important it was for Monroe County to have our voice heard in the region.

Commissioner Rice was very happy to be at today's meeting and see all the familiar faces. He stated that it was nice to see the same faces because these faces bring knowledge, experience, and commitment to the table. He stated that we made a difference, and we continue to make a difference. The SFRPC has had a few bumps along the way but remained resilient. He was thankful to be part of the SFRPC and getting to know everyone along the way. Chair Bailey thanked Commissioner Rice for his time and appreciates him.

V. Guest Presentations (Time Certain: 11:45 AM)

- Lisa Tennyson, Director, Legislative Affairs, Monroe County, Update on National Flood Insurance Program and Risk Rating 2.0
- Rhonda Haag, Chief Resiliency Officer, Monroe County, Update on Monroe County Resiliency Efforts

VI. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

B. Financial Report

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

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

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

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews

Proposed

- Broward County 21-05ESR
- Broward County 21-06ESR
- Miami-Dade County 21-03ESR
- City of Key West 21-03ACSC
- City of Marathon 21-07ACSC
- City of Miami Beach 21-01ESR

Public Comment

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

Mrs. Cosio Carballo informed the Council that Broward County 21-06ESR contemplates redevelopment of the Oakwood Plaza which is where the Council office is located. Chair Bailey thanked her for that very important public comment.

Councilmember Furr moved to approve Agenda Item VI.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.

Adopted

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

Public Comment

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

Councilmember Coldiron moved to approve Agenda Item VI.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Adopted. Councilmember Ziade seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.

D. Request for Authorization to Enter into a Multi-Party Agreement: DRI Application Process re Parkland/Krome Groves Development of Regional Impact

Chair Bailey introduced Bob Cambric, who has served as the Director of Policy and Planning for the SFRPC and continues to assist the SFRPC as a consultant. Mr. Cambric stated that the Parkland/Krome Groves Development of Regional Impact (DRI) is unique. He explained the legislative changes to the DRI process and the exemptions in detail. The Project background and description was described. He explained the correspondence from the applicant to request recommencement of the “Parkland”/ Krome Groves” DRI process (DCA No. 11-07-005) and noted that it meets the requirements of the exemption. Miami-Dade County regulations require that proposed development outside the UDB requires an amendment to the Miami-Dade Comprehensive Development Master Plan with a concurrent zoning application. Mr. Cambric explained the 2018 statutory changes related to the DRI process in detail. Today’s Agenda Item is to authorize the Executive Director, in consultation with the General Counsel, to execute an agreement with DEO, Miami-Dade County, and the applicant. There would be a clear understanding for all the parties involved.

Chair Bailey stated that this is not approving the DRI, it is just setting the framework for the Council to review the item. Mr. Goren stated that informationally that the presentation by Bob Cambric is legally accurate and consistent with Florida Law. He stated the DRIs still exist in a limited way. He explained the Statutes in detail that will set the groundwork. Today is the preliminary procedure review and is the proper route to proceed.

Commissioner Furr stated that it would be fair to allow the process to go through.

Public Comment

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

Jeffrey Bercow, attorney at the Law Firm of Bercow, Radell, Fernandez, & Larkin, PLLC, representing the property owners stated that this Agenda Item only involves the agreement between the Council, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Miami-Dade County, and the property owners. He explained the process that has started. This agreement will provide the details necessary so all the parties and the public will be aware of the requirements applicable for the application. He stated that the Council's vote today is the concept for the agreement that would outline the applicable rules.

Public Comment

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

Councilmember Geller moved to approve Agenda Item VI.D. Councilmember Coldiron seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Resolution TCSF 21-02 Affordable Housing SHIP Funding Distribution

Chair Bailey stated that this is a Joint Resolution that was presented at the Treasure Coast and South Florida Regional Planning Council's Joint Workshop by Senator Rich. Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained that this Resolution encourages Governor DeSantis and the legislature to amend sections related to State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) funding to provide cities and counties experiencing deficiencies in available, affordable rental units the flexibility to use a larger percentage of the funding for affordable, rental units. She explained since it was a Joint Workshop, this Resolution had to be adopted by the individual RPCs. Councilmember Geller commented on the affordable housing needs for today's citizens compared to those when SHIP began. Chair Bailey stated that there was conversation with House and Senate leadership based on the discussion at the Joint Workshop. Mr. Goren read Resolution TCSF #21-02.

Public Comment

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

Councilmember Ziade moved to approve Agenda Item VI.E Resolution TCSF 21-02 Affordable Housing SHIP Funding Distribution. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.

F. 2022 Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained the historical changes of the Council Meeting dates according to past Chairs. Before the Council today is the choice to move the meetings from the fourth Monday of the month back to the third Monday of the month. Councilmember Coldiron stated that moving the Council Meeting back to the third Monday makes more sense.

Public Comment

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

Councilmember Coldiron moved to approve Agenda Item VI.F 2022 Meeting Schedule and move the Council Meetings to the third Monday of the month. Councilmember Furr seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Bailey reminded the Councilmembers that there will not be a December Council meeting. It was decided to not have a Holiday Party due to the various schedules.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked the Board for their cooperation over the past few months. The SFRPC has been very busy with three major meetings in sixteen days. She also thanked Council staff and Monroe County for their hospitality, Rhonda Haag and Lisa Tennyson, for always making sure our Board has all the updated information. Chair Bailey thanked staff for putting everything together in that short time frame.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren stated that there is no pending litigation except for those regarding the Loan Program and Mr. Tart will address them. He stated that there was nothing else to mention and appreciates the Board's understanding of the DRI matter. He stated that it is always nice to be in Monroe County.

C. Councilmembers Reports – None

D. Ex-Officio Reports

Mr. Huynh reported that the City of Key West has invited FDOT VI to participate in a small steering committee to review the North Roosevelt Project. The Department will be having two representatives on that steering committee.

VIII. Program Reports and Activities

A. South Florida Labor Market Update

Mark Cassidy, Council staff, updated the Council on the South Florida Labor Market with Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Bureau of Labor Statistics data and other information to show where the labor market in the U.S., State and locally today.

IV. Guest Presentations (Time Certain: 11:45 AM)

Link to the presentations can be found here: <https://sfrgionalcouncil.org/sfrpc-november-8th-agenda-links-2/>

- Lisa Tennyson, Director, Legislative Affairs, Monroe County, Update on National Flood Insurance Program and Risk Rating 2.0

Ms. Tennyson thanked Chair Bailey, Councilmembers, Mayor Coldiron, and other Monroe County attendees. She gave a recap on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Risk Rating 2.0 especially since there have been some changes. Florida has the most NFIP policies in the country. She explained the history, NFIP debt, changes, resolutions and bills, extensions, and NFIP's passage through Congress over the years. By federal law the program must be "reauthorized" every five years. She announced that attention should be paid to FEMA's actions regarding NFIP, which includes more flood risk variables and assigns a more accurate risk-based insurance cost (proximity to water, structural elevation, flooding, etc.) Florida policy holders, especially those in Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe counties have the most at stake with the changes to NFIP's Risk factors and premium calculations, and she detailed that information. Ms. Tennyson described continuing legislative activity and suggested that the federal elected officials be contacted with our concerns about increasing premiums. Chair Bailey thanked her for her presentation and expressed gratitude that she is so involved in this issue and able to update the Councilmembers. Comments were made that Florida is a major donor state, how devastating cost increases would be for South Florida residents particularly in Monroe County, private flood insurance, etc.

Councilmember Geller motioned to authorize for the Chair to sign to draft a letter for Council staff to provide comments. Councilmember Ziade seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.

- Rhonda Haag, Chief Resiliency Officer, Monroe County, Update on Monroe County Resiliency Efforts

Ms. Haag gave an update on the Monroe County Resiliency and Climate Program, Road Elevation Program, and USACE Keys Coastal Risk Study. She explained the Green Keys Sustainability Action Plan, the recommendations (road projects, elevation data, analysis of transportation impacts, etc.), the Energy and Climate Element of Comprehensive Plan, Pilot Road Elevation Projects (Big Pine Key and Twin Lakes), LiDAR elevation data, and grants for sea level rise planning and projects, roads adaptation plan, vulnerability assessment, etc. She focused today on the Monroe County Roadway Vulnerability Study goals: resilience to sea level rise impacts, maintain access to homes and businesses, and help protect property values. Included were details and detailed images of the roadways during flooding/King Tide and the projected water levels through 2100 in Monroe County. Ms. Haag shared information on road elevation (including curb and gutter, valley gutters, walls, etc.), road vulnerability and resources to residents and businesses, walkability, cost, and how to make a roadway more resilient with very detailed examples. Various implementation to structures for floodproofing and elevation, along with cost was identified. The Phase Adaptation Plan was described in detail. The recommended plan and estimated project cost and benefits was described.

B. Regional Planning Policy Framework & Regional Scorecard

- Strategic Regional Policy Plan
- Seven50
- South Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Christina Miskis, Council staff, explained in detail the need and intent of the Regional Planning Policy Framework & Regional Scorecard in updating the data and indicators with the primary focus on affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, and natural resources of regional significance, and regional transportation. This will be in concurrence with the updating of the CEDS and the SRPP.

- C. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report
- D. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Mr. Tart gave an update on the funding of both programs, the history and logistics of lending the funding. He gave details on the funding in the counties, focusing on Monroe County's businesses that are part of the SFRPC CARES Act RLF. He asked the Councilmembers to speak to their constituents and make them aware of the available funding. Chair Bailey thanked Mr. Tart and staff for their work and award-winning program.

Public Comments – None

IX. Announcements and Attachments

- A. Attendance Form
- B. Correspondence and Articles
- C. Upcoming Meetings
 - 1. December – No Meeting (Winter Recess)
 - 2. December 7th – 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Proposed Holiday Party)
 - 3. January 24, 2022 (Miami-Dade)

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 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 November 8, 2021, Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 24th day of January 2022.

René García, Secretary
Miami-Dade County Commissioner, 13th District

Date