

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

June 27, 2022

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in-person on this date at the Council Office at 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and reminded everyone of the meeting's procedures. Councilmember Ziade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Isabel Cosio Carballo, SFRPC Executive Director, and Sean Swartz, Legal Counsel, were present.

Due to the lack of quorum, Mayor Corradino and Mayor Ziade were appointed temporary members of the Executive Committee and the Council Meeting was held as an Executive Committee Meeting.

Chair Geller noted that President and CEO George Hanbury II, of Nova Southeastern University was virtually present for the CEDS Presentation.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Chair Steve Geller (present)
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey *
Councilmember Craig Cates **
Councilmember Michelle Coldiron **
Councilmember Joseph Corradino (present)
Councilmember Beam Furr (present)
Councilmember René García *
Councilmember Oliver Gilbert, III **
Councilmember Cary Goldberg **
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman **
Councilmember Jordan Leonard *
Councilmember Kionne McGhee **
Councilmember Greg Ross **
Councilmember Michael Udine *
Councilmember Ana M. Ziade (present)

* Virtually Present

** Absent

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

Jon Moore, representing Jason Andreotta, from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Dat Huynh, from 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 Council Agenda

The Executive Committee moved to approve the Council Agenda and was carried by unanimous consent by all members in attendance.

III. Presentation of Service Award – Honorable Jordan Leonard

Chair Geller summarized Councilmember Leonard’s professional career and his time on the Council as the representative of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities and thanked him for his many contributions to the community. In recognition of his service on the Council, a contribution was made to the Mystic Force Foundation, Inc. Chair Geller stated that Councilmember Leonard is running for the Florida House of Representatives and would be outstanding in his future career.

Councilmember Leonard thanked the Council for the commemorative award and contribution and explained why the Mystic Force, Inc. is so important to him. He expressed gratitude for being part of the SFRPC Board and stated that it had given him a broader perspective of the interconnectedness of the region as a whole. He thanked the Board and staff for their support and stated that he felt that his service had made him a better elected official and that it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve on the Council.

Audit Presentation – SFRPC FY 20-21 Time Certain – 10:15 AM Tanya I. Davis, CPA., Partner, S. Davis & Associates, PA

Tanya Davis, CPA, Partner, of S. Davis & Associates, PA (SDA) summarized the results of the SFRPC Audit. She thanked Council staff, the Executive Director, Finance, and Administration, for their timeliness and cooperation. She detailed the responsibilities, results, and the scope of the examination of the Audit and Single Audit. The Audit material was not misstated in any way, there were no material weaknesses or instances of noncompliance, or other matters that required SDA to have concerns. She noted all the significant requirements and that there were no issues of concern; there were no disagreements, or significant difficulties dealing with management.

Councilmember Udine inquired if the COVID funding was in compliance with the Federal Government. Mrs. Davis stated that the RLF CARES Act and funds were reviewed and in compliance.

The Audit can be found on the SFRPC website: https://sfregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/4.E.-AgendaJUNE22_IV.E-AUDIT-complete.pdf

Councilmember Ziade moved to adopt the SFRPC Audit. Councilmember Corradino seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote of all members in attendance.

Leandro Braslavsky Soldi, Director of Finance & IT, thanked Mrs. Davis for her presentation and cooperation throughout the Audit.

The following Agenda Item was moved up on the Agenda.

VI. Program Reports and Activities

A. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for South Florida (CEDS)-2022-2027 Update
Eralda Agolli, SFRPC staff, gave an overview of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for South Florida, 2022-2027 (CEDS) and ongoing update process. She explained what the CEDS is (the history, requirements, partnerships and collaboration, regional goals, and objectives), how the CEDS will be used (education, investment, collaboration), the timeline and framework, the focus areas, the CEDS Strategy

Committee Members list, the CEDS Goals and Action Plan, and the CEDS Vision alignment with the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Investment Priorities (Economic Resilience, Equity, Collaboration, Environmental Sustainability). Also described were the meetings and the process of organizing the Strategy Committee and Working Groups. She announced the sixth CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting scheduled for September 12, 2022. The purpose of this meeting is to present and approve the final CEDS Report by the Steering Committee for submittal to EDA by September 30, 2022.

SFRPC Chair Geller, who also serves as the Chair of the CEDS Strategy Committee, recognized each member of the CEDS Strategy Committee. Dr. Hanbury, a member of the CEDS Strategy Committee, thanked Chair Geller for asking him to serve on this Committee. Dr. Hanbury stated that this is “an extremely important document that should, when it is finally adopted, be debated, discussed, and hopefully unanimously adopted by the four counties, not just three, of South Florida. The SFRPC is the only governmental agency that is looking at the macro instead of the micro.” After adoption, this document needs to be a guide for action to be taken in the next five years with performance statutes. He would hate for this document to be adopted and then sit on a shelf for five more years until this is visited again. He stated that as a member of the various business development agencies in the four counties, the issues discussed are a central part of their Strategic Master Plans and hopes that both governmental agencies, in the four counties, as well as the business development agencies adopt this document, so everyone is working together instead of in individual silos. He has asked Kareen Boutros, Executive Director of the Broward Workshop, to contact Isabel Cosio Carballo to get a presentation of the CEDS for the Broward Workshop Retreat.

Dr. Hanbury stated that Mrs. Cosio Carballo and her staff has done a tremendous service to all of South Florida by giving the leadership, bringing together, gathering different ideas, and coalescing information in this one very important document. He was flattered and very privileged to serve on the Steering Committee. Chair Geller explained why Palm Beach County cannot be part of the SFRPC and thanked President Hanbury for his participation. Discussion ensued on the length of the September 12th Steering Committee Meeting and the process of updating the CEDS Report. Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked Council staff for their help in this process, especially Ms. Agolli who took the lead on this project after the previous project manager resigned. She is doing a great job.

Ms. Agolli thanked the CEDS Strategy Committee Members and their designees serving on the Working Groups. They have provided a wealth of knowledge, assistance, and have been a great resource throughout the process. She stated that the CEDS PowerPoint will be shared with the Councilmembers.

The PowerPoint presentation can be accessed at the SFRPC website: https://sfrregionalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/UPDATED_June-27-Board-Mtng_CEDS-PPT.pdf

IV. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2022
2. Council Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2022

Councilmember Ziade moved to approve the Executive Committee and Council Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2022. Councilmember Furr seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote of all members in attendance.

B. Financial Report

Director of Finance and IT, Leo Braslavsky Soldi explained the Financial Report in detail.

The Executive Committee moved to approve the Financial Report which was carried by unanimous consent of all members in attendance.

Legal Counsel, Mr. Swartz read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed and Adopted.

C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews (*Property Rights Element)

Public Hearing

Proposed

- Broward County 22-02ESR
- Monroe County 22-04ER *
- Town of Cutler Bay 22-02ER
- City of Deerfield Beach 22-01ER *
- City of Hallandale Beach 22-01ESR *
- City of Hallandale Beach 22-02ESR
- City of Key West 22-03ACSC
- City of Marathon 22-02ACSC
- City of Marathon 22-04ACSC
- City of Marathon 22-05ACSC
- City of Marathon 22-06ACSC
- City of Miami Beach 22-01ESR
- City of Miami Beach 22-02ESR
- City of West Park 22-01ER *

Public Comment

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

Councilmember Ziade moved to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed. Councilmember Corradino seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote of all members in attendance.

Public Hearing

Adopted

- Broward County 22-01ESR
- Miami-Dade County 21-02ESR *
- Miami-Dade County 21-03ESR
- City of Dania Beach 22-02ESR *
- City of Homestead 21-03ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Isles 21-01ACSC
- City of Key West 22-01ACSC

- City of Marathon 22-03ACSC
- City of Margate 22-01ESR *
- City of Oakland Park 22-01ESR

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 Ziade seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote of all members in attendance.

D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None

E. Audit Presentation (Time Certain: 10:15 AM)

Reviewed earlier in the Agenda.

F. FRCA Policy Board Appointment

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the FRCA Policy Board representatives are Mayor Udine, Councilmembers Leonard and Baily, with Mayor Ross as an alternative. With Councilmember Leonard's resignation, there is a vacancy in the municipal representative category. At the previous Council Meeting Mayor Ziade volunteered to serve as the Council's municipal representative. Chair Geller appointed Mayor Ziade to the FRCA Policy Board. Mrs. Cosio Carballo gave a brief update of the most recent FRCA Policy Board meeting and provided the draft agenda.

G. Regional Convenings

H. Council Dues Rate

Chair Geller stated that he had spoken to Broward County Administrator Monica Cepero and she indicated support for the proposed dues rate increase. He explained in detail the five-year plan approved by the Executive Committee in April which would increase dues over the next five years to \$.25/per capita from the \$.175 per capita rate that has been in effect for 28 years. He stated that Broward County's approval is conditional upon Miami-Dade and Monroe counties agreement to proceed with the increase. At the April Council Meeting Councilmember Coldiron voiced her support for the proposed increase which she would bring back to Monroe County. Mrs. Cosio Carballo informed the Councilmembers that Councilmember Gilbert has invited the Council to have the July Council meeting at the Miami-Dade TPO of which he is the Chairman. Mrs. Cosio Carballo reported that she had met with Councilmember Senator Garcia and Council Member Vice-Chair Gilbert to provide information about the Council and its programs and activities. At their meeting, Vice-Chair Gilbert stated that he would personally sponsor and shepherd the dues increase in Miami-Dade County. In discussion with Senator Garcia and Vice Chair Gilbert, Mrs. Cosio Carballo learned that added research support to the Commissioners in topic areas of interest is something of value to the Commissioners.

Chair Geller stated that the Regional Convenings and Council Dues should be discussed together. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the Council is planning a number of regional conversation and convenings on topics of interest including affordable housing and first and last mile connectivity to transit. There was discussion on meeting dates and counties' summer breaks. The topic for the TCSF Joint Meeting, October 21st will be on Solid Waste Management. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the Council has lost two employees, an Economic Development Planner who went to Broward County, and another employee who

went to a private consulting firm. Both have significantly increased their salary in their new positions. Council staff is preparing a Request for Qualifications to identify and pre-qualify consultants that can assist the Council with work tasks as needed.

I. 2022 Amended Meeting Dates and Locations (Proposed)

Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained the meeting schedule. At the SMART Trends Transportation Summit, Mrs. Cosio Carballo spoke with COO Morales who expressed an interest in exploring collaborative partnerships to secure federal funding to further development of the Coastal Link. Mrs. Cosio Carballo is working to schedule a conversation on this topic. She thanked Past Chair Bailey for restarting Council Meetings in the other counties during his tenure. The July Council Meeting will be held in Miami-Dade County at the Miami-Dade TPO. It was decided that the Council Meetings would be on the third Monday of every month, unless there is a conflict, then the meeting would be moved. There was discussion on a possible meeting in Monroe County in January 2023 to coincide with Councilmember Kaufman's election to Chair of the Council. Mayor Ziade requested information on travel to the Miami-Dade TPO.

Public Comments

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

V. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Swartz deferred the Legal Counsel Report to Mr. Goren at the next meeting.

C. Councilmembers Reports - None

D. Ex-Officio Reports - None

Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Chair Geller welcomed back former SFRPC Chair and Village of Key Biscayne Commissioner Frank Caplan, virtually present, to the Council. He has been appointed as a Municipal Representative from the Miami-Dade League of Cities to the position previously held by former Councilmember Leonard.

VI. Program Reports and Activities

A. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for South Florida (CEDS)-2022-2027 Update

Reviewed earlier in the Agenda.

B. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

C. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report

Jeff Tart, SFRPC Senior Loan Officer and Manager of the Revolving Loan Funds, reported that the RLF team successfully lent the full \$5.3 million dollars (100% of the EDA Grant) to COVID impacted businesses, six months prior to the maturity of the grant. The funding is revolving so he requested that the Councilmembers continue to reach out to those businesses still impacted by COVID. He gave an update on the Affordable Housing initiative, managed and administered by the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund operated by the Council. The Broward County Commission awarded an additional \$1

million at its June 7th Meeting to fund the development affordable homes in Broward County. To date, through this Program the Council and County have constructed and provided 15 affordable homes to first-time minority home buyers. The work is done by nonprofit minority home builders. He thanked the Commissioners.

D. Council Member Inquiries

Chair Geller summarized April's Council meeting with Ms. Beth Brownstein, Director of Communications & Stakeholder Relations for the Federal Association for Insurance Reform (FAIR). They have provided two extremely useful documents on Property Insurance Basics and Property Insurance Fraud. These will be shared with Miami-Dade and Broward League of Cities. He suggested the documents be sent to the Councilmembers for their review and comments. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that these documents will be posted on the SFRPC website. Councilmember Ziade requested the documents be translated into Hispanic and Creole. Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Chair Geller stated this will be done.

E. Development of Regional Impact Status Report

Mrs. Cosio Carballo explained that the Parkland – Krome Grove DRI, located in Miami-Dade County was grandfathered in when the DRI statutes were repealed. The developer has requested a DRI review process which the Council is required to provide. Council staff is working toward a pre-application meeting with interested agencies and stakeholders in August. She detailed some of the information included in the document. She stated that the Council will contract with a consultant to assist with the transportation and development assessments portion of the DRI. The Councilmembers will be updated accordingly. Chair Geller explained the SFRPC's responsibilities in commenting on the DRI.

F. Council Highlights

Mrs. Cosio Carballo summarized recent activities and events at the Council. The launch meeting of the South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) Project that was held at U.S. SOUTHCOM in Doral. On Tuesday, May 24, 2022, SOUTHCOM Commander four-star General Laura Richardson welcomed senior military and civilian leaders from the region's defense installations from Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe counties, the U.S. Department of Defense, county and municipal resilience officials to the Doral headquarters of the United States Southern Command to kick-off the MIRR. Additionally, on May 26th the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition had a Drive Green Fleet Expo 2022 at the Ann Kolb Nature Center in Hollywood, Florida that was very well attended. A representative of U.S. EPA Region 4 Atlanta was in attendance to present information on new funding opportunities. Councilmember Furr attended and participated in the event as a SFRPC / Clean Cities Coalition Board Member. Councilmember Furr acknowledged Ms. Lopez's Drive Green Fleet Expo 2022 along with the various the attendees and vehicles that were provided. He stated that it was very informative.

Council staff is working with FDOTD6 on a resilience database and survey. Christina Miskis, SFRPC Principal Planner, gave details on the contract for resilience initiatives in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties and hoping to expand into Broward County. Shereen Yee Fong is the Program Manager for FDOT, D6. This will be a consolidated resource for resiliency issues to understand how municipalities are in alignment with regional goals for the Climate Change Compact. A survey will be sent to the municipalities shortly to understand what adaptation strategies are being embraced.

Councilmember Furr announced that his Chief of Staff, Idelma Quintana has become the Commissioner Elect for the City of Hollywood. Mrs. Cosio Carballo thanked Councilmember's staff and the Councilmembers for their cooperation in all communications.

Councilmember Ziade inquired about virtual/physical presence at the SFRPC Council Meetings. Chair Geller stated that requiring total physical attendance would be very hard to enforce because of the meetings' locations.

Public Comments – None

VII. Announcements and Attachments

- A. Attendance Form
- B. Correspondence and Articles

Mrs. Cosio Carballo summarized the articles that are included. Some relate to the Miami-Dade County Commission's vote on the South Dade Logistics and Technology Center which the Council reviewed in October 2021. She also noted the response letter from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding the inquiry from the South Florida and Treasure Coast RPC regarding their request for the development of a conservation strategy for Florida's Coral Reef. There is also additional funding opportunity for the Coral Reef Project with the National Science Foundation, in which she described in detail.

- C. Upcoming Meetings
 - 1. Monday, July 18, 2022, 10:30 a.m. (Miami-Dade TPO)
 - 2. August Recess – No meeting currently scheduled
 - 3. Monday, September 19, 2022, 10:30 a.m. (TBD)
 - 4. Friday, October 21, 2022, Joint Meeting with TCRPC (TBD)

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 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 June 27, 2022, Meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 18th day of July 2022.

Michelle Coldiron, Secretary
Monroe County Commissioner, District 2

Date