

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**September 19, 2022**

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in person on this date at the Council's office located at 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Geller called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and reminded everyone of the meeting's procedures. Chair Geller welcomed Key Biscayne Councilmember Frank Caplan to the Board, the Councilmembers, and those attending virtually. Chair Geller asked Councilmember Coldiron to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

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

\* Virtually Present

\*\* Absent

SFRPC Executive Director Mrs. Isabel Cosio Carballo and Legal Counsel Sam Goren were present. Mr. Goren confirmed that a quorum was present.

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

Jason Andreotta, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (SE District)  
Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI  
Lorraine Mayers, representing the South Florida Water Management District

**II. Approval Council Agenda**

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the Council Agenda. Councilmember Ross moved the motion, Councilmember Ziade seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous consent.*

**III. Board Conversation**

There were no conversations discussed by the Board.

#### **IV. Action Items**

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

*Councilmember Ziade moved to approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous consent.*

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

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

*Councilmember Udine moved to approve Agenda Item IV.B Financial Report. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by unanimous consent.*

##### **C. Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews**

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

#### **Public Hearing**

##### **Proposed**

- Miami-Dade County 22-01ER
- Monroe County 22-05ACSC
- City of Fort Lauderdale 22-01ESR
- City of Homestead 22-01ESR
- Islamorada, Village of Islands 22-01ACSC \*
- City of Lighthouse Point 22-01ESR\*
- City of Marathon 22-08ACSC
- City of Miami Beach 22-04ESR
- City of Miami Beach 22-05ESR
- City of Miami Springs 22-01ER
- Village of Miami Shores 22-01ER \*
- Town of Pembroke Park 22-02ESR \*
- City of Wilton Manors 22-01ESR \*

\*Property Rights

#### **Public Comment**

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

*Chair Geller motioned to approve Agenda Item IV.C Consent: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review, Proposed. Councilmember Ross moved the motion, Councilmember Furr seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.*

#### **Public Hearing**

##### **Adopted**

- City of Aventura 22-01ER
- City of Marathon 22-04ACSC
- City of Marathon 22-05ACSC
- City of Marathon 22-06ACSC
- City of Miami Beach 22-0ESR
- City of Miami Beach 22-01ESR

## Public Comment

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

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

### D. Regional Issues: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review – None

### E. Legal Counsel Annual Review/Contract

Chair Geller reviewed the Executive Committee's recommendation for the Council to continue to retain the Law Office of Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, PA, and to increase the law partner hourly rate from \$250.00 per hour to \$260.00 per hour as a token of the Council's appreciation and esteem for legal counsel.

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to retain the current Legal Counsel and increase the law partner's hourly rate to \$260 an hour. The Executive Committee moved the motion, Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, roll was called in which the item was carried by a unanimous vote.*

Councilmember Ziade stated for the record that Mr. Goren's Law Firm represents the City of North Lauderdale. Councilmember Ross stated that they represent the City of Cooper City as well.

### F. Executive Director Annual Review

Chair Geller reviewed the Executive Committee's recommendation proposing a four percent (4%) merit increase as well as a three percent (3%) COLA benefit for Executive Director, Isabel Cosio Carballo, which is the same COLA benefit the SFRPC staff will receive.

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the Executive Director's contract renewal and the three percent (3%) COLA benefit approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee moved to approve Mrs. Cosio Carballo's COLA benefit, Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous vote.*

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the four percent (4%) merit increase for the Executive Director, Isabel Cosio Carballo approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee moved to approve the Executive Director's four percent (4%) merit increase, Councilmember Ziade seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the recommendation was approved by Councilmembers Coldiron, Furr, Kaufman, and Chair Geller. Councilmembers Bailey and Garcia\* voted against the recommendation.*

\*Councilmember Garcia rendered his decision because of budgetary restrictions and not the Executive Director's performance.

## Public Comment

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

G. FY 2021-22 Revised Operating Budget

Director of Finance and IT, Leo Braslavsky Soldi explained the decrease in the budget was due to a portion of the MIRR grant work program being moved to the next Fiscal Year.

*Chair Geller motioned to approve the Agenda Item IV.G FY 2021-22 Revised Operating Budget. Councilmember Caplan moved the motion, Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous consent.*

H. FY 2022-23 Operating Budget

Chair Geller stated that Mrs. Cosio Carballo will retire as of October 31, 2023. The plan is to bring in a Deputy Director who will be mentored and move into the Executive Director role over the next year. The operating budget includes two higher-paid employees specifically the Executive Director and Deputy Director. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the budget contemplates replacing the Economic Development and Resiliency program planners. Chair Geller added that the Council can outsource tasks but that this comes at a higher rate than Council staff. Mrs. Cosio Carballo noted that a top consideration is hiring staff that will stay and contribute to the Council over the long term.

Mr. Braslavsky Soldi presented the Proposed Operating Budget for FY 2022-2023. This budget includes a position of the MIRR grant that was moved from the FY 2021-2022 budget. He also mentioned that the budget continues to stay on track thanks to the supervision of the Executive Director.

*Chair Geller motioned to approve Agenda Item IV.H FY 2022-23 Operating Budget. Councilmember Caplan moved the motion, Councilmember Furr seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous consent.*

I. Rule 29J-2 and Rule 29J-3 Update

Legal Counsel Sam Goren updated the Councilmembers on the cumbersome task of updating Rules 29J-2 and 29J-3 and thanked Kathe Lerch for her continued work on this project. Mr. Goren reviewed the legalities behind the Rule and steps that the Council is obligated to follow pursuant to statute. The Council preserves its role as a regional mediator. Mr. Goren advised that the update of Rule 29J will continue over the next few months. Mrs. Isabel Cosio Carballo recognized Ms. Kathe Lerch, Director of Administration, and thanked her for her efforts in updating Rule 29J.

*Chair Geller motioned to accept the publication and the actions taken thus far under State Law to implement the changes as required by Rule 29J-2 and Rule 29J-3. Councilmember Furr moved the motion, Councilmember Ziade seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous consent.*

**V. Discussion Items – Chair’s Report**

Chair Geller was pleased to report that with the guidance of the Executive Director, Mrs. Cosio Carballo, the SFRPC has been working diligently on the projects and the scope of services that the SFRPC has been tasked to accomplish. He commended the SFRPC on hosting a two-hour South Florida Affordable Housing discussion on Friday, September 16, 2022. In addition, a Joint Meeting with the SFRPC and the TCRPC will take place on Friday, October 21, 2022 with an in-depth discussion on Solid Waste. The First / Last Mile Mass Transit discussion will take place sometime in 2023. The CEDS Report is being reviewed and will be completed in the next couple of weeks. In addition, the SFRPC is also working on the MIRR Resiliency Study.

Councilmember Udine offered brief comments on the South Florida Affordable Housing Meeting that was held the previous Friday. Affordable housing is clearly one of the most important topics in South Florida. He stated that hearing from the county elected leaders, housing directors, and experts about the diverse programs they have in place to increase affordability in South Florida is helpful and very important. He also agreed with Chair Geller that the topic should be discussed on a more regional level with the SFRPC implementing the topic moving forward. Councilmember Udine believes that the SFRPC is the best place to bring forth the regional solid waste topic as well.

Chair Geller stated that he, Mrs. Cosio Carballo, and Council staff have been working diligently on the CEDS Report which is due to the U.S. Economic Development Administration at the end of October. He emphasized that the SFRPC is organizing and accomplishing the tasks given.

Councilmember Kaufman asked about the upcoming Solid Waste Conference and which cities will be invited. Chair Geller responded that every elected official, City, and County Commissioner will be invited to attend from all seven counties. The expected attendance will be about two hundred (200) guests comprised of elected officials and staff members.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the invitation to the Solid Waste Conference will be sent out this week with a Draft Agenda to follow in the next week or two. Conference speakers are currently being identified. Councilmember Furr and Councilmember Ross are providing their assistance and counsel given their expertise. Chair Geller added that, unfortunately, the CEDS report has been an all-consuming item that has taken up most of Isabel's time.

Chair Geller mentioned that Monroe County's issues are different from the three large urban counties regarding some of these topics. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that Monroe County is part of the SFRPC / TCRPC Solid Waste Regional Conference and the SFRPC First and Last Mile Conference which will soon be developed. After consulting with Councilmember Coldiron, it was agreed to focus the affordable housing conversation on Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties as they have more issues in common. Monroe County has unique issues due to its designation as an Area of Critical State Concern and limitations on the number of housing units that can be built. Councilmember Coldiron believes there are about 30 workforce housing units left Countywide.

Mrs. Isabel Cosio Carballo announced that the Solid Waste Conference will take place in person at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton on October 21, 2022, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be no Zoom participation. A save-the-date invitation will be sent with additional information soon. Chair Geller added that Councilmember Ross and Councilmember Furr have been leading the effort in Broward County, thereby bringing both municipal and county perspectives to the conversation.

Chair Geller asked for a brief review of the Broward County Interlocal Agreement (ILA) regarding waste disposal. Mr. Goren explained the document in detail. This agreement is between the cities and Broward County to address waste disposal now and into the future. There are groups or tiers such as big cities, midsize cities, small cities, county governments, and qualified experts working on this document as part of the Broward County League of Cities Solid Waste Working Group (SWWG) and the technical group that supports it. The draft ILA will soon be under public review. It is a critically important document that will set the tone for waste disposal in Broward County moving forward.

Chair Geller asked Councilmember Ross if all the cities have signed off on this document. Councilmember Ross stated that the document was sent out one week ago to all the City Managers and City Attorneys for

review. Once the comments return, the SWWG will work on them, produce a final draft, and send it to Broward's thirty-one cities. Councilmember Furr added that the thirty-one cities have been part of the process and will most likely approve the document. Councilmember Ross offered that the relationship between the cities and the County is very positive resulting in great work together. The governance structure is the ILA with a Master Plan to follow.

Councilmember Furr stated that the ILA contemplates an eleven-person Executive Board in which the county will have one vote. The Governing Board will meet twice per year for substantial changes and the Executive Board will meet monthly with an Executive Director and a Resilience Director. He explained in detail the different types of votes, participation, and thresholds for voting. Councilmember Furr will be presenting the proposal to the County Commission on October 11, 2022. It was suggested that it will be helpful to understand what problem the ILA is intended to solve given that Broward County's solid waste management structure is different from either Miami-Dade County or Monroe County. Discussion ensued on the issues regarding recycling, disposal throughout the State, greenhouse gases, waste to energy plants, lack of capacity, and landfills.

A. Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Isabel Cosio Carballo thanked the Council for her review and the counties' modest dues increase -- the first in 28 years. She also thanked the SFRPC staff for their hard work and commented on the recent South Florida Affordable Housing Meeting as she received many positive comments. The MIRR is going very well with four site visits completed. There is a MIRR web discussion on September 29, 2022 in which stakeholders will receive an update.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo mentioned that she has received a request from Senator Garcia's office to tour the Palm Beach County Waste Management Facility and will be coordinating with Council Members to arrange a tour. She is additionally pleased to see the Coastal Link moving forward in Broward County. This is an important regional project for Miami-Dade County and COO Jimmy Morales who expressed to the Executive Director their interest in supporting Broward County's efforts at their June 2022 SMART Trends Transportation Summit. With Councilmember Furr's follow-up, and Broward County and the private sector leadership, Mrs. Cosio Carballo is pleased that the South Broward extension is moving forward.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo announced that the Council was awarded a National Association of Development Organizations Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award in recognition of the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition and innovative approaches to regional economic and community development. The Council's Revolving Loan Fund Program will also be recognized at the MEDWeek Conference in October. Mrs. Cosio Carballo congratulated Alisha Lopez, Jeff Tart, and Steve Forman on these accomplishments.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo acknowledged that she and the SFRPC staff continue to work on the completion of the CEDS Report. There is a review meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. Chair Geller asked to add another meeting in two weeks for final approval. There will be two sets of comments for next Tuesday and one week after next Tuesday for final approval.

Councilmember Coldiron thanked the Executive Director and her staff for their presentation to the Key West Chamber of Commerce on regional economic development and the CEDS. Following the presentation, the Chamber announced its intent to form a new Economic Development Committee. She was greatly appreciative of the excellent job and the SFRPC's efforts in this new endeavor.

**B. Legal Counsel Report**

Legal Counsel Sam Goren thanked the Councilmembers for his review and increase. He discussed the Angela Dawson case and conveyed that the next hearing will occur in December as the most recent settlement offer was rejected. The case has become more contentious and is taking up a lot of time. Mr. Goren added that there is a review by a Judge for a Motion to Dismiss on October 10, 2022, as opposing counsel (Ms. Dawson) does not consistently appear in court or meetings. Councilmember Ross suggested that the Florida State Bar be contacted to notify of opposing counsel's non-participation.

**C. Councilmembers Reports**

Councilmember Ziade commented on the Small Business Fair that took place on August 8, 2022, in North Lauderdale. She thanked SFRPC staff Alisha Lopez and Steve Foreman for their participation and advised any municipality or chamber to include them in their small business events. She also mentioned Council staff's participation at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference that took place on August 11-13, 2022.

**D. Ex-Officio Reports**

Dat Huynh, Florida Department of Transportation District 6, commented on the City Park DRI. The Department has coordinated with Florida's Turnpike and provided comments on the modeling used in the traffic analysis.

Lorraine Mayers, South Florida Water Management District, did not have anything to report.

Jason Andreotta, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, reported that DEP Marathon's Branch Office is now reporting to West Palm Beach's South District effective September 1, 2022. He mentioned that the Septic Tank Enforcement Program has been moved to DEP as of July 1, 2021, as part of a five-year transition. During the first year, the Department has been working on rulemaking and training. He went into detail on permitting and septic tank enforcement. In January 2023, the next Annual Report will be rolled out. He noted that this is contemplated as a thoughtful and methodical transition over five years. He stated that he will be in contact with Mrs. Cosio Carballo on enforcement numbers. Chair Geller suggested that Mr. Andreotta contact Dr. Jennifer Jurado of Broward County for more clarification.

Councilmember Furr inquired if there was an update on the conversation between DEP and Florida Fish Wildlife and Conservation Commission on the Coral Reef Conservation Area Management Plan. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the SFRPC had received a letter from DEP and will share it with him.

**VI. Program Reports and Activities**

- A. SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report
- B. SFRPC CARES Act RLF Status Report
- C. Development of Regional Impact Status Report

Jeffrey Tart, Senior Loan Officer announced that the RLF Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 10:00 am to review two (2) new business loans. Mr. Tart also provided information regarding the Angela Dawson case. The Florida State Bar was contacted, and they declined to review the matter because of ongoing litigation. Mr. Tart highlighted a new proposed 10-unit affordable townhouse project in Pompano Beach. The SFRPC is reviewing the project for possible financing as part of the SFCDI and Broward County Commission funding partnership.

**VII. Announcements and Attachments**

- A. Attendance Form / Statement of Organizations (Adopted April 26, 2021)
- B. Correspondence and Articles
- C. Upcoming Meetings
  - 1. Monday, October 17, 2022 – SFRPC Council Retreat (TBD)
  - 2. Friday, October 21, 2022 – SFRPC/TCRPC Solid Waste Management Regional Summit  
Florida Atlantic University – Boca Raton, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm w/ a working lunch
  - 3. Monday, November 21, 2022 – SFRPC Council Meeting (TBD)
  - 4. December – Winter recess (no meeting scheduled)

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

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 September 19, 2022 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022.

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Michelle Lincoln, Secretary  
Monroe County Commissioner, District 2

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Date