

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

OCTOBER 21, 2024

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met virtually and in person on this date at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020. Chair Geller welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m., and asked Councilmember Ross to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. The recording of this meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGokVCxujkM>

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Chair Steve Geller
Councilmember Mario J. Bailey*
Councilmember Frank Caplan
Councilmember Craig Cates*
Councilmember Joseph Corradino*
Councilmember Beam Furr
Councilmember René García**
Councilmember Oliver Gilbert, III**
Councilmember Cary Goldberg*
Councilmember Denise Horland
Councilmember Samuel Kaufman*
Councilmember Michelle Lincoln
Councilmember Kionne McGhee**
Councilmember Greg Ross
Councilmember Michael Udine*

* Virtually Present

** Absent

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

Chair Geller recognized Councilmember Ross for attending his last council meeting.

A quorum for the Executive Committee was present but a quorum was not present to transact council business. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, stated that once Councilmember Horland arrived a quorum would be present. Councilmember Horland arrived after the roll call.

The following Ex-Officio Members were virtually present:

- Sirena Davila, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Armando L. Vilaboy, representing the South Florida Water Management District
- Kent Walia, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District IV

II. Welcome and Approval of Council Agenda

Chair Geller motioned to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Lincoln moved the motion and Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

III. Councilmember Planning Workshop (Time Approximate: 11 AM)

Chair Geller stated that over the past few years, the Council has dramatically changed its role and wants to make sure that continues. He has enjoyed spending his time making sure the Council is seen in the community as a major player on regional planning issues. During the January 2025 meeting, the new leadership of the Council will be elected. He shared that he spoke to Mrs. Cosio Carballo and Councilmember Lincoln (the next chair of the Council) about having the January 2025 Council Meeting in Monroe County.

Chair Geller reviewed the partial list of topics that the Council has worked on individually and/or in collaboration with the TCRPC in recent years. He stated that some of the topics require follow-up including mental health, recycling and solid waste, Silver Tsunami, First and Last Mile innovation, CEDS, transit-oriented development, property insurance, rail, septic to sewer, C&SF, agricultural land use, climate tech, and the Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR).

Chair Geller discussed the importance of additional post-secondary school training for employment and housing for individuals with mental illness. He also brought up that water is too broad a topic and needs to be specific. He recognized the importance of resiliency, wastewater, Silver Tsunami, transit-oriented development, and the insurance crisis.

Councilmember Furr discussed the importance of U.S. 27 as a future rail corridor, Florida's Coral Reef, water (advanced water treatment), waste, and transit.

Councilmember Lincoln discussed the importance of Florida's Coral Reef restoration, coral disease, coral fragmentation, water and solid waste/recycling, and support for veterans' groups. She also reiterated the importance of reviewing the adaptability of housing and zoning. Apprenticeships are needed in Monroe County, such as boat mechanics, and culinary workforce.

Councilmember Ross discussed the importance of garbage and waste management, resiliency, and rail transit.

Councilmember Caplan discussed the importance of climate, wastewater recycling, resiliency, public outreach, and changes in behavior regarding the use of water, and community design. He brought up the issue of preemption by the state legislature, specifically motorized scooters and electric bicycles in Key Biscayne.

Councilmember Horland discussed the importance of water, insurance, adaptation, and planning. She also brought up the issue of preemption by the state legislature, specifically vacation rentals in Plantation.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the Council has had conversations about creating a structure so that state water funding will be treated the same way as transportation and there may be a role for the Council to play. Councilmember Lincoln stated that this is a high priority of the Florida Association of Counties.

Chair Geller suggested the topic for the 2025 SFRPC / TCRPC conference would be Florida's Coral Reef and water.

IV. Action Items

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

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Proposed.

Proposed:

- Monroe County 24-03ACSC
- City of Sunrise 24-02ESR
- City of Sweetwater 24-02ESR

Public Hearing

Chair Geller opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any comments or questions.

Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from the public in person or virtually.

Chair Geller motioned to approve the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Councilmember Ross moved the motion and Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, read the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Reviews, Adopted.

Adopted:

- Broward County 24-01ESR
- Broward County 24-02ESR
- Broward County 24-03ESR
- City of Miami 24-01ESR
- City of North Miami 24-02ESR
- City of Opa-locka 24-01ER*

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Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from the public in person or virtually.

Chair Geller motioned to approve the adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Councilmember Ross moved the motion and Councilmember Caplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

B. 2022-2027 South Florida CEDS Annual Report

Mr. Randy Deshazo, Deputy Director, Chief of Staff, and Director of Economic Development and Research shared that the Council releases two kinds of reports. The first is an overall update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for South Florida which is undertaken every five years. Currently, South Florida is operating with the CEDS for South Florida (2022-2027). The second is the CEDS for South Florida Annual Report. The purpose of the Annual Report is to provide the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) with information about what has changed in the regional economy as well as updates on projects.

Mr. Deshazo delivered an update on changes to the regional economy. Chair Geller thanked him for the presentation.

Councilmember Furr suggested that this report be sent to the county commissioners in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties as well as the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and the Beacon Council. Mrs. Cosio Carballo agreed to distribute it once it is finalized. The report will be posted on the Council's website for public comment and then on the Council's economic development page.

Chair Geller motioned to release the 2022-2027 South Florida CEDS Annual Report for the 30-day review period. Councilmember Ross moved the motion and Councilmember Horland seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Program Reports and Activities

A. Preparing for the Silver Tsunami – Planning and Policy Solutions for Southeast Florida's Communities (SFRPC / TCRPC Regional Conference)

Mrs. Cosio Carballo reviewed a copy of the draft agenda for the TCRPC / SFRPC Regional Conference on November 15, 2024. She discussed the panels and speakers that have been prepared. Chair Geller stated that this was an extremely impressive agenda and group of speakers.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that the Council has not charged for attendance in previous years. The Council has underwritten the expenses for past conferences with Council dues and sponsorships. Last year Council Members shared that they would like to charge a nominal fee for attendance to cover a portion of the expenses. The original fee for this conference was \$75 but after discussion among Council Members there was agreement that \$50 would be a more reasonable amount to charge for attendance. Mrs. Cosio Carballo contacted the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and they agreed to \$50.

Chair Geller stated that he is expecting more than 200 people to attend. Chair Geller stated that he would ask his staff to contact all the elected officials in Broward County to invite them to attend the conference. Councilmember Ross stated that he would send Chair Geller a list from the Florida League of Cities of local elected officials with their contact information. Mrs. Cosio Carballo shared that information about the conference was sent to local elected officials, city managers, city planners, state and federal representatives, Broward League of Cities, and Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

Mr. Deshazo delivered a presentation regarding the information he plans on sharing at the conference.

Chair Geller thanked him for the presentation.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Cosio Carballo recognized the Council's newest employee, Marion Knowles. She is a Regional Planner and comes from the Apalachee Regional Planning Council. She graduated from Florida State University and has family in South Florida.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that Council staff has been very busy between the CEDS, preparing for the Silver Tsunami conference, and other projects. Councilmember Ross asked about the minutes of the September 30, 2024 meeting. Mrs. Cosio Carballo stated that they would be considered at the November 18, 2024 meeting.

B. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren reminded Councilmembers that the contract for the Special Counsel for the Dawson foreclosure case, Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A. (Johnson Anselmo), was signed by Mrs. Cosio Carballo following review and approval by Chair Geller. Depositions are being requested and may be scheduled but not conducted.

C. Council Members Report

Councilmember Furr stated that the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) is working with the Florida Department of Transportation Districts IV and VI on a study regarding the creation of a railroad

system from Miami-Dade County to Okeechobee. The study has been approved and funded.

Councilmember Lincoln thanked Councilmember Ross for his public service and friendship. Chair Geller stated that Councilmember Ross will be invited to the November 18, 2024 meeting for an appropriate recognition.

D. Ex-Officio Report

Mr. Walia stated that the Florida Department of Transportation is updating its Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Master Plan for the regions encompassing the SFRPC and the TCRPC. The master plan will be completed around May 2025.

VII. Announcements and Attachments

A. Attendance Form

B. Correspondence and Articles

C. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) November 15, 2024 (SFRPC/TCRPC Joint Conference, Florida Atlantic University)
- 2) November 18, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (SFRPC)
- 3) December 2024, Winter Recess, unless upon call of the Chair

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Geller adjourned the meeting at 1:21 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 September 30, 2024, executive committee meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted on the 18th day of November 2024.

Denise Horland, Secretary
Councilmember, City of Plantation

Date