

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

August 1, 2011

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met this date at the Council Offices, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, Florida.

Legal Counsel, Sam Goren, stated that there was not a physical quorum but this could become a Workshop session.

At 10:30 a.m., Chair Gunzburger stated that the meeting would become a Workshop.

I. Roll Call

Councilmember Heather Carruthers
Chair Suzanne Gunzburger
Councilmember Joseph Scuotto (absent)
Councilmember Rebeca Sosa (via phone)
Councilmember Paul Wallace (via phone)

Mr. Goren stated again there was not a physical quorum and two Councilmembers were present by phone; they could be interactive but there could not be any motions made. He stated that a Workshop should be conducted especially regarding the transition issues with Deputy Director, James Murley, and departing Executive Director, B. Jack Osterholt.

Chair Gunzburger stated that she was not comfortable discussing the changes in leadership, within the Council, at this Workshop because she would like to have input from all Councilmembers. Executive Committee Members agreed to have an Emergency Executive Committee Meeting, under Rule 7, and would like as many Councilmembers present for participation. Councilmembers present agreed to have the Emergency Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at 3:00 P.M., at Council Chambers, in which decisions would be made regarding the Agenda Items.

Vice Chair Carruthers stated that since this was a Workshop she wanted to bring up the following items:

- In the future, the Council Budget should be brought before the Board in June, rather than July, due to the fact that the Broward Councilmembers are not in session in July and not available;
- Prioritize so the most controversial agenda items are first so most Councilmembers would be present;
- Physical absence and requirements; and
- Consider Skype or "Go to Meeting" so a physical quorum is not necessary.

Chair Gunzburger stated she liked the first idea; the problem with the second idea would be to have the non-controversial items first and out of the way.

Mr. Goren explained that Councilmembers have to miss three or more meetings to be removed; in the case of the Counties, that entity would have to remove the Councilmember. Mr. Goren stated that in regards to the idea of Skype or other similar technology, the problem is that technology has been moving ahead of the laws.

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Councilmember Wallace raised the question of what we have to do in terms of needing someone who was titled Interim Director for the next few days to follow through on administrative items. Mr. Murley explained that under the title of Deputy Director he would not be signing checks or making decisions on employment, much the same as the Interim Director position's description. He stated that two Councilmembers signatures are needed for all checks and every action would be a recorded consultation with Mr. Goren. He stated that this would be sufficient to maintain the operations of the Council until further action would be taken. Mr. Goren agreed that this decision was sufficient. He stated that he had met with Mr. Murley and Mr. Murley was aware of the understanding of the mission, the legal obligations, operational affairs of the office and he is fully competent to run this Organization in the context of the assigned tasks.

Chair Gunzburger stated she would like a notice sent out to the Board, as a whole, urging them to attend the August 9th meeting even though they would not be part of the quorum; they could be part of the discussion and she believes that this is a critical discussion. Councilmember Wallace inquired about the process for a search for an Executive Director. It was decided this discussion should take place at the Emergency Meeting. Chair Gunzburger requested that Mr. Goren research how this process should proceed for the next meeting.

Councilmember Wallace requested that Mr. Murley's Bio be sent to all Councilmembers. Mr. Murley stated that this would be done and that he would be available for any Councilmember for discussion. He had two informational items for the Councilmembers. He stated that at the July meeting, there was discussion on the proposed budget and the calculation of the Counties' dues. The staff had put together a document explaining the Council's business plan, how it operates, and the results of the Counties' investments. He explained that this would be sent out to the three Counties and Councilmembers. Chair Gunzburger approved. Mr. Murley also stated that he had received a letter from Florida Power and Light (FPL) requesting the Council co-sponsor with the Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition and FPL a Workshop on electric vehicles with no cost to the Council. He suggested that he proceed, on Council's behalf, and bring more information to the next meeting. Chair Gunzburger agreed that it should be brought back for further discussion.

The Workshop was adjourned at 11:00 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 August 1, 2011 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 12th day of September 2011.

Rebeca Sosa, Secretary

Date