

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

May 3, 2010

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met this date at the Council Offices, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140, Hollywood, Florida. The Chair, Councilmember Scuotto, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM ONE: Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM TWO: Roll Call

Councilmember Patricia B. Asseff
Councilmember M. Margaret Bates
Councilmember Michael Blynn
Councilmember Scott Brook
Councilmember Heather Carruthers
Councilmember Suzanne Gunzburger
Councilmember Ilene Lieberman
Councilmember George Neugent
Councilmember Marta Perez
Councilmember Stacy Ritter
Councilmember Joseph Scuotto
Councilmember Katy Sorenson
Councilmember Paul Wallace
Councilmember Sandra Walters (via phone)

The following Ex-Officio members were present:

Mr. Tim Gray, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Mr. Norman Taylor, representing the Broward County Office of Economic Development
Mr. Elbert Waters, representing the South Florida Water Management District

The following Council Member arrived after roll call:

Councilmember Bruno Barreiro
Councilmember Joseph Kelley

Chair Scuotto informed the Council that there would be two new members: Miami-Dade County Commissioner Bruno Barreiro and Ex-Officio Member Norman Taylor, representing the Broward County Office of Economic Development.

Councilmember Kelley arrived at the meeting.

Chair Scuotto informed the Council that they were provided copies of the letters that were sent out following the April Council meeting, regarding off-shore oil drilling.

AGENDA ITEM THREE: Minutes of previous Meetings

Councilmember Lieberman moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. Councilmember Gunzburger seconded the motion.

Councilmember Wallace stated that if you compare the minutes of what the Council intended to do and the letter that went out, the Council directed that a letter be sent to the Legislature requesting that action not be taken during this legislative session because it needs more study. Unfortunately, the letter does not say that. I know that session is over and it won't make any difference, but in light of current events, I feel that it is important that we clarify what the Council intended to say last time.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that this was not a correction to the Minutes, they are accurate; the problem was with the letter.

A suggestion was made to discuss the letter later in the agenda and take a vote on the Minutes.

The Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM FOUR: Project Reviews

a) Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

Councilmember Lieberman moved to approve the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report. Councilmember Gunzburger seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM FIVE: Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Program

a) DRI Assessment Reports

None

b) Development Orders (DO)

None

c) DRI Status Report

Information only

AGENDA ITEM SIX: Proposed Local Government Comprehensive Plan/Amendment Reviews

a) Proposed Public Education Facilities Element (PEFE)/Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Updates Amendments - None

b) City of Doral

Ms. Rachel Kalin, Council staff, stated that there was an error on page four of the staff report; it reads that the amendment should be found inconsistent, but it should say generally consistent.

Councilmember Lieberman moved to approve the revised staff report for 6b. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion.

Councilmember Carruthers stated that she wanted to make sure that staff attaches concerns about school concurrency and also about having updated ways of looking at these numbers.

Chair Scuotto explained that page three of the staff report references the Miami-Dade County Public School analysis from July 2007. The Council members wanted to make sure that the information that is received will be current.

Councilmember Brook asked what the latest information was from the School Board.

Ms. Kalin stated that the numbers in the staff report were the numbers from the School Board's original review of the amendment, which was in July of 2007. The School Board has said that its stand has not changed, because the applicant has not proffered any mitigation.

Councilmember Brook quoted the following from the staff report: "The School District will conduct a 'Public Schools Planning Level Review'...however; this review will not constitute public school concurrency." He then asked if staff was anticipating the School Board will maintain its decision and this will extend into whatever level of overcrowding as opposed to updating what I would consider to be a truer analysis.

Ms. Kalin stated that the School Board will review this again at the site plan or the equivalent. The City of Doral signed the interlocal agreement with the School Board after the School Board reviewed the initial application. The School Board will have another opportunity to work with the applicant and the City to meet concurrency.

Ms. Carolyn A. Dekle, Executive Director, stated that this would happen before permits are actually issued for this to go forward. There will be updated information through the interlocal agreement that has been agreed to. This is why staff found the amendment to be consistent, because we were confident that there would be contemporary information at the time that the approval was made, if it is made.

Councilmember Asseff stated that she had a question about school concurrency, how do Montessori magnet schools work.

Ms. Dekle stated that each county has their own interlocal agreement as it relates to schools and school capacity. I don't know that I can answer the question about how the Montessori schools are evaluated within Miami-Dade or Broward Counties, but we will be glad to get that information to you.

Councilmember Lieberman moved to approve the revised staff report for 6b. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM SEVEN: Adopted Local Government Comprehensive Plan/Amendment Reviews

- a) Adopted Public Education Facilities Element (PEFE)/Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Amendments
 - City of Cooper City
 - City of Hialeah
- b) Town of Hillsboro Beach
- c) City of South Miami

Councilmember Gunzburger moved to approve 7a, 7b and 7c. Councilmember Lieberman seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Barreiro arrived at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM EIGHT: Reports

a) Executive Committee Report

Chair Scuotto stated that the Council would now discuss the item raised earlier by Councilmember Wallace regarding the oil drilling letter.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that she agreed with Councilmember Wallace; the letter needs to be revised. She added that it should not be limited to state officials; it should also go to federal officials as well. We should outline the issues, especially since it appears that the spilled oil may be heading toward the Keys.

Councilmember Gunzburger stated that it is not just the Keys that are in danger; it is the beaches in Miami-Dade and Broward. They have just halted the fishing in the Gulf waters; that will be hitting restaurateurs as well. She added that she had heard on the news that BP claimed that they were not at fault.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that Councilmember Gunzburger was correct about adding the additional items in. We also want to tell them how this impacts economic development for the State. Fishing has been suspended in the bay area. She added, since the Legislature has adjourned and as the oil slick slowly drifts our way, we have time and perhaps staff can flush out all the issues and circulate to the members a draft to see if any bullet points are missing.

Chair Scuotto informed the Council that future correspondence, to be signed by the Chair or any other Council member, would be circulated to the rest of the Council first to provide an opportunity to make corrections. He apologized that this was not done with the original letter.

Councilmember Gunzburger suggested that there should be a period of five days for the Council members to comment when reviewing these letters. Any corrections, once made, should then be circulated as well.

Chair Scuotto stated that would hold up time sensitive items.

Councilmember Gunzburger stated that this would not be as time sensitive.

Councilmember Neugent asked what the Council could say in the letter that would amplify the Council's position. This is such a no-brainer, and you cannot express in words strong enough based on hindsight of what has happened since the letter was written. The letter has to be very emphatic and clear as to where the Council stands on this.

Councilmember Perez stated that she did not think that the Council, as a whole, could review and edit a letter without an official meeting. She requested clarification from Legal Counsel.

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Mr. Samuel S. Goren, Legal Counsel, stated that this way of reviewing a letter could be troublesome; he requested that in instances where the issue requires immediate attention, then the Council delegates the responsibility to the Executive Committee. That has been accomplished for many years without incident.

Chair Scuotto stated that the Council Member comments would be directed to staff, not to other Members.

Councilmember Kelley stated that his concern was the same as Councilmember Perez. If there is something that requires immediate attention, then maybe the Executive Committee should be responsible for drafting and reviewing a letter to address the item.

Councilmember Carruthers stated that this was an unusual situation, because it seems that the letter that was written does not reflect the discussion that took place at the meeting. That is just a statement of fact; I don't know how we can get around looking at that without allowing everyone to put in their own personal comments. There has to be some common sense approach where we can make sure that the letter that is drafted reflects the discussion that took place at the meeting, rather than asking everyone to add their extra comments on something like this. Perhaps the Executive Committee idea is the best way to go.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that it was not her intent that this go out before the next meeting. When we did this last month, time was of the essence, because the Legislature was in session. They are no longer in session; therefore I did not think that another 30 days would be crucial to identify our concerns. The purpose of circulating the letter was to make sure that every member would have a copy in the agenda packet for the purpose of discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Goren stated that the way, as discussed by Councilmember Lieberman, was wholly legal and would not violate any Sunshine Laws.

Chair Scuotto requested that there be a clarification of proper protocol when the matter requires immediate attention. He pointed out that the letter being discussed was drafted by staff, and was not based on his personal opinion on the issue.

Mr. Goren stated that it appears that it is the wish of the Council to draft a letter which responds to the commentary this morning, and circulate that draft among the members for discussion at the June Council meeting.

Councilmember Kelley stated that still did not address the Council policy if there were to be an item that required immediate attention.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that the Council could direct Legal Counsel to draft a policy to address that issue for the Council's review at the June meeting.

Councilmember Wallace stated that the easier way to address issues that require immediate attention would be to assign duties to people that we trust. Staff drafts the letter, and then Legal Counsel reads it to ensure that it covers the issues raised by the Council. That is my motion, he stated.

Councilmember Kelley stated that the Council should draft a policy that allows for the Executive Committee to work on a letter to address something that has time constraints.

Councilmember Carruthers stated that the key concern with the letter was that it did not say, “Do not take action in this legislative session”. It just says this item needs to be reviewed reasonably, and some folks may have felt that they had reviewed it reasonably and might have still taken action.

Councilmember Asseff stated that she would like to see some more information on the oil spill.

Ms. Dekle stated that Council staff is in a loop of information with state and federal partners. There is a lot of discovery going on right now both in terms of what actually occurred and what corrective actions might be taken as well as what the eventual effects may be. Staff will bring back its understanding at the next meeting and a letter that the Council can review. Staff may not be able to get state emergency responders here within the next 30 days, but will work on getting a presentation for the Council.

Councilmember Gunzburger moved to direct staff to draft a letter that shows a revised position from the Council to show the Council’s true feelings on the issue.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that there was already a motion to direct staff to draft a revised letter outlining the concerns, circulate it to the Members and any Member that has changes should send them to Ms. Dekle, who will include them in the packet and then we can address any changes to the letter at the June meeting. Councilmember Gunzburger seconded the motion.

Councilmember Wallace asked if the Council was on a separate motion on the short fuse items.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that the Council directed Legal Counsel to draft a policy for those items.

Councilmember Wallace stated that was not in the motion.

Councilmember Kelley stated that was the motion that he made earlier, and he assumed that the Chair would get to it after this motion.

Councilmember Sorenson stated that she would like to see the letter changed from concern to out-right opposition, if it was the will of the Council.

Councilmember Perez stated that part of the discussion last month was that the Council would get a report from staff so that we would be able to take a position on the item. She asked when that would happen.

Ms. Dekle stated that things are moving quite quickly right now. Staff spoke to someone about making a presentation at this meeting and decided not to incur the expense of having that done given the events that have occurred and the fact that there was not going to be legislation this session. That person may still be appropriate to come in the future or there may be other experts, given the change in issues over the last two weeks. Staff will continue to work on setting up a point, counter-point type presentation; however 30 days may be a short turn around time seeing as how many individuals are involved in the cleanup efforts. Staff will have a letter done that will allow the Council to put its position forward and then there may be further discussion with those experts.

Councilmember Perez asked if staff could aim toward having the report prepared for the July meeting.

Councilmember Sorenson moved to have the discussion on the issue of oil drilling on the June agenda.

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Councilmember Lieberman accepted the motion as a friendly amendment to her earlier motion.

Councilmember Neugent stated that there are a couple of issues that need to be clarified. Are we talking about being in opposition to drilling throughout the Gulf, because the State of Florida and the Legislature were only interested in allowing drilling in state waters, which is much more risky than in federal waters? Senator Nelson is adamantly opposed to drilling in the off-shore of Florida in federal waters because of the impact to the military weapons testing going on there. Now, you have drilling that has gone on for eons off the coast of Louisiana and Texas and now is the opposition that we are trying to express in opposition to drilling everywhere? I think that is an empty proposal, because it is never going to happen.

Chair Scuotto stated that he also drafted a letter from the City of Sunrise to Congressman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz requesting any information regarding anything that they have that could be forwarded to us. He stated that he has not received anything yet. He requested that the Council Members also try to reach their contacts in order to help gather information for the purposes of discussion.

Councilmember Neugent stated that the issues that Monroe County had with drilling were regarding drilling in state waters. Senator Nelson thought this was a wedge to also open up drilling in the federal waters. He was adamantly opposed to state water drilling because he felt like it would implicate drilling in federal waters which he was opposed to. I don't think we can have any impact with the Legislature unless they joined us and opposed drilling in the Gulf where they are presently drilling. This is the first major accident since the early 1970's off the coast of Mexico. As someone who has worked in the industry, everyone thought that the technology had gotten to a point to where it was just a very small risk in this ever happening again, and there is still confusion over how this happened.

Councilmember Asseff stated that she agreed with Councilmember Neugent, adding that information might be available from the Department of Energy after they look this. They are not going to close down the oil rigs in Louisiana, because if they did we would become even more dependent on oil from the Middle East.

Councilmember Wallace stated that he made a motion when the discussion first started. The motion was to correct the letter to reflect what was in the minutes. As I recall, the subject matter was a Bill for the legislature which had to do with drilling in Florida waters. Let's take the position that we intended to take when we took that position, and restate that, correctly. We can deal with the other issues after. Let's deal with what we did wrong and correct that, he stated.

Councilmember Carruthers stated that this was not the only oil spill in recent history; in November an oil rig off the coast of Australia caused what people thought was going to be the biggest since the Exxon Valdez. These things are not confined to tankers and clearly we have not mastered the technology to such an extent that they are impossible impossibilities. She stated that she understood the concern for the economy, but there is a huge tourism economy for the entire southeastern United States that is potentially in jeopardy, plus a fishing economy and potential real estate development along the coast. We need to start to balance those interests as well; it is a very complicated issue. As long as humans are involved there is always a chance for error. We need to determine what the stakes are and what we are willing to lose.

Chair Scuotto stated that there was a motion and a second on the floor; Councilmember Sorensen added an amendment to the motion. He requested that the motion be repeated for clarification.

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Councilmember Lieberman stated that the motion was to direct staff to:

- Draft a new letter that accurately reflects the discussion that the Council had at this meeting and the April meeting to outline the concerns that it has with off-shore drilling;
- Circulate the letter to the members of the Council and Council Member comments or changes should be addressed to Ms. Dekle; and
- Include the letter and Council Member amendments on the agenda for the June meeting.

Councilmember Wallace asked where the letter says to ask the Legislature not to take action on this issue.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that the Legislature was no longer in session.

Councilmember Wallace stated, “Ask the Legislature not to take action on this issue”. That is why we are arguing about this, and it doesn’t say that now, nor does the motion include that in the letter.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that she did not mind including it, but the Legislature has already adjourned, and will not meet again until next spring.

Councilmember Wallace stated I realize that they have adjourned, but it is important that we say that we oppose it.

Councilmember Asseff asked if the letter should include something to the effect of, “...because of the BP oil spill, we have come to the conclusion that we would like to see no drilling in our Florida waters.

Councilmember Ritter suggested that the letter include a thank you for not taking action.

Councilmember Brook stated that he liked the idea.

Councilmember Wallace agreed that it was a good idea to include in the letter.

Councilmember Ritter’s amendment was accepted and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Kelley moved to direct Legal Counsel to draft a policy when time is of the essence that would allow the Executive Committee to meet via telephone and approve letters. Councilmember Lieberman seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Scuotto informed the Council that there was still a vacant seat for Monroe County. Councilmember Carruthers informed the Executive Committee that the City of Key West made the appointment recommendation for Jimmy Weekly. However, it is his understanding that Monroe County opted out of their membership to the League of Cities.

Councilmember Lieberman asked that the Council direct Legal Counsel to find out where this rule comes from and see what we can do to change it, because Monroe County should be making its own appointments.

Councilmember Carruthers moved to direct Legal Counsel to find out where this rule comes from and see what can be done to change it. Councilmember Lieberman seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

b) Financial Report

Councilmember Sorenson moved to approve the Financial Report. Councilmember Lieberman seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Brook stated that he thought it would be appropriate to look at the numbers a little bit more in depth and distinguish what is in the account from what is receivable. In light of that, I would just ask staff to also bold the bank accounts as a way of separating them from accounts receivable. If you look at the numbers the total is about \$7.5 million. That sounds great, but it is really not so great, relative to the receivables and relative to what we are writing off. I am not being critical; I just want to be as transparent as possible and also want to make sure that we highlight this as frequently as possible. Then, looking at the variances, you see how much those have gone down as a net? You are looking at what we collected versus what we have added onto the receivables and you'll see, for the last month, if you add up the numbers on the right, it is just at \$22,000-23,000. So relatively speaking, this is a relatively small number of receivables that are coming down. It is a tough economy. I'm not saying let's be more aggressive and collect more money sooner; I just want to make sure that we are present to the reality of these numbers. If we can come up with any kind of different strategy to either improve on the receivables, but secondly leverage, what can we do to leverage the dollars that we do have for economic development purposes/ Is there a strategic way to make those numbers look better, he asked.

Councilmember Asseff stated that the Council was very lucky to now have Norm Taylor as a member, and he is also a member of the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Board. Some of these loans are past history; loans that the Council has taken over from other agencies. The loans that have been given out in the last couple of years have been highly successful. Unfortunately, she stated, the loans that the Council took over are on the books, but for the amount of money that has been loaned out; the Council has done a good job of collecting. We could show you all of the paperwork; this report doesn't show it all.

Councilmember Brook stated that he would recommend that, to show the success of our recent lawsuits, maybe that could be attached to the financial report.

Ms. Dekle informed the Council that Councilmember Lieberman requested that staff make a presentation on the RLF. That will take place next month. Maybe through the discussion of the different programs, the Council can provide guidance on how staff can provide information in a way that is as transparent as possible.

Councilmember Brook stated that his point was not just for edification, but he is looking to see how the Council can strategize with other communities to better leverage these dollars and have better awareness of these dollars.

Ms. Dekle stated that the Council does have some dollars available in the Brownfields Fund and staff is working hard to try to figure out a way to market the availability of these funds. Staff also has a grant application in right now for another \$175,000 for brownfields program funding that will help our communities. She then informed the Council that staff just brought on \$1.5 million from Miami-Dade County for the Council to administer the fund, because of the success of the RLF program.

Councilmember Asseff stated that she wanted to let the Council know what a great presentation Ms. Cheryl Cook and Bob Cambric did at the Miami-Dade Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant RLF meeting.

c) Executive Director's Report

Ms. Dekle informed the Council that there will be an appointment made, by the Chair, to serve as a Council representative on the Broward County Water Advisory Board. Anyone who is interested, please let us know.

Councilmember Gunzburger suggested Ex-Officio Member Mr. Bert Waters to represent the Council.

Chair Scuotto stated as long as there is no conflict.

Councilmember Ritter stated that she sits on there already.

Councilmember Gunzburger asked if she could represent the Council as well.

Ms. Dekle stated that she would be assigned a member of staff for support.

Councilmember Gunzburger nominated Councilmember Ritter to represent the Council on the Broward County Water Advisory Board. Councilmember Lieberman seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Isabel Cosio Carballo provided a brief update of the 2010 Florida Legislative session which concluded on April 30th. The Florida Legislature passed a state budget in the amount of \$70.4 billion. Of that amount, \$2.6 billion are federal stimulus dollars. The Regional Planning Councils are funded at a level of \$2.5 million in recurring dollars. This is the first time that the Councils are funded with recurring dollars in quite some time. There is a possibility that Governor Charlie Crist may veto the budget and call a special session during the summer to address budgetary issues and other legislative matters.

Legislation was passed in the areas of pari-mutuel wagering and the Seminole Indian Compact. In addition, homeless persons were added as a protected class under Florida's hate crime laws. Legislation related to pension reform and the use of red light cameras also passed. Medicaid reform and energy legislation failed to pass. The Florida Legislature approved six constitutional amendments that will be considered by Florida voters in November 2010. Of particular interest to South Florida, is the passage of Senator Constantine's CS/CS/CS/SB 550 related to environmental protection and water policy. Among other things, this legislation contains provisions that directly impact Monroe County and the Florida Keys. Additional information regarding the breadth of what was approved by the Legislature will be available in the next few days following review by the Council's legislative representatives in Tallahassee of legislative proposals that were amended during the final days and hours of the session. With no questions from the Board, the legislative report concluded.

e) Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Status Report

Information only

d) Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren informed the Council that the backup illustrates that there are only five loans in litigation, which is almost unheard of. Those five are paying, though a lesser amount, but still paying. The bad news is those funds must be loaned back out or the government will take it back, which happened this past year. As you know, the applicants who seek these funds are not able to actually secure a commercial loan. So, upon legal review of things, the Council is actually in better shape than not.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that last month she raised an issue about loan 1038, because last month the report said “see attached legal report” and there was nothing on the report. This month that has happened again. Secondly, some of the information is very outdated. Where it says, for example, “plaintiff’s motion to default...scheduled for hearing on April 22”; that hearing has happened and is not updated. Then on loan 3026 it was recorded on March 2 and is in the process of recording with the State; it doesn’t take two months to record with the State. Same is true on loan 3028. She requested an updated report.

AGENDA ITEM NINE: Revolving Loan Funds

a) SFRPC Revolving Loan Funds Status Report

Information only

b) Hurricane Wilma Bridge Loan Status Report

Information only

c) Eastward Ho! Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Status Report

Information only

d) Broward County Cultural Division Artist Micro-Credit Revolving Loan Fund Status Report

Information only

AGENDA ITEM TEN: Contracts

None

AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN: Highlights of Council Activities

Information only

AGENDA ITEM TWELVE: Special Projects

a) Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program - Update

None

AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN: Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP)

None

AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN: Regional Initiatives with Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

None

AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN: Other Matters for Consideration (cont.)

a) FPL Proposed New Nuclear Plant – Turkey Point 6 & 7 Update

Councilmember Wallace thanked staff for the status update. This is the political issue of the day for many communities. It is an issue that has really not been discussed openly at this Council, and it is definitely a regional issue. This may affect ½ million people, daily. His point was not to take a side on the issue, but to say it is the obligation of this Council to examine regional issues such as this. He stated that the Council has a long history of really good faith partnerships with all of the municipalities and local governments in the Region. He added, because of the concerns being expressed daily by the citizens, I think that it is the Council's obligation and a great opportunity to be a leader in the community, regardless of how it comes out. It would be an opportunity to invite affected municipalities to come before the Council to express concerns because our staff is going to submit a recommendation on this matter to the State. It would be a tragedy if that report did not reflect some of the concerns of the affected municipalities. He requested that the affected municipalities be invited to a Council meeting in order to express concerns about this project. He stated that he would make a motion if it were necessary.

Chair Scuotto stated that the Executive Committee discussed the issue and agreed that this was an important issue that required attention. He stated that he agreed with the motion, but suggested that it take place at a future meeting, not the June meeting, because there are many other issues that are on that agenda already.

Councilmember Wallace stated that his motion would be that it take place at one of the regular meetings, because what happens is because it sounds so big the natural reaction is we don't have the time for it at the next meeting and it gets moved and never happens. It deserves to be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Chair Scuotto stated that he would love to have it at the next meeting, but there are currently two major issues already on the agenda that may take up time and then we don't want to lose a quorum.

Councilmember Wallace stated that it is as important as any other issue that has been discussed by this Council.

Councilmember Sorenson stated that the problem here is that time is of the essence, because the alternative transmission line corridor puzzle is going in August and the municipalities would, I'm sure, like to talk about what they are doing. I met with the Mayors of South Miami, Pinecrest, Palmetto Bay, and Cutler Bay; all are very concerned about this issue and its impact to the U.S. 1 corridor, plans for future economic development. These communities have completely opposite goals from what FPL wants to do, and it would destroy any possibility and is completely incompatible with future plans. She stated that next month would be the appropriate time and we can certainly invite FPL.

Chair Scuotto suggested that it be time certain and be moved to the beginning of the meeting so we don't talk about the items that don't require Council action before we lose a quorum.

Councilmember Barriero stated unfortunately, FPL has already won this battle. They've got everyone talking about where to put the overhead lines, when the conversation should be burying every single line. FPL should be proactive and build the cost into a rate increase spread over a number of years.

Councilmember Asseff suggested starting the meeting at 10:00 a.m. instead of 10:30 in order to accommodate all of the items on the agenda.

The Council agreed that the Council meeting for June would begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Executive Committee Meeting would begin at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Dekle stated that there is a regional report that staff would bring to the Council for review prior to its submission. There has been an item put forward before an Administrative Law Judge that would delay the time for those reports to be provided until September. If that were to be the case, then there would be a little more time than the current time frame. Staff will follow the direction of the Council and schedule the discussion for the June Council Meeting and move the start time to 10:00 a.m. Staff will also work with FPL to coordinate their participation in the discussion.

Mr. Goren stated that a motion was required to change the start time of the meeting.

Councilmember Wallace moved to change the start time for the June Council Meeting to 10:00 a.m. and the Executive Committee Meeting to 9:30 a.m. Councilmember Brook seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN: Correspondence and Attendance Form

Information only

AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN: Councilmember Comments/Public Comments

None

AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN: Upcoming Meetings

- a) June 7th, 10:00 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
- b) July 12th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
- c) August 2nd, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood) – Executive Committee
- d) September 13th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)

AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 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 May 3, 2010 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 7th day of June 2010.

Heather Carruthers, Secretary

Date