

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

September 13, 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 10:35 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM ONE: Pledge of Allegiance

The Council observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Rhonda Noah's sister who passed away last week.

AGENDA ITEM TWO: Roll Call

Councilmember Patricia Asseff
Councilmember Michael Blynn
Councilmember Scott Brook
Councilmember Heather Carruthers (via phone)
Councilmember Suzanne Gunzburger
Councilmember Joseph Kelley
Councilmember Jose Riesco
Councilmember Stacy Ritter
Councilmember Joseph Scuotto
Councilmember Katy Sorenson
Councilmember Sandra Walters
Councilmember Jimmy Weekley

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

Mr. Goren stated that Councilmember Carruthers was participating via phone, which was allowed by Council policy, and there was a physical quorum present.

AGENDA ITEM THREE: Minutes of previous Meetings (July & August)

Councilmember Sorenson stated that the August Minutes should be corrected to show Councilmember Carruthers as the Secretary.

Councilmember Sorenson moved to approve the Minutes from the July and August meetings. Councilmember Brook seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM FOUR: Project Reviews

a) Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Report

Councilmember Sorenson 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) Islamorada, Village of Islands
- c) Monroe County
- d) City of Florida City
- e) Town of Davie

Councilmember Walters moved to approve the staff recommendation for items 6b, 6c, 6d, and 6e. Councilmember Gunzburger 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 - None
- b) City of Pompano Beach

Councilmember Walters moved to approve the staff recommendation for item 7b. Councilmember Blynn seconded the motion, which carried with a nay vote from Councilmember Gunzburger.

AGENDA ITEM EIGHT: Reports

a) Executive Committee Report

- 1) Executive Director's Annual Evaluation
- 2) Legal Counsel Evaluation and Proposed Contract Extension

Chair Scuotto stated that it was the recommendation of the Executive Committee that there be no changes to the contracts for Ms. Carolyn A. Dekle, Executive Director, or Mr. Samuel S. Goren, Legal Counsel.

Councilmember Brook stated that he wanted to extend his appreciation to both Ms. Dekle and Mr. Goren for their wonderful work. The Council really appreciates their commitment to the organization.

Chair Scuotto thanked Ms. Dekle and Mr. Goren as well, and he also thanked their staff who work very hard, stating you are only as good as your staff.

Councilmember Gunzburger moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve both contracts. Councilmember Blynn seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Dekle thanked the Council Members for the opportunity to work at the Council and agreed with the observation that it would not be possible to do the work that the Council does without the great staff that it has. They really need to get most of the credit.

Mr. Goren thanked the Council for its confidence in him and his staff; and stated it is an honor and privilege to be Legal Counsel for the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

b) Financial Reports (June & July)

Councilmember Walters moved to approve the Financial Reports for June and July. Councilmember Blynn seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

c) Executive Director's Report

- 1) Senate Bill 360 (2009) Update

Ms. Carolyn A. Dekle, Executive Director, informed the Council that this was an update on the recent actions taken regarding Senate Bill 360. It basically repealed the law that had been put in place that dealt with Chapters 380 and 163 and many of the issues that affected local governments' comprehensive planning work. There will be additional litigation going forward. The Chair will be asking for a volunteer to act as a Broward County representative for the Water Advisory Board. The joint meeting with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) will not take place on October 1 due to a conflict that TCRPC has; we are working on rescheduling that. The Partnership application has been submitted, thanks to the hard work done by Ms. Isabel Cosio Carballo as well as other members of staff. She stated that she thinks that the Council will be successful because it seems to have one of the stronger applications. The Partnership will go on, regardless. Ms. Dekle then explained that the Florida Power and Light issue was not on the agenda this month because there is now a February submittal date for comments. She introduced the two new staff members, Ms. Christine Heshmati and Mr. Eric Swanson.

Chair Scuotto welcomed them to the SFRPC family. He then explained that he would no longer be able to represent the Council on the Water Advisory Board. We explored the idea of having Councilmember Ritter represent the Council, he stated, but were informed that she could not do so because she was already representing Broward County on the Board. Chair Scuotto requested that Mr. Goren look into whether or not a member of staff could act as a liaison if no Council Members were able to represent the Council. If that is not possible, than maybe a Commissioner from another city in Broward could represent the Council.

Councilmember Ritter stated that she read the opinion from the County as far as my sitting on the Board; there was an opinion that there was a conflict of interest. I don't happen to share that opinion, she stated, and was wondering if Mr. Goren could look into that.

Mr. Goren requested a copy of the opinion submitted by the County and stated that he would look into the issue. The SFRPC is a creature of Statute which presumes that those members that sit here are members of other public bodies.

Councilmember Asseff asked when the meetings were.

Chair Scuotto stated that they are on Thursday mornings at 9:30 at the County Government Center, and are held once a month.

Councilmember Asseff stated that she would be happy to fill in if Councilmember Ritter could not.

Councilmember Ritter stated that she would, if allowed, because she attends the meeting anyway.

d) Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Goren stated, in regard to Senate Bill 360, that there was a motion for re-hearing filed with the Circuit Court Judge on behalf of the House and Senate. The analysis provided by staff was quite accurate; it was well drafted and covers all. The Council will be kept up-to-date.

1) Statement of Organization Revision

Mr. Goren stated that Legal Counsel drafted an updated Statement of Organization reflecting the changes requested by the Council at the July meeting.

Councilmember Walters stated that Mr. Goren did a great job of capturing all of the Council Members' thoughts on the issue.

Councilmember Gunzburger moved to approve the revised Statement of Organization. Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Goren stated that there was no litigation to report except those listed in the backup; the Council is doing well with collections.

Chair Scuotto stated that the loans were in great shape, many of them are current.

Mr. Goren informed the Council that all litigation fees for the Wilma loans are paid for by the State.

e) Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Status Report

Information only

f) FY 2009-10 Budget Amendment

Ms. Dekle informed the Council that it is ending the year within its resources. She thanked Mr. Richard Ogburn and Mr. Vernon Paul for all of their efforts, which made this possible.

Councilmember Walters moved to approve the FY 2009-10 Budget Amendment. Councilmember Brook seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

g) FY 2010-11 Operating Budget

Councilmember Blynn moved to approve the FY 2010-11 Operating Budget. Councilmember Asseff seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

h) FY 2009-2010 Letter of Engagement for Audit by S. Davis & Associates

Mr. Goren stated that the language that was requested to be incorporated in the Engagement Letter with S. Davis last year was also incorporated in this year's letter.

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

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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

None

AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN: Correspondence and Attendance Form

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AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN: Councilmember Comments/Public Comments

None

AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN: Upcoming Meetings

- a) October 4th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
- b) November 1st, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
- c) December 6th, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)
- d) January 3rd, 10:30 a.m. (Council Offices, Hollywood)

AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN: Adjournment

The meeting 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 September 13, 2010 meeting of the SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL adopted the 4th day of October 2010.

Heather Carruthers, Secretary

Date