

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 8C

From: Staff

Date: September 18, 2015 Council Meeting

Subject: Minutes – July 17, 2015

Introduction

The Minutes of the July 17, 2015 Council meeting were posted to Council's website on September 11, 2015 at [http://www.tcrpc.org/council\\_meetings.html](http://www.tcrpc.org/council_meetings.html).

Recommendation

Council should approve the Minutes of the July 17, 2015 Council meeting.

Attachment

**MINUTES OF THE  
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
JULY 15, 2015**

Chairman Mowery called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He led the pledge of allegiance and requested roll call.

The following members and alternates were present:

Indian River County:	Commissioner O'Bryan Commissioner Zorc Councilmember Turner, Alternate
Martin County:	Commissioner Fielding Commissioner Haddox Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch
St. Lucie County:	Commissioner Lewis Commissioner Mowery
Palm Beach County:	Commissioner Valeche Commissioner Taylor Commissioner Burdick Commissioner McKinlay, Alternate Councilwoman Gerwig Mayor Golonka Mayor DuBois Councilman Guyton, Alternate Mayor Brennan, Alternate
Gubernatorial Appointees:	Doug Bournique Michael Houston Tobin Overdorf Mark Llano Peter Sachs Kelly Smallridge Steven Weaver, Sr.
Ex-Officios:	Kathy LaMartina, South Florida Water Management District Lois Bush, Florida Department of Transportation Lynda Westin, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Council Staff:	Michael Busha Phyllis Castro Kim DeLaney Liz Gulick Stephanie Heidt

Dana Little  
Peter Merritt

Council Attorney: Keith Davis

The Executive Director announced a quorum is present.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilmember Bournique moved approval of the Agenda. Councilwoman Gerwig seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. **Motion**

Chairman Mowery welcomed Council's new attorney, Keith Davis with the law firm of Corbett, White, Davis and Ashton. Mr. Davis indicated he works primarily in Palm Beach and exclusively for local governments and special districts. He stated he is looking forward to serving as Council's attorney.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff indicated the August Council meeting has been canceled. Staff encouraged Council members to stay for the Gubernatorial Committee meeting following the Council meeting.

Staff noted the Florida Department of Transportation is in the process of updating the Florida Transportation Plan and the Strategic Intermodal System Plan. Staff provided a handout of upcoming public meetings regarding the updates. Staff encouraged Council members to attend these meetings to learn about the planned updates that will impact all local governments.

Staff introduced Sophia Burvenich, a summer intern to Council who will be looking at commuter patterns so we can better understand where people are going and coming from when they are working in and outside the region.

### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Mowery stated he attended the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Policy Board meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>. He indicated one of the discussions at the meeting was if there should be activity to promote funding for regional planning councils. He noted that in the last legislative session the number of regional planning councils (RPCs) was reduced from eleven to ten, and there is no funding for the remaining RPCs. He stated it was decided there would no longer be active pursuit of funding, and that the message should focus on the services and value RPCs provide.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2015 – REPRESENTATIVE MARK PAFFORD, HOUSE MINORITY LEADER, DISTRICT 86 AND REPRESENTATIVE MARYLYNN MAGAR, DISTRICT 82**

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch introduced Representative MaryLynn Magar from District 82. She noted Representative Magar is a republican who resides in Tequesta with her husband and daughter; is currently serving her second term; is Vice Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee;

serves on the Economic Affairs and Children, Families and Senior Subcommittees; and serves on the Health Care Appropriations Committee. Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch stated Representative Magar has been available to be educated about issues important to the Town of Sewall's Point, specifically the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie River.

Representative Magar noted her background is in health care and business. She indicated she has been working with Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch to learn more about water and environmental issues. She noted she works closely with Representative Pafford on several issues important to our region. She talked about the C-44 Reservoir that will hold up to 50,000 acre-feet or 16 billion gallons of water and reduce harmful freshwater inflows and generate better water quality for the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon. She indicated that as part of this project extensive work is being done to the stormwater treatment areas. Additionally, she noted a water farming pilot project that stores approximately 20,000 acre-feet of water drawn from the C-44 canal, and restoration efforts to the north that will utilize flood plains on both sides of the Kissimmee River for water storage, which will slow the flow into Lake Okeechobee and lessen the need to release water into the estuaries.

Representative Magar indicated there may be a special session in August or September, and with the upcoming legislative session around the corner, the committees will begin meeting in September. She noted she will be the vice chair of the Health and Human Services committee. She stated the goal of the committee is to improve and increase access in health care, and reduce the cost of health care. She also noted that as vice chair of the Economic Affairs committee, she will be working on economic development incentives to help small business grow, as well as improving transportation and infrastructure. She stated that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has developed a scorecard that indicates we have topped the nation in job growth, and she is interested in expanding opportunities not only the traditional fields of tourism and construction, but also in biotech and aerospace.

Commissioner McKinlay introduced Representative Mark Pafford from District 86 stating he started his career as a congressional aide, and has worked for Lois Frankel and Susan Bucher. She indicated Representative Pafford won his seat in 2008, and has received awards from several organizations. He noted he is a champion for seniors, has been recognized by the Audubon Society, and has been one of the loudest voices in support of environmental protection in the State of Florida. She noted he is a graduate of Florida International University, the father of two, and has served as the minority leader in the Florida House of Representatives.

Representative Pafford stated his background is in public administration and he enjoys being able to be a part of making things better. He indicated he believes local government is great, because it demonstrates how we can all work together in a different ways at the local level. He commended Representative Magar for doing an incredible job in Tallahassee, and being well versed on the regional water issues. He stated he believes everyone in Tallahassee tries to come to conclusions that are best for everyone. He noted there were problems in the regular session, but believes there is a great opportunity during this economic time where we are seeing more revenue.

With respect to water, Representative Pafford noted the Apalachicola River need to be included, because that local economy needs a lot of help. He stated the Comprehensive Everglades

Restoration Plan has demonstrated how we can hold water and diminish the volume of water being released from Lake Okeechobee, which is clearly impacting the economy. He stated this is an area where democrats and republicans can agree on the priorities. He indicated he will not be running for office, and stressed that it is critically important for individuals and groups to drive the process and make sure elected officials are doing a good job at representing the people.

Representative Pafford stated there are a number of things that need to be done to fix Florida's environmental issues. He indicated there are many components to fixing what we have destroyed over the last 100 years. He stated and we need to ensure that the funding is being spent effectively, and each component of the process has the goal of fixing local water issues. He stated we need to have a comprehensive water policy for the state.

Commissioner Valeche asked if farmlands are becoming available for water farming projects due to citrus greening, or is water farming more profitable than growing citrus. Representative Magar stated she believes it is more profitable to grow the citrus, but when that option is not available then the owners need to look at ways to make their land productive.

Councilmember Bournique indicated that in this region we have lost 150,000 acres of citrus. He stated those in the industry have consulted with the University of Florida and the U.S. Department of Agriculture on alternative crops, but there is no viable crop for the soil other than grapefruit and oranges. He indicated there is currently the opportunity for the legislature to engage the land owners who are suffering and use that land to park water. He stated this would lessen the discharges from Lake Okeechobee, and there would only be immediate discharges from the urban areas. He noted the removal of \$37 million for water farming from the state's budget was very harmful to the local land owners. He thanked Representative Magar and Pafford for their support.

Councilmember Overdorf stated that the water farming projects are obviously restoring nutrients to the land, but we need to look at the long-term and have safeguards for when the programs are finished. He indicated the proposed Waters of the United States (WOTUS) legislation may be potentially catastrophic to not only water restoration projects, but to the water farming projects as well. He noted funding for the University of Florida's pest control facility was also lost, which will have an effect on our region. He indicated he recently attended a meeting of the FRCA policy and saw for himself the value RPCs provide to the entire state. He noted the Governor also vetoed all funding for bio-tech, which has seen huge investments in our region as well as throughout the state. Chairman Mowery noted that St. Lucie County is providing funding for the University of Florida program for the next year.

Councilwoman Gerwig stated that WOTUS will have a huge impact on the municipalities as well and asked the representatives to help run interference with that proposed legislation. She asked if during times of drought the water can be taken from the water farming areas. Councilmember Bournique stated that the goal of water farming is to keep the water from flowing into the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie Estuary, and the water management districts have regulations for the release of water. Commissioner Valeche asked how the water is contained on the farms and if there are capital costs to transforming the farm into a water storage area. Councilmember Bournique indicated that the water storage on these farms is very shallow, and there is minimal cost, because you only need to build up the outside of the farm and reverse the pumps. Commissioner Valeche

asked who funds the transformation. Councilmember Bournique indicated it is co-funded by the state and the land owner.

Commissioner O'Bryan noted we are facing some big problems in the state with water projects, the lagoon, the rivers, and the Everglades. He stated that he is very upset with the \$450 million dollars that has been cut from the budget. He stated that it may sound like a lot of money, but when you divide it by 19 million Floridians, it is about \$24 per person, which he suggested will be spent on a t-shirt from Walmart that will end up in the landfill. He stated the lagoon cannot be fixed with \$24, but the legislature can use that money to fund projects that will solve some of the big problems in the state. He asked Representatives Magar and Pafford for their support on fixing the issues first, and then doing tax cuts. Representative Magar stated she sees the tax cuts as generating jobs and revenue, and that \$24 may mean a night out for a family, which she believes is also important. Representative Pafford indicated he voted against the tax package, because those dollars should be used in a way that targets specific challenges to the state. He indicated the current tax structure in the state is archaic and we will continue to see diminished revenue unless we do something. He stated that local elected officials need to help legislators understand that it is not always a victory to cut taxes and make government smaller. He indicated that the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has decided they will not roll back their ad valorem tax, which he stated is an affront to some of the politics coming out of Tallahassee. He stated that individuals at SFWMD understand those dollars are very important and have made the choice to improve the quality of water in this state for everyone.

Commissioner Fielding stated that these problems are regional and call for large investments. He stated we have done a lot of damage over the 125 years, and it is going to take a large volume of dedicated money from the state system to do some of these large scale projects. He stated that the lagoons and estuaries are crucial and although the efforts are enormously expensive, he supports a regional approach to the water issues.

Representative Pafford indicated he is available if needed. Representative Magar thanked everyone for their comments, noting her focus will be health care and economic affairs in the upcoming legislative session.

**AMENDMENT ONE: REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR 2016 –  
ERIC DRAPER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AUDUBON FLORIDA**

Chairman Mowery indicated Council Member Comments have been moved to the end of the agenda to bring to Council a series of discussions related to water issues, which has been the focus of the Gubernatorial Committee. Staff introduced Eric Draper, who has been with Audubon for 20 years, bringing together individuals from the business, agricultural, and environmental communities to establish a better understanding of why green makes sense both economically and ecologically.

Mr. Draper stated he was pleased to see such great public participation and thanked Representatives Magar and Pafford for their support in the legislature. He noted Audubon is a 115 year old organization that serves as the only conservation organization with staffing, scientists, and programs throughout the entire state. He indicated the organization is very involved in advocacy work in Tallahassee. He stated that 3 to 4 years ago there was concern with what was occurring in

Tallahassee with respect to funding. This concern drove the decision to go to the ballot. He stated that as a result of a tremendous recession, the state documentary stamp taxes on real estate transactions fell dramatically. He stated environmental issues were disproportionately cut in the state's budget, and there was concern the legislature would not be supportive. The idea was developed to take the money that was going into the documentary stamp tax trust funds and put that into a walled account with the stipulation the money could only be spent on the original purposes of the trust fund.

Mr. Draper provided a summary of Amendment One, which voters approved by 75 percent, noting there have been many interpretations of the ballot language, not a lot of support in the Senate, and the likelihood there will be legal challenges. He provided a diagram assembled by conservation groups that outlines how the funds in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund should be expended. He stated that he would make the argument that it was intended the primary focus should be for water and land conservation purposes. He indicated House Amendment Bill 2516, which implements Amendment One, was passed during the special legislative session. Mr. Draper explained how the funds are to be expended and provided statutory references for these allocations. He also provided information regarding the Governor's 20-year plan for funding Everglades restoration. Additionally, Mr. Draper provided the following list of priorities for Amendment One funding: the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan; Central Everglades Planning Project; water storage north and south of the lake; local septic tank replacement; and the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. He also offered his support to Florida Forever, and beneficial activities of Martin County with their aggressive land acquisitions, and Palm Beach County with their natural areas program.

Commissioner Valeche stated one of the issues is land acquisition south of Lake Okeechobee, noting the recent controversy over the state purchasing U.S. Sugar land. He asked if the historic flow of the water into the Everglades will ever be possible. Mr. Draper indicated that his organization was an advocate for the purchase of that land, but stated now there needs to be another plan that will require a series of canals and pumps. He stated he believes the ultimate answer is having additional storage and treatment land in the Everglades agricultural areas without interrupting the production of sugar cane. He indicated that the growers currently are not interested in selling the land. He suggested there needs to be constructive dialogue to identify the right places and amount of land that will be needed. Commissioner Valeche asked who would fund the infrastructure needed for moving the water. Mr. Draper stated water storage is not a new concept, and was in fact part of the original plan that was authorized in 2000. He stated that the price tag and design have changed, but approval of the Central Everglades Planning Project makes the process easier. He noted that there have been suggestions that storage can be maximized in the existing footprints of some of the reservoirs in the flow equalization basins. He stated that our focus needs to be narrowed to agree upon what is the best plan moving forward, and Florida Forever needs to be part of the process.

Commissioner Fielding indicated having money vetoed for water projects is a problem. He stated that in the last water cycle SFWMD transported 750,000 acre-feet of water that did not go into our estuaries, which was an enormous accomplishment. He stated they have changed their whole perspective on how they view the flow of water.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Taylor moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner O'Bryan seconded **Motion** the motion, which carried unanimously.

Items on the Consent Agenda were: 9A, Financial Report – May 31, 2015; 9B, Minutes – June 19, 2015; 9C, Town of Lake Park Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 15-1ESR; 9D, Village of Golf Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 15-1ESR; 9E, Village of Palm Springs Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 15-2ESR; and 9F, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log.

### **PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

Chairman Mowery provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 proposed budget to Council members. Items he noted included: state revenue has decreased, because of the vetoing of the state funding for the fifth year; the eight-year freeze on local dues has been lifted and will now be based on current population; there is \$281,000 in projected revenue from pending contracts; there is a five percent reduction in staff salaries; and a five percent increase in benefits as it relates to increased health insurance premiums. Chairman Mowery indicated the Budget/Personnel Committee is recommending the proposed budget be approved by Council.

Commissioner O'Bryan moved approval of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. **Motion** Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **IMPEDIMENTS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON BASIN MANAGEMENT ACTION PLANS**

Staff provided an overview of the Indian River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) report. This report is part of a cooperative effort by East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to provide a regional evaluation and assessment related to the Indian River Lagoon, and the St. Lucie River and Estuary. The goal is to provide recommendations that will assist local governments and other entities to fully implement BMAPs. Staff noted the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program is a statewide watershed-based management approach to restore and protect water quality in Florida. TMDLs are developed, allocated, and implemented through a phased approach, which includes the development of a BMAP. Staff indicated that each BMAP contains a comprehensive set of strategies for restoring impaired waters by reducing pollutant loadings to meet the allowable loadings established in a TMDL.

Staff noted that they interviewed county staffs with Brevard, Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties responsible for identifying projects to achieve nutrient reductions. Through the interviews and subsequent surveys, Council staff was able to identify the following list of impediments: 1) inadequate funding; 2) nutrient loading from muck is not being addressed; 3) nutrient loading

from groundwater is not being addressed; 4) no incentive for innovative stormwater management; 5) incomplete water quality data; 6) inadequate water quality monitoring; 7) unequal treatment of public and private entities, agriculture, and water control districts; 8) onerous conditions attached to BMAP projects; 9) inadequate technology to meet TMDL goals; 10) BMAPs are based on flawed TMDLs; 11) trends in nutrient loading from the atmosphere are not being considered; 12) legacy loading in Lake Okeechobee; 13) lack of operations and maintenance monitoring; 14) load allocation process is not consistent between BMAPs; and 15) incomplete knowledge of existing infrastructure. Staff noted that inadequate funding was identified as a major impediment by all of the local governments surveyed. Staff indicated recommendations in the report address water quality monitoring, time frames and implementation schedules, and equitable treatment of participants.

Commissioner Zorc asked if any consideration was given to the value of new technology and alternative reduction methods other than the traditional park/store/clean methods. Staff indicated only as an issue that needs to be addressed. Staff noted that Indian River County has several innovative water quality treatment facilities for which they are not receiving credit.

Commissioner Fielding thanked the two regional planning councils for the report. He stated there needs to be more concentration monitoring every source of water flowing into the water body we are monitoring, and we need to determine what needs to be monitored. He indicated that nitrogen and phosphorus are not the only elements that are causing harm. Staff noted that another portion of the cooperative agreement between the two regional planning councils examines the outfalls that go into the lagoon.

Councilmember Turner concurred with the call for water quality monitoring. She stated that in the City of Vero Beach they have met and somewhat exceeded the TMDL level requirements. She indicated the city is currently looking at further projects to handle stormwater and how to effectively spend funding to reduce pollution levels. She noted that last year the state awarded \$2 million for water quality testing in her area.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch stated she appreciates the mention of equitable participation as it applies to the agricultural community and municipalities. She asked for clarification on the discrepancy mentioned in the presentation. Staff indicated what is included in the report is primarily the perception of local governments. The main issue is agricultural entities are responsible for doing best management practices, but there is no water quality monitoring required for these activities. However, the municipal entities need to do their stormwater permitting through the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System program, which has required monitoring conditions that are expensive to achieve. Staff indicated it may not be reasonable to do water quality monitoring for agriculture, but it would be helpful for some type of program to be put in place that would allow that to be done as part of the BMAP program.

### **ALL ABOARD FLORIDA UPDATE**

Staff provided an update on the All Aboard Florida (AAF) project noting that the publication of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project and the U.S. Coast Guard marine navigational survey have not yet been released. Also, the dates related to the Florida Development

Finance Corporation hearing on bonding for the project have not been set. Staff indicated AAF station construction and grade crossing improvements have begun. With respect to quiet zones, staff has been providing outreach for the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization to eight local governments where quiet zones are expected to be constructed.

Staff indicated that plans are near completion on the crossing that will be constructed at 25<sup>th</sup> Street in West Palm Beach to accommodate the flow of freight going from the CSX to the FEC corridor, and also allow Tri-Rail service to be extended north to Jupiter. Construction on this project will begin this fall and continue through 2018.

Staff indicated that AAF has provided 90 percent drawings to local governments to review with respect to construction activity along the corridor, including double tracking and improvements in the grade crossings. Components of these drawings also include fencing along the corridor where necessary, and pedestrian sidewalks at the grade crossings. Staff stated that one of the issues is which entity is responsible for funding safety improvements. Staff noted that field reports done by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) indicate all required safety improvements are to be funded by AAF. Additionally, Council received correspondence from former Secretary Prasad indicating FDOT would require AAF to fund all safety improvements required by FRA.

Commissioner Valeche stated that he thought the deadline for the issuance of private activity bonds had passed. Staff indicated the company was given a six month extension on that deadline from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Commissioner Valeche asked what the rationale was for the extension. Staff did not know the rationale, just that the extension has been granted.

Councilmember Weaver stated it has been brought to his attention double and triple tracking previously proposed in St. Lucie Village is now being pushed to downtown Fort Pierce. He asked staff if this was included in the 90 percent drawings. Staff indicated Council is aware of some ancillary construction activity related to trackage, which will allow for some railroad infrastructure to be constructed in Fort Pierce. However, this information was newspaper-driven and there have not been any discussions with AAF staff regarding this issue. Staff indicated the concern that had been raised about triple tracking in St. Lucie Village is a concern Council has raised throughout the process and that trackage has been moved out of St. Lucie Village. Councilmember Weaver stated that it has been moved to downtown Fort Pierce where it may have a quality of life impact. He asked how he can get copy of the 90 percent drawings. Staff indicated they are available in digital format and can be requested from AAF. Councilmember Weaver asked if there are any provisions for wildlife crossing in the long passes through parks. Staff indicated that issue was raised in the draft EIS, and it was determined that would not be an issue that needed to be mitigated.

Councilmember Overdorf stated the Florida Inland Navigational District has recently completed their studies and submitted information to the Coast Guard. He noted he heard there is also a current study on the bridge in Jupiter. He asked staff for clarification on these issues. Staff indicated that one issue is that the boater counts that were collected locally appear to be much higher than those reported in the draft EIS.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Drew Martin stated Amendment One is very crucial and the legislature has done a bad job of implementation. He stated that state-wide 75 percent of the voters approved this amendment, and the legislature is completely ignoring the will of the people by not using the money the way it was intended, which is to fund Florida Forever. He stated he is concerned there is too much development occurring that will remove clusters of native trees, destroy topsoil, and increase our water quality problems. He stated TMDL is only done when it is too late, and there is pollution, dead fish, and algae blooms. He stated that hypothetically we can tweak around the edges and reduce some of the problem with fertilizer ordinances or by reducing septic tanks, but we have waited until we have serious problems that are hard to fix. He indicated that we are currently in a drought and this is a problem, because Everglades restoration has not been moving forward. He stated that Amendment One money should be used to do Everglades restoration. He noted even the Governor vetoed dispersed water management projects, stating these projects should be done through SFWMD's budget. He stated Council needs to be discussing this issue, and evaluating and limiting development.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT**

Commissioner O'Bryan stated that one of Indian River County's TMDL projects is Egret Marsh, where water is pumped from a drainage canal over a football-sized field of algae, which takes up the nitrogen and phosphorous and returns clean water back into the system. He stated stormwater staff has been working with a private company and have found a combination of dry wood product and algae that can be cooked to make sure all the weeds are killed and turned into compost. He stated it will then be packaged and sold through selected nurseries.

Commissioner McKinlay noted that the City of Pahokee took a big loss when Guy Harvey decided to go to Okeechobee County. She stated that Guy Harvey is one of the leading conservationists, and she believes it is beneficial to have a company like that in the region. She encouraged Council members to reach out to the company, because with a partner organization the company is investing \$19.5 million into renovations of a resort on Lake Okeechobee, which could mean jobs for the citizens in our region, especially those in the western half of all our counties.

Councilmember Overdorf thanked and congratulated the Kiwanis of Stuart for opening a barrier-free playground in downtown Stuart. He indicated this playground will serve our locally disadvantaged and handicapped youth.

Kathy LaMartina stated the St. Lucie Rivers Issues team grant application is open with an end date of August 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated these projects will support implementation of the TMDL program.

Mayor Brennan congratulated Mr. Davis on becoming Council's attorney. She stated he has been the Village of Tequesta's attorney for more than a decade and has done a wonderful job. She noted that over a year ago the Village's AmeriGas 30,000 gallon liquid petroleum tank had a very serious leak that resulted in the evacuation of over 14,000 people. She stated Mr. Davis was able to procure an agreement with AmeriGas for reimbursement of the first responders expenses as well as emergency equipment. She stated she is working with AmeriGas to implement measures to mitigate

any future problems. She noted the Village is moving forward with a complete streets program on U.S. 1. She stated FDOT has approved the project and funding is pending from the Palm Beach MPO. She said it was a setback when the funding for this project was vetoed from the state budget, but she indicated they will request the funding again next year and she hopes the Governor will focus more on infrastructure and improving our roadways.

Councilwoman Gerwig welcomed Councilmember Llano, noting he is a Wellington businessman who is very active in the community.

Councilmember Llano stated he is excited to have been appointed by the Governor to serve on Council. He noted his business in Wellington is a government defense contractor that supplies products to the special operations community of government.

**STAFF COMMENT**

Staff reminded everyone of the Gubernatorial Committee meeting following the Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Mowery adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary or a designated nominee of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes of the July 17, 2015 meeting of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

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Date

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Signature