

Thomas Lanahan
Dana Little
Jessica Seymour

Council Attorney: Keith Davis

Agenda Item 3: Agenda

Council Action: Commissioner Smith from Martin County moved approval of the Agenda. Vice Mayor Weinroth from Palm Beach County seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Consent Agenda

Council Action: Commissioner Smith moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Weinroth seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Items on the Consent Agenda were: 4B1, Financial Report – August 31, 2019; 4B2, Financial Report – September 30, 2019; 4B3, Financial Report – October 31, 2019; 4B4, Minutes – September 20, 2019; 4B5, Briny Breezes 19-01ER (EAR Amendments); 4B6, Cloud Lake Amendment 19-01ESR (Water Supply Plan); 4B7, Delray Beach Amendment 19-01ESR (Completely Revised Comprehensive Plan); 4B8, Glen Ridge Amendment 19-01ESR (Water Supply Plan); 4B9, Indiantown 19-PLAN (Initial Comprehensive Plan); 4B10, Juno Beach Amendment 19-01ER (EAR Amendments); 4B11, Lantana Amendment 19-02ESR (18.6 acres from Comm. to Mixed Use Development); 4B12, Martin County Amendment 19-03ESR (Grove XXIII Golf Course and Turner Groves); 4B13, Martin County Amendment 19-05ESR (47.1 acres from RE-2 to LDR-5); 4B14, Martin County Amendment 19-06ESR(Rio CRA FLUM); 4B15, Martin County Amendment 19-07ESR (13.66 acres from MR/COR/LC to HR); 4B16, Palm Beach County Amendment 20-01ESR (40 acres from CH&LR-2 to CH&HR-8 and Update Fire Rescue Element); 4B17, Palm Beach Gardens Amendment 19-03ESR (Assign 387.7 acres to PBG FLU Designations); 4B18, Palm Beach Gardens Amendment 19-04ESR (Text, Assign Densities to RR); 4B19, Port St. Lucie Amendment 19-04ESR (Revise Southern Grove Conceptual Land Use Plan); 4B20, Port St. Lucie Amendment 19-05ESR (Text: Residential Densities in NCD LU Category); 4B21, Sebastian Amendment 19-01ESR (Assign Land Uses on annexed 1,118 acres); 4B22, Wellington Amendment 19-01ESR (Text & FLUM Re: Multi-Family Bldgs. in Residential), 4B23, 2019-2020 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Contract Agreement; and 4B24, Annual Update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan.

Chair Adams indicated that the speaker for the Census Update had not yet arrived, so that item would be postponed and the meeting would continue with the next agenda item.

Agenda Item 6: Council Organization – Membership Appointments and Election of Officers

Commissioner Smith indicated the Nominating Committee met prior to the meeting to determine a slate of officers for 2020. The Committee recommended the following nominations for the 2020 slate of officers:

Chairman: Councilmember Michael Houston, Martin County
Vice Chairman: Councilman Jeff Hmara, Palm Beach County
Secretary/Treasurer: Commissioner Cathy Townsend, St. Lucie County

Council Action: Commissioner Smith moved approval of the Committee's recommendation. Vice Mayor Weinroth seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of Council, the Executive Director read into the record the names of Councilmembers for 2020. He noted that the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners will ratify their appointments at their December 17, 2019 meeting.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Regular Members: Commissioner Hal Valeche
Commissioner Mary Lou Berger
Commissioner Mack Bernard

Regular Member Alternates: Commissioner Melissa McKinlay
Vice Mayor Robert S. Weinroth
Commissioner Gregg Weiss

Municipal Members: Mayor Anne Gerwig Village of Wellington
Councilman Jeff Hmara, Village of Royal Palm Beach
Commissioner Omari Hardy, City of Lake Worth Beach
Mayor Abby Brennan, Village of Tequesta
President Pro Tem David Norris, Village of North Palm Beach

Municipal Alternates: Commissioner Joseph Peduzzi, City of West Palm Beach
Commissioner Kristine de Haseth, Town of Ocean Ridge
Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb, Town of South Palm Beach
Councilmember Maria Marino, City of Palm Beach Gardens
Commissioner Regina Bohlen, City of Pahokee

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Regular Members: Commissioner Peter O'Bryan
Commissioner Susan Adams

Regular Member Alternates: Commissioner Joseph Flescher
Commissioner Tim Zorc

Municipal Members: Vice Mayor Laura Moss, City of Vero Beach
Council Member Gerald Renick, City of Fellsmere

Municipal Alternates: Mayor Ed Dodd, City of Sebastian
TBA, Town of Indian River Shores

MARTIN COUNTY

Regular Members: Commissioner Doug Smith
Commissioner Stacey Hetherington

Regular Member Alternates: Commissioner Harold Jenkins
Commissioner Edward Ciampi

Municipal Member Commissioner Penny Townsend, Town of Jupiter Island

Municipal Alternate Commissioner Kelli Glass Leighton, City of Stuart

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Members: Commissioner Chris Dzadovsky
Commissioner Cathy Townsend

Regular Member Alternates: Commissioner Sean Mitchell
Commissioner Linda Bartz

Municipal Members: Councilman John Carvelli, City of Port St. Lucie
Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, City of Fort Pierce

Municipal Alternates: Mayor Greg Oravec, City of Port St. Lucie
Commissioner Thomas Perona, City of Fort Pierce

GUBERNATORIAL APPPOINTEES: Doug Bournique, Indian River County
Michael Houston, Martin County
Michael Davis, Palm Beach County
Peter Sachs, Palm Beach County
Mark Llano, Palm Beach County
Reece Parrish, St. Lucie County
Vacant – Martin County
Vacant – St. Lucie County
Vacant – Palm Beach County

EX-OFFICIOS: Lois Bush, FDOT
Loraine Cargill, SFRTA
Kathy LaMartina, SFWMD
Jason Andreotta, FDEP
Vacant, SJRWMD

Chair Adams certified that the membership, as read, has all been duly appointed.

Chair Adams congratulated all the new Council members and new officers. Mr. Lanahan indicated he will contact the new members and alternates to schedule an orientation session detailing Council’s work program.

Agenda Item 7: Budget and Personnel Committee – Annual Review of Council’s Executive Director

Commissioner O’Bryan from Indian River County indicated the Budget and Personnel Committee met prior to the Council meeting for the annual review of Council’s Executive Director, Thomas J. Lanahan. The Committee reviewed the completed evaluation surveys, discussed their own observations, and voted to recommend Council retain the services of Mr. Lanahan with a salary increase of 4%.

Council Action: Councilman Carvelli from the City of Port St. Lucie moved approval of the Committee’s recommendation. Councilmember Bournique, Gubernatorial Appointee from Indian River County, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner O’Bryan asked Mr. Lanahan to share the list of Council’s accomplishments for 2019 he presented at the Committee meeting with all Council members. Mr. Lanahan noted it has been a pleasure working for the Council and he thanked the staff and Council members for their support.

Agenda Item 8: Council Board Meeting Schedule - 2020

Mr. Lanahan presented the proposed schedule of monthly meetings, generally falling on the 3rd Friday each month. Commissioner O’Bryan noted there are two joint meetings with the South Florida Regional Planning Council scheduled for 2020. He stated he is very supportive of the joint meetings, because they help to collaborate the sharing of knowledge about issues that are important to both regions.

Council Action: Commissioner Smith moved approval of the 2020 Council Board Meeting Schedule. Commissioner O’Bryan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 9: M-CORES Update, Jennifer Stults, AICP, CTP, CPM, FCCM, Planning & Environmental Management Administrator, Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise

Jennifer Stults provided an update to Council on the Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program, which is overseen by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). She stated that in 2019, in anticipation of the need for additional infrastructure in the state, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 7068. She indicated that the purpose of the M-CORES program is to protect the environment and natural resources; encourage job creation; enhance quality of life and public safety; revitalize rural communities; and provide regional connectivity while leveraging technology. She noted these are not typical road projects and the objective is to advance construction of regional corridors that are intended to accommodate multiple modes of transportation and multiple types of infrastructure. She stated the program benefits include additional hurricane evacuation routes, congestion mitigation, improving trade and logistics, broadband and sewer connectivity for rural areas, energy distribution, connected shared autonomous vehicles, access to other modes of transportation (including freight and passenger rail), public transit, and enhanced mobility options across the state. The corridors are the Southwest-Central Florida Corridor that will be 140 miles from Collier County to Polk County; the Northern Turnpike Corridor, which will be 40 miles that connects the northern terminus of Florida’s Turnpike to the

Suncoast Parkway; and the Suncoast Corridor that will be 150 miles from Citrus County to Jefferson County.

Ms. Stults indicated that the FDOT M-CORES team is comprised of senior leadership that also serve as chairs and co-chairs of the separate Task Forces for each of the corridors. She noted the Task Forces, which were empaneled on August 1, 2019, are meant to be inclusive and consensus-building for each of the study areas, with meetings televised on The Florida Channel. She stated the Task Force Process is made up of subject matter experts for each study area and is required to provide a final report to the Governor and Legislature by October 1, 2020. She indicated FDOT will provide a copy of the applicable task force reports and project alignments to the affected local governments by December 31, 2023. Ms. Stults noted that it is intended that the process be an opportunity to explore all existing and future conditions; determine avoidance, mitigation and enhancement considerations; evaluate potential guiding principles and potential corridor opportunities/needs; and recommend final guiding principles and opportunities for project development and further study. She noted that public engagement will occur throughout the entire process, with public comment periods at every Task Force meeting and community open house. She provided a schedule of upcoming Task Force meetings, noting that FDOT is willing to do individual briefings and presentations.

Ms. Stults noted that the M-CORES projects are subject to FDOT's delegated responsibilities for environmental review consultation, and other actions required under any applicable federal environmental laws. She stated that to the greatest extent possible, consideration will be given to design the project rights-of-way to avoid conservation lands acquired under the Florida Preservation 2000 Act and the Florida Forever program. She provided a schedule for the program, noting that project construction for each corridor is not eligible for funding until submission of the Task Force final report and completion of the 30 percent design plans. She provided information on funding already authorized by the Legislature for the proposed corridors, which redirects State Transportation Trust Funds, including the Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP); Small County Outreach Program (SCOP); and Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund (TDTF) programs. She indicated that by Fiscal Year 2023, the M-CORES projects will receive approximately \$100 million a year based on the funding that is laid out in the bill. She also noted that the Legislature has allocated funds for a Workforce Development program that will be funded at \$2.5 million per year over the course of 3 years.

Commissioner O'Bryan noted that the construction of the roadways is set to begin in 2022; however the timeline indicates that the local governments will not be given the project alignments until 2023; after construction starts. Ms. Stults stated the dates she provided are what are in the statutes, and she believes the intent is to have ongoing outreach and discussion with local governments and agencies throughout the entire process.

Commissioner Smith asked if there are plans to work with the counties that are going to have these new roads traversing their communities in terms of planning. He stated these counties will need to be able to understand how to coordinate their comprehensive plans with these new roadways to structure a vision for how they want their communities to look in the future, and they may not all have the internal resources for such planning activities. He offered that the regional planning councils in these regions, as well as the Florida Regional Councils Association may be good

resources for this. Ms. Stults noted that the regional planning councils are represented on the task forces, and many of the rural communities already rely on their regional planning councils to provide technical assistance with their comprehensive planning. She stated that although there is nothing formal, the intent is to use regional planning councils as a resource to provide technical assistance and help with the community outreach.

Commissioner Smith asked if the funding from the SCOP and SCRAP programs is new, or if they are already programmed dollars. Ms. Stults indicated that each of those programs, as well as the TDTF program, will receive an additional \$10 million per year.

Councilmember Bournique stated that with respect to hurricane evacuation, he believes that we need to encourage that the future built environment be done to withstand hurricanes and allow people to be able to shelter in place during storm events. He noted that with a state as long and narrow as Florida, surrounded on both sides by water, it is tough to evacuate people.

Chair Adams concurred with Commissioners O'Bryan and Smith that this is a very accelerated timeline, noting that it sometimes can take two years just to get a sidewalk built. She stated she hopes that the Task Forces give credence to local concerns, because rural communities often feel railroaded by these processes, and what some outside may see as benefits may not be viewed as a positive for the affected community.

Agenda Item 10: Traditional Planning Principles Education Series: 2. Neighborhood Scale

Dana Little, Council's Urban Design Director, presented the history of American neighborhood planning as it relates to the scale of a neighborhood; what makes it walkable; and how a variety of uses and income levels can be accommodated within a compact area. Mr. Little described the benefits of traditional neighborhood scale that include: defined boundaries that engender feelings of ownership; the benefits provided to neighborhood organizations to make them more manageable and effective; and how there is a strong sense of community that enhances the lives of the residents.

Commissioner Hardy from the City of Lake Worth Beach thanked Mr. Little for his presentation, noting that one of the things he likes about this is that there is an opportunity for different folks to live in the same area, which creates a sense of community. He asked what the answer is to people's objections that this will not work everywhere. Mr. Little noted that it is easier with new developments, such as Abacoa, to create neighborhoods that provide a sense of community. He stated that it is more difficult to retrofit a place when the layout is established and some people are already happy with where they live. He stated that it is important to us as planners to identify and dissect and understand what are the impacts and the benefits of this type of planning.

Councilman Hmara from the Village of Royal Palm Beach noted that not every older neighborhood or older development may be right for this kind of planning. He asked if there are criteria or indicators that suggest an area might be a good candidate for this. Mr. Little noted that one example is the Village of Wellington, which has been considering how to grow and retrofit as their demographics have changed. Also, as the population begins to age, considerations need to be given to long-term care projects and transit options for those that are unable to drive, so things like

connectivity and retrofitting for different types of housing are important, because people want to age in a place where they feel comfortable.

Agenda Item 5: Census Update

Mr. Lanahan indicated that the Census is extraordinarily important for each community, because the data gathered is what is used by the federal, state and local governments to allocate resources and determine congressional and voting districts. He noted that it is estimated that each person counted represents approximately \$1,500 in funding to the local government, and he thanked Ms. Stephens for coming to speak to Council.

Marilyn Stephens, Assistant Regional Census Manager for the Atlantic Region, provided an overview of Census 2020 to Council members. She noted that the primary method for responding to this Census will be online or by phone. She stated that between March 12th and March 20th an invitation to respond online to the Census will be sent to households. Reminder letters will then be sent out between March 16th and March 25th. Between March 26th and April 3rd, households that have not responded will receive a reminder postcard. Between April 8th and April 16th a reminder letter and paper questionnaire will be sent to non-responding households, and a final postcard sent between April 20th and April 27th. After that, enumerators will begin conducting household visits to obtain the information needed, and finally proxy interviews with neighbors will be done if necessary. She indicated they will only knock on doors once all other courses of action have been exhausted. Ms. Stephens also provided examples from the questionnaire.

Commissioner Smith asked how military personnel and college students are counted. Ms. Stephens indicated there is a different process used for military personnel that are deployed, and there are residency rules for individuals that are attending college. Everyone is supposed to be counted where they are living on April 1st.

Ms. Stephens noted that one of the major changes in the 2020 Census is that respondents will be able to indicate a country of origin. For example, if your racial identification is white, you will be able to put Irish, German, Polish, Italian, etc. and if you are American Indian you will be able to list your tribal affiliation. She stated another change is that there are now 16 options for answering the question of how individuals in the household are related.

Commissioner Smith asked if there is a questionnaire for each person in the household. Ms. Stephens indicated that there is one questionnaire for each household, and then details for up to 6 other people living in that household. She noted that when there are more than 6 people, the questionnaire only requires limited information on those additional individuals.

Commissioner Valeche from Palm Beach County asked what percentage of the population usually responds to the Census. Ms. Stephens stated that this varies by community, but the undercount is at least 5%, and higher for households with minority children. Ms. Stephens noted that there is a direct correlation between the communities that form Complete Count Committees and a good response rate. She stated that it is important to have these committees, because they raise awareness in the community by bringing in all segments to be a part of the process.

Vice Mayor Gottlieb from the Town of South Palm Beach asked what will happen if an individual decides not to fill out the entire form. Ms. Stephens stated that most likely they will follow up with the household to get the remaining information, or may use administrative records to fill in the information. She noted that once they have begun the process of knocking on doors, individuals will still be able to complete the questionnaire by going on line, calling in by telephone, or sending in the paper questionnaire if one was provided.

Commissioner Hardy noted that he represents a community that is very poor with a large population of children, most under 5 years of age. To complicate it more, many do not speak English. He indicated he would like to get information on what is available to those who do not speak English. He also expressed to the other Council members his agreement with Ms. Stephens on the importance of having a Complete Count Committee. He stated the committee connects with people at the grass roots level and they are already seeing more engagement in Lake Worth Beach around the Census, where they historically experience a large undercount.

Ms. Stephens announced that they are looking for individuals to help with the Census, noting that the base rate in Florida is around \$15 to \$16 dollars per hour, and mileage is reimbursed at 58 cents per mile. She also noted that Census data is protected by law and information that is provided cannot be published that will identify a household, an individual or an establishment. The information must be published in statistical form and no agency or court has access to the information; this was court tested after 9/11 and the Census later prevailed keeping the data confidential.

Agenda Item 11: City of Deerfield Beach Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan Presentation

Kathryn Boer, Council's Emergency Programs Director, provided an overview of Council's work on the Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) for the City of Deerfield Beach. A PDRP is a long-term plan that serves as a tool to guide redevelopment efforts of a community that has been impacted by a catastrophic event. Ms. Boer noted that PDRPs promote resiliency and expedited recovery through planning and policy, and are supplemental to the Local Mitigation Strategy and Comprehensive Emergency Management plans. The PDRP is designed to bring together planning and redevelopment, economic development, community development, health & human services, infrastructure and utilities, and environmental reconstruction areas to look at rebuilding in a more efficient, smarter way so a community can recover more quickly. She noted that the PDRP process also serves to educate the community members and get their feedback on what is important to the community's overall long-term vision.

Jason Andreotta from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) stated that one of the roles of his agency is to coordinate and allocate resources and assets to the affected communities after an event to help restore drinking water and wastewater services. He stated it is very important to have mutual aid and vendor agreements in place to facilitate the process of quickly getting the communities what they need. Ms. Boer noted that FDEP and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are also extremely helpful with protecting the wetlands and buffers such as coastal forests and beaches, which can be used to protect a community from certain storm and flooding events.

Agenda Item 12: Announcements

Mr. Lanahan made the following announcements:

The Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board meeting will be held on January 10, 2020.

The Annual Hazardous Materials Symposium and team competition will be held in Daytona Beach January 20-23, 2020.

The Safe Streets Summit will be in Fort Lauderdale February 6 and 7, 2020.

Council will be sponsoring a form-based code class in March. This class, taught by the Form Based Code Institute of Smart Growth America, looks at the relationship between the comprehensive plan and a form-based code to provide benefits for a community. Mr. Lanahan noted that Council hosted the 101 class in January, which received a tremendous response from participants.

He noted that in the Communication Package there is information about an affordable housing program and a substantial amount of grant funds coming into the region from JP Morgan Chase, which is in response to and supportive of the Transit Oriented Development planning by Council for the Tri-Rail Coastal Link project; a coalition that is being formed in opposition to the M-CORES project; and articles related to new rail safety initiatives underway for both suicide prevention and physical changes at grade crossings.

Mr. Lanahan also noted that a compendium of the five resolutions adopted at the joint meeting with the South Florida Regional Planning Council is being provided as a handout and will be sent to county and city administrators, the legislative delegation and other offices to be used as a “leave behind.”

Mr. Lanahan indicated that it was a pleasure working with Chair Adams this past year, and presented her with a commemorative plaque in appreciation for her service as Council’s 2019 Chair.

Agenda Item 13: Chairman’s Comment

Chair Adams stated she has enjoyed her time as Chair and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Agenda Item 14: Council Member Update

Commissioner Valeche indicated that at the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency board meeting the previous day there was a vote taken to remove the extension of State Road 7 from the long-range transportation plan. He stated that this has been in the long-range plan for over 40 years, presumably because most people were in favor of building this extension that would help relieve some of the traffic congestion on Northlake Boulevard that has resulted from development in the western part of the County. He stated that he believed that the only objections for this extension were from representatives from the City of West Palm Beach, because it is opposed by many of their residents in the Ibis Golf & Country Club Community that is adjacent to the proposed alignment. He stated that the motion to remove the extension from the long-range plan passed by a

vote of 9-8, which he hopes will be reconsidered in the future. Commissioner Smith noted that a similar thing happened with a bridge project in Martin County that had been in the plan as the number one priority, but was removed by a board that was opposed to the project. He stated it set the project back 15 years. Commissioner Valeche indicated that with the approval of removing this planned extension, it will change a lot of the estimates and traffic studies and will impact plans for other roads. He stated he believes there will be litigation with respect to this decision, but the road will ultimately be built.

Commissioner Bohlen from the City of Pahokee stated that she is looking forward to serving on Council.

Mayor Dodd from the City of Sebastian stated they have been using a product called W.O.W. (Whack Out Weeds!) to help maintain the overgrowth of weeds in their canals. He stated that this product is working as well as Roundup, but is not considered to be as toxic. He stated if anyone is interested in getting more information on this, they should contact Paul Carlisle, the city manager.

Commissioner O'Bryan stated that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners had their reorganization meeting in November and elected Commissioner Adams to be the Chair. He noted that they have also extended their biosolids moratorium for another 6 months while they are waiting for FDEP's final rulemaking to take effect. He stated the County has approved their 5-Year Capital Improvement Element, which includes over \$390 million of spending over the next 5 years, with over \$11 million for conservation and aquifer projects and over \$15 million for stormwater projects. He stated the County has committed 20% of a one cent voter-approved sales tax to projects to clean up the Indian River Lagoon.

Councilman Hmara stated he appreciates Council allowing him the flexibility to serve as Chair next year instead of this year. With respect to Palm Beach County's long-range transportation plan, he stated that one positive thing is that the plan gives a strategic base for allocating funds. He said he believes there is an initiative happening to put into place a long-range plan for water resources. He stated this will put the County in the position of having a documented, fact-based, data-drive plan for allocating funds to protect not only the quality of the water resources, but also the quantity. He stated because the County is looking at having 3 million residents in 2070, this type of plan will make it harder for politics to drive future decisions.

Commissioner Hardy noted they are having their Christmas parade tomorrow. He noted that the Housing Leadership Council of Palm Beach County surveyed teachers in Palm Beach County regarding housing, and the results paint a dismal picture for teachers. He asked that everyone contact our state legislators and let them know how important it is that the Sadowski Fund be fully appropriated. He stated the Senate and the Governor appear to be onboard for this, but the House always tries to find a reason to sweep funds out of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Council Member Renick from the City of Fellsmere noted that his background is the environment and agriculture.

Mr. Andreotta indicated that FDEP is progressing through the rulemaking process with respect to biosolids and in October issued a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs.

Agenda Item 14: Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 16: Staff Comment

None

Agenda Item 17: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.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 December 13, 2019 meeting of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Date

Signature