

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MARCH 13, 2015 MEETING**

The meeting of the **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council** was held on **March 13, 2015** at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room at 1926 Victoria Avenue in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair Mr. Robert Mulhere called the meeting to order at **9:04 AM** Commissioner Mann then led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Robert Mulhere discussed the Extraordinary Circumstance Approval. SWFRPC Administrative Assistant, Jerilyn Walker conducted the roll call.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Charlotte County:** Commissioner Bill Truex as alt. for Commissioner Tricia Duffy, Commissioner Ken Doherty, Councilwoman Nancy Prafke, Mr. Don McCormick

**Collier County:** Mr. Bob Mulhere, Mr. Alan Reynolds

**Glades County:** Commissioner Weston Pryor, Commissioner Tim Stanley, Mr. Thomas Perry

**Hendry County:** Commissioner Karson Turner, Commissioner Daniel Akin, Mr. Melvin Karau

**Lee County:** Commissioner Frank Mann, Councilman Jim Burch, Councilman Mick Denham

**Sarasota County:** Commissioner Charles Hines, Commissioner Rhonda DiFranco, Mayor Willie Shaw, Councilman Kit McKeon

**Ex-Officio:** Ms. Sara Catala for Ms. Carmen Monroy - FDOT,  
Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD, Ms. Melissa Dickens - SWFWMD

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Charlotte County:** Ms. Suzanne Graham

**Collier County:** Commissioner Penny Taylor, Commissioner Tim Nance, Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann

**Glades County:** Councilwoman Pat Lucas

**Hendry County:** Commissioner Don Davis, Commissioner Sherida Ridgill

**Lee County:** Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Mayor Anita Cereceda, Ms. Laura Holquist, Councilman Forrest Banks

Sarasota County: Mr. Felipe Colón

Ex-Officio: Jon Iglehart -FDEP

Ms. Walker announced there is a quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM #5  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #6**

A motion was made by Commissioner Doherty to accept the agenda with one correction to Item 11 (i); Commissioner Turner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #7  
Minutes of the January 15, 2015 and February 19, 2015**

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 and February 19, 2015 meetings as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Doherty. The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #8  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Wuerstle introduced Councilman Kit McKeon to present the audit and budget amendments. Councilman Kit McKeon introduced Jeff Tuscan to present the 2014 Audit. Jeff Tuscan reviewed and explained audit.

**Councilman Burch made a motion to approve the 2014 Audit as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Wuerstle presented budget amendments to the board. Ms. Wuerstle explained that some grants came in after the original budget was adopted. In addition some grants are for two years and all the money cannot be spent in the first year so the revenue had to be split between the years.

**Mr. Thomas Perry made a motion to approve the 2015 Budget amendments as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner. The motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion ensued about refinancing the building, which has a balloon payment due June 2016. The discussion included the possibility of selling the building with a long term lease back to the RPC. Ms. Wuerstle and the Finance Committee will be looking into options and will report next month.

Ms. Wuerstle requested that the Council approve a MOU for the Investment in Manufacturing Partnership program so that the application could be submitted for the second round. This project is a partnership with SFRPC and TBRPC to create an I-75 medical manufacturing corridor.

**A motion was made by Councilman Burch to approve the MOU as presented; Mayor Shaw seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Wuerstle presented a resolution for the senate bills 484, 562 and 832. Chair Mulhere discussed the resolution and explained that at this time it was probably not in the Council's best interest to adopt the resolution. Intense discussion ensued about the issues in the Senate bills 484, 562 and 832. Strategies were discussed. The resolution was not adopted.

**AGENDA ITEM #9(a)  
Grant Activity Sheet**

This item was for information purposes only.

**AGENDA ITEM #10  
CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to approve the consent agenda as presented; Commissioner Doherty seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #11  
REGIONAL IMPACT**

Ms. Maryann Devanas presented PowerPoint presentations on the following items.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(a)  
Collier County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-1ESR)**

Chair Mr. Mulhere abstained from voting on this item.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mann to approve as presented; Commissioner Turner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #11(b)  
City of Moore Haven Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-1ESR)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to approve as presented; Commissioner Pryor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #11(c)**  
**City of Clewiston Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-1ESR)**

Mr. Thomas Perry abstained from voting on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to approve as presented; Commissioner Truex seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(d)**  
**Palmer Ranch AIDA Master Development Order Update**

Mr. Dan Trescott presented this. Mr. Al Reynolds abstained from voting on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hines to approve as presented; Councilman Burch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(e)**  
**Palmer Ranch AIDA NOPC (Increment XXII 9A)**

Mr. Al Reynolds abstained from voting on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Truex to approve as presented; Commissioner Doherty seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(f)**  
**Palmer Ranch AIDA NOPC (Increment XXII 9B)**

Mr. Al Reynolds abstained from voting on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Truex to approve as presented; Commissioner Doherty seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(g)**  
**Pelican Preserve DRI -Review of City of Fort Myers Development Order**

A motion was made by Commissioner Mann to approve as presented; Commissioner Doherty seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(h)**  
**Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-1ESR)**

Mr. Al Reynolds abstained from voting on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Doherty to approve as presented; Commissioner Truex seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(i)**  
**Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-1ESR)**

This item was continued to next month's agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(j)**  
**Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-3ESR)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Akins to approve as presented; Mayor Shaw seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(k)**  
**Collier County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-2ESR)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Truex to approve as presented; Commissioner Doherty seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(l)**  
**Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-2ESR)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Doherty to approve as presented; Commissioner Truex seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(m)**  
**Town of Longboat Key Comprehensive Plan Amendment (DEO 15-1ESR)**

A motion was made by Councilman Burch to approve as presented; Commissioner Doherty seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**REGIONAL ISSUES**

**AGENDA ITEM #12(a)**  
**Regional Water Management Activities presentation - Phil Flood**

Mr. Phil Flood gave a PowerPoint on Regional Water Management Activities.

**AGENDA ITEM #12(b)**  
**"Caloosahatchee Watershed - Regional Water Management Issues Resolution"**

Mr. Phil Flood presented the Resolution for Caloosahatchee Watershed for approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Burch to approve as presented; Councilman Denham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #13(a)**  
**Budget & Finance Committee**

Councilman Kit McKeon reported that overall we are on track with the budget. However, due to the fact that the CHNEP left, the RPC has a cash-flow issue. In order to float the agency until assessments come in and grant projects are reimbursed, \$50,000 will be moved from the government pool into the bank to cover operations.

**AGENDA ITEM #13(b)**  
**Economic Development Committee**

Councilman Banks stated that the committee did not meet so he had no report at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #13(c)**  
**Energy & Climate Committee**

Mr. McCormick stated that staff is still working on the solar energy project and that we were still looking for communities to step up and adopt the solar energy recommendations.

**AGENDA ITEM #13(d)**  
**Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM) Committee**

Mr. Beaver gave the committee report.

**AGENDA ITEM #13(e)**  
**Executive Committee**

Chair Mulhere presented the Executive Director's evaluation and contract. Chair Mulhere recommended a 3% raise for the Executive Director.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to approve the contract and 3% raise; Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #13(f)**  
**Legislative Affairs Committee**

Mr. Don McCormick stated that he had no report at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #13(g)**  
**Quality of Life & Safety Committee**

Mayor Shaw stated that he would have a presentation for next month since the committee was meeting immediately following the Council meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #13(h)**  
**Regional Transportation Committee**

Ms. Wuerstle stated that the committee did not meet and she had no report at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #14  
NEW BUSINESS**

There were no new business issues.

**AGENDA ITEM #15  
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

**SFWMD** - Mr. Flood had nothing new to report.

**FDOT** - Ms. Catala stated that the advisory committee will be working with all agencies June thru August. There will be seminars held in Southwest Florida. She will keep the Council updated on the seminars.

**FDEP** - Mr. Iglehart had no updates.

**SWFWMD** - Ms. Dickens had no updates at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #16  
COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Mohr stated that she would be calling the ethic committee today about the quorum issue and would report back next month.

**AGENDA ITEM #17  
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Truex thanked everyone.

Councilman Burch reminded everyone about the March 27 League of City Seminar.

Mr. Al Reynolds stated that the Urban Land Institute was holding a session on growth in Lee and Collier Counties. He said that he would send the flyer to Ms. Wuestle, who could distribute it to all the members.

Councilman Mick Denham announced that there would be an Ethics training course on May 1, 2015 for all elected officials in Sanibel.

Mr. Tom Perry had no comments or updates at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #18  
ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Chair Mr. Mulhere to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.



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Councilman Forrest Banks, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the February 26, 2015 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 41, Number 39.