Chairman Foley called the meeting to order at 9:30 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

**St. Lucie County:** Commissioner Mowery
Mayor Faiella

**Martin County:** Commissioner Hayes
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Fielding, Alternate
Commissioner Krauskopf

**Palm Beach County:** Commissioner Taylor
Commissioner Marcus
Commissioner Burdick
Councilwoman Webster
Councilman Lowe
Mayor Golonka
Mayor Ferreri
Vice Mayor Brinkman
Vice Mayor Norris (Alternate)
Mayor DuBois (Alternate)

**Gubernatorial Appointees:** Kevin Foley
Bill Hall
Reece Parrish
Peter Sachs
Robert Stork

**Ex-Officios:** Pam Mac’Kie, South Florida Water Management District
Ann Benedetti, St. Johns River Water Management District
Lynda Westin, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

**Council Staff:** Michael Busha
Kim DeLaney
Anthea Gianniotes
Sandy Gippert
Liz Gulick
Stephanie Heidt
Dana Little
Peter Merritt
Eloine Sabol
Greg Vaday
Joan Young

Council Attorney: Roger Saberson

The Executive Director announced a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner O’Bryan noted that Agenda Item 5D, Minutes – March 16, 2012, needed to be amended to indicate Mayor Cadden from the Town of Indian River Shores was in attendance at the March meeting.

Commissioner Smith moved approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda with the amended minutes. Commissioner Marcus seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Remaining items on the Consent Agenda were: 5A, Financial Report – February 29, 2012; 5B, Financial Report – March 31, 2012; 5C, Financial Report – April 30, 2012; 5E, City of Fort Pierce Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-1ESR; 5F, Indian River County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-2ESR; 5G, Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-1ESR; 5H, City of Palm Beach Gardens Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-1ESR; 5I, City of Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-3ESR; 5J, City of Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-4ER; 5K, Wellington Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12-3ESR; 5L, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log; 5M, Repeal of Council’s Rules: 29k-2.006 Preapplication Conference and 29K-3.001 Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Process; and 5N, Glades Regional Master Plan: Community Challenge Planning Grant – Authorization to Execute Agreement Between Palm Beach County and the Council.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Commissioner O’Bryan stated the proposed budget reflects a twenty four percent reduction compared to the previous budget. He also noted there was an amendment approved at the March Council meeting for the current budget that reflects additional contracts staff has procured. He stated the currently proposed balanced budget does not contain any increases in salaries or county dues. He reported Commissioner Solari had asked the Committee to consider reducing the county dues by ten percent. He indicated that because the dues have been frozen for the last six years, and it is the middle of the current fiscal year, the Committee decided to wait until the end of the fiscal year to analyze the finances at that time with respect to Commissioner Solari’s request. He moved approval of the proposed budget. Commissioner Marcus seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner O’Bryan noted that, at the request of Chairman Foley, staff will be cutting checks once a month, as opposed to the current bimonthly schedule. He stated that if a check is required before the monthly scheduled check run, then Commissioner Smith has offered to be available to
sign checks. Commissioner O’Bryan noted that in order to add Commissioner Smith as a signatory to Council’s checking account, the bank requires a Council motion. Mayor Ferreri moved approval of adding Commissioner Smith as a signatory on the Council checking account. Commissioner Marcus seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Webster asked if only one signature was required. Commissioner O’Bryan indicated two signatures are required, and this motion is being made to allow Commissioner Smith to be added to the list of approved signatories on the account. A vote on the motion passed unanimously.

MARTIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 12-ESR

Staff presented an overview of the Martin County proposed amendments, which included text amendments to the Future Land Use, Housing, Sanitary Sewer Services, Potable Water Services, Drainage and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge, and Coastal Management Elements. The amendment package also included one future land use map amendment. The future land use map amendment is for a parcel known as the Extreme Sports Park, a 111-acre parcel located on the north side of Bridge Road between I-95 and Florida’s Turnpike. The proposed amendment would expand an Expressway Oriented Transient Commercial Service Center land use overlay by around 77.1 acres to include the entire 111-acres of the subject parcel. Additionally, the proposed text amendment adds a sub-area policy to the Comprehensive Plan to allow the development of “a commercial amusement that includes a cable-driven water ski/wake board lake, an indoor/outdoor skate park, an RV park, retail sales facility and related uses that support these activities” on the site.

Staff indicated that the future land use amendment and text amendments related to the Extreme Sports Park are not consistent with the vision described in the South Martin County Charrette Report. Additionally, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) generally promotes infill and includes goals, strategies, and policies to redirect development patterns to towns, cities, and existing urban areas as the venue for future growth. While the proposed commercial amusement use is not necessarily appropriate for infill in urban areas, it is an appropriate use as a special district on the edge of an urban area, similar to an industrial or workplace district that is well-connected to, but on the edge of, an existing town or city. For these reasons, the draft report concluded the proposed amendments are inconsistent with the SRPP.

Commissioner Smith asked what the hatched area was in the 1994 Charrette Master Plan. Staff indicated this was for an educational village. The plan was designed so that if there was an intervention in the countryside, the plan would provide more management, focus and stability. Commissioner Smith stated he wanted to note that the 1994 plan envisioned two villages in this area of the County.

Councilwoman Webster stated there did not appear to be much public input. Staff noted that there had been substantial public comment to both Council and the County, which is contained in the application package. Commissioner Smith clarified that the highway transient oriented commercial is not supplanted by this amendment. He stated the commercial uses remain on all four corners, this amendment will just add an additional component.

Commissioner Marcus asked if it was staff’s recommendation that the County update their plan to determine what is currently appropriate for the area. Staff indicated there has been substantial development interest recently in this area, so this does present an excellent opportunity to update the
plan. Vice Mayor Brinkman asked if the charrette was done before the current transient-oriented designation was applied to the intersection. Staff indicated the overlay was in place in 1985 at the time of the writing of the comprehensive plan, and the charrette master plan was developed in 1994. Vice Mayor Brinkman asked how water and sewer were planned for the commercial node. Staff indicated there is a policy that requires the uses be serviced by package plants. Commissioner Fielding noted that this request had not received outstanding support of the community.

Under public comment, Donna Melzer, representing the Martin County Conservation Alliance as well as herself, concurred with the staff report recommendation of inconsistency. She stated that the Martin County comprehensive plan does currently allow partial highway or commercial uses of any kind at this interchange; however, overlay restrictions prohibit such uses unless the connecting road is a major arterial, which Bridge Road is not. Further, those restrictions require a setback of 1,320 feet from a highway exchange for road safety, which is not available at this site. She stated in 2007 there was litigation, and the legal department was quite clear that this corner did not qualify for the commercial at that time because the major arterial designation was not there. In addition to the regional charrette done in 1994, she noted that in 1998 Martin County was designated as one of the Department of Community Affairs Sustainable Communities, and funding was provided to have consultants conduct meetings with more than 700 residents in attendance. It was determined at that time the area should remain agricultural. With respect to the package plants, she said it is important to note that when there was the consideration to have package plants, it was envisioned to serve small acreage, not what would be required to serve what is currently being proposed. She stated the urban service boundary needs to remain where it is and urban utilities should remain inside the urban boundaries.

Commissioner Marcus moved approval of the staff recommendation. Commissioner Hayes stated that although the vote was not unanimous, this proposed amendment had the support of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. He stated he believes Martin County has been successful in having both a rural and urban section of the County, and strives to preserve the urban service boundaries. He stated this proposal does not change anything, and does not allow any additional authority or privileges. He stated he believes the proposed water park is an appropriate rural use for this property. With respect to the package plant size, he stated only 10 acres are going to be used to accommodate the water park, while the rest of the property contains the water reservoir, cypress domes and wetlands. He made a substitute motion to approve all of the proposed comprehensive plan amendments. Councilmember Hall seconded the substitute motion.

Under discussion, Commissioner Marcus asked if Martin County staff recommended denial of the proposed amendments. Staff indicated the County staff did recommend denial. Commissioner Marcus noted that 1000 Friends of Florida also recommended denial and that the County conduct more data and analysis. She stated she believes there needs to be a more comprehensive approach if this is going to be done, and that although this may seem small, these things can get really big. Councilmember Hall stated he seconded the substitute motion because he believes this will not have adverse effects on the character of the community and this is a legitimate use for this piece of property, which already allows for some commercial.

Mayor Golonka stated her concern with this, and the recent development of regional impact applications in the vicinity, is that she is not really sure what Martin County has in mind for this area. She stated that although there does not need to be a study each time there is a minor request, this is a very significant area for the County with the potential for many extrajurisdictional impacts. She said it would benefit the County to have greater scrutiny and updated studies in this area. She
stated a project that has an amusement park that includes cable-driven water skis, a wake board lake, an indoor/outdoor skate park, an RV park, and retail sales facilities and related uses does not sound like rural development.

Commissioner Hayes stated with respect to the County staff’s denial of the amendment, staff is charged with interpreting the existing comprehensive plan, and under the existing plan staff should recommend denial as they are not policy makers. He stated that if it is the policy of Martin County to maintain a rural countryside and an urban area, and he believes what is being proposed is an appropriate rural use.

Commissioner Smith raised concerns that development within Martin County, whether it is inside or outside the urban service boundary, tends to receive criticism from Council. Commissioner Smith stated that he believes it is almost impossible for the County to do any long-range planning because anytime the County tries to come up with a plan there are groups that will challenge or sue the County. He noted the County has expended significant public funds in efforts to build consensus, but the plans have not worked for a variety of reasons. For this project, he stated a majority of the County Commission had already voted in favor of the amendment.

Commissioner Hayes noted he is an ardent supporter of having a separate countryside and an urban area in Martin County. He stated that his proposal is not for a huge amusement park, but a small, intimate use of 10 acres that only a small portion of the population would use. He stated this is an extraordinary opportunity for Martin County that will have minimal impact on the flavor and feel of Martin County. He stated it is the job of the County Commissioners, as policy makers, to look at the facts and make common sense decisions based on the people who elected them to make those decisions.

Commissioner Taylor stated she agreed with Commissioner Hayes that we need to learn to look at things objectively. She asked if the recommendation of denial would be perpetual, or could the application be amended and brought back for consideration. Staff indicated that the recommendation is that this is inconsistent for the area and not envisioned in the County plan. However, that would not preclude the County from developing a plan for these types of uses. Commissioner Taylor asked Commissioner Smith if he supported the amendment. He indicated he voted for the amendment.

Commissioner Taylor asked about the history of planning in the area, specifically looking for differentiation between what is planned in the proposed amendment, versus what had been planned in the past for the area. Commissioner Smith indicated the County had initiated several efforts with the public to focus on a future plan for this area of the County; however, many had been unsuccessful. He stated the most extensive plan was the one in 1994, which was likely the only one that developed a concept on paper. He stated that if a plan like that were brought before the County Commission today, it would likely receive significant opposition from groups in the community and likely would not be supported. So if we are basing this decision on the guidance of a 1994 plan Commissioner Smith suggested the two have nothing to do with each other, because the former plan probably would not be accepted today.

Mayor Ferreri discussed the three I-95 nodes that are assigned transient commercial uses before I-95 was even open. In reviewing the conditions today, he noted the other two could be considered sprawl, with the subject interchange being the last of the pristine three. He stated there is an opportunity at this site, with four wedges of land and well-constructed barriers between the
interstate systems. Potential environmental lands and wetlands there are likely degraded due to stormwater discharge from the roadways. He raised concern regarding the overlay for the entire interchange, questioning what Martin County really wants to see for the area. Mayor Ferreri further noted that when traveling north from Palm Beach County, this is the first pristine area and the rural character is one of the welcoming features of Martin County. The idea of fast food restaurants and motels there is not consistent with that experience. He stated there is an opportunity to do something unique at that interchange, and it does make sense to relook at the 1994 plan to determine if that is really what Martin County wants in this area.

Vice Mayor Brinkman indicated she would be supporting the substitute motion because she believes this is an insignificant change and she does not believe the County should be forced to do a study, or amend the previous study, when there is no guarantee of what will be requested in the future. Mr. Saberson clarified that the substitute motion on the floor was to approve the entire amendment package.

Commissioner Marcus stated she is concerned that if this project is approved there will be a precedent set for future proposals. She stated the County needs to take a current look at the area and possibly add some additional uses to give flexibility to what can be approved in the area. Commissioner Fielding stated his concern is that this is a violation of the rules the County has in place with respect to the urban service boundaries. He said the rules are good because they limit the amount of impacts and installation of capital facilities throughout the County, allowing for more efficient planning for the incremental growth of the various utilities and service needs. He stated it was not fair to allow such land use changes when there are property owners who have been diligent in maintaining and paying taxes on their properties and observe the rules.

Chairman Foley stated that two thirds of Council is elected officials, and part of that responsibility is to make changes or exceptions to the rules if it is appropriate. He stated that if only a small number of residents will utilize the water park, then it will be not be profitable. He stated that although this is, in his opinion, probably an absolute perfect use for this location, this could allow for other projects the citizens do not want in the area. He stated he would like to see an update of the study, but asked how long this would take. Staff indicated the 1994 study was a nine-month long process.

Commissioner Krauskopf stated he would support Commissioner Marcus’ original motion. He stated both Council and County staff have put a lot of work into their recommendations, and he would support that through the original motion. Commissioner O’Bryan stated this project, although small, does not fit into the current plan and could be a precedent setting change for the area. He said that instead of overriding the plan, the plan should be adjusted if this is the direction the County decides to pursue. He also stated that he believes rural should be things such as organic farms, cattle ranches and five-acre ranchettes, not a lot of lights, activities, noise, extreme water and RV parks, and retail. He stated he would not be supporting the substitute motion.

Chairman Foley called for a vote on the substitute motion. Staff clarified the substitute motion is to find all the proposed amendments to be consistent with the SRPP. The substitute motion carried by a vote of eleven to seven.

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY TEN YEAR POWER PLANT SITE PLAN, 2012-2021

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Staff summarized the Florida Power & Light Ten Year Power Plant Site Plan and noted that the draft report concludes that the plan is inconsistent with Strategic Regional Policy Plan Goal 9.1, decreased vulnerability of the region to fuel price increases and supply interruptions; and Strategy 9.1.1, reduce the Region’s reliance on fossil fuels. The draft report urges FPL and the State of Florida to continue developing new programs to: 1) reduce the reliance on fossil fuels as future energy sources; 2) increase conservation activities to offset the need to construct new power plants; and 3) increase the reliance on renewable energy sources to produce electricity.

Commissioner Marcus moved approval of the staff recommendation to approve the report and authorize its transmittal to the Florida Public Service Commission. Commissioner Krauskopf seconded the motion.

Commissioner Marcus asked why the Riviera Beach plant is listed again under projection of future resources. Staff indicated because the new Riviera Beach Energy Center is currently under construction. Commissioner Taylor asked if water usage had been considered in the plan. Staff noted that although the plan does not specifically look at water usage, that is a consideration for Florida Power and Light when purchasing land for new facilities. Water use is permitted by the water management districts and the Department of Environmental Protection at the time of the site certification. Chairman Foley noted that the water is returned to the surrounding areas after use. Staff indicated that photovoltaic facilities do not use water.

Mayor DuBois stated that in order to not have disruption of service from renewable energy, there must be a combination of several different sources such as wind, solar, hydroelectric and geothermal. He indicated of all these, he believes solar is the most appropriate for Florida. He noted that the combination of the three major upgrades essentially equals the output of the new West County Energy Center. Staff indicated that there is a concern that we are becoming too reliant on natural gas, which is a concern due to the possibility of supply interruptions, because there are a limited number of natural gas pipe lines entering Florida. Staff noted that we currently have some of the lowest electric bills in the country because the cost of natural gas is currently low. If the price of natural gas goes up in the future, our electric costs will go up. Staff indicated that because of the concerns with natural gas, the recommendation in the draft report is to increase renewable sources for a more balanced supply network. Staff pointed out that Florida Power and Light Company is supporting Florida Atlantic University’s research in generating electricity from ocean currents, and other renewable opportunities. Florida Power and Light is positioned for greater reliance on renewable energy if the state approves a renewable portfolio standard.

Mayor Ferreri stated he would like to see stronger language to address not just renewables but conservation efforts as well. Commissioner Marcus stated she would include strengthening the language of the recommendation as part of her motion.

Commissioner Smith stated that Florida Power & Light Company is a significant contributor to the local economy, citing their $300 million investment in the Indiantown facility. He said he appreciates their presence in our region and the investments they have made.

With respect to the Cities of Vero Beach and Lake Worth, Vice Mayor Brinkman asked if Florida Power & Light Company is their power supplier, or if there is a consideration to eventually take over these facilities. Nick Blount with Florida Power & Light stated that because nothing has been finalized and there are ongoing discussion with these municipalities, the plan does not include in its projections the load requirements for these two cities. Also, he said he often is asked why the state
legislature must be involved in making the decision on whether or not Florida Power & Light can move ahead with renewable energy. He indicated the Florida Public Service Commission requires them to generate power at the lowest cost, and the cost of some of the renewable energy efforts is more expensive than natural gas. Therefore, the legislature must intervene and give approval that recognizes that although it may cost more to use renewable energy, it is the right thing to do from an environmental standpoint.

A vote on the motion passed unanimously. At this point in the meeting Chairman Foley turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman O’Bryan.

“All Aboard Florida” Passenger Rail Proposal – Presentation by Rafael Rodon, Executive Vice President, Flagler Development/Florida East Coast Industries

Rafael Rodon, Executive Vice President of Flagler Development, presented to Council an overview of the “All Aboard Florida” passenger rail proposal recently announced by Florida East Coast Industries. The proposal represents a private initiative to introduce intercity passenger rail service between southeast Florida and central Florida with four stations: downtown Miami, downtown Fort Lauderdale, downtown West Palm Beach, and Orlando, with a potential connection to the SunRail commuter rail system that is currently under construction. Additionally, it has been suggested that the service could ultimately be extended to provide service to Tampa and Jacksonville.

Commissioner Marcus asked if there had been an attempt to coordinate with the local governments to be part of the local transit network of buses and shuttles that is currently in place. Mr. Rodon stated that they have met with transit officials in Tampa and Fort Lauderdale and there is a possibility of adding a station in Fort Lauderdale where there is currently a bus facility.

Commissioner Marcus asked if the property they need would have to be vacant in order to put in the required platforms. Mr. Rodon stated it is not necessary, but it does make it easier to plan and construct the necessary station and platform, and provide the required right-of-way if the property is vacant.

Commissioner Marcus asked if the double-tracking will be along the entire corridor. Mr. Rodon stated they will be restoring double-tracking along the entire corridor. Commissioner Marcus invited Mr. Rodon to present at the North County Intergovernmental meeting in September. He stated he would be happy to make a presentation.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the current station in West Palm Beach could be a possible station. Mr. Rodon indicated two potential station locations have been identified in West Palm Beach, one on Okeechobee Road near City Place and the other at the governmental center. The current station is not under consideration. Vice Chairman O’Bryan asked how much of the financing is in place. Mr. Rodon replied only that which has already been spent.

Mayor Ferreri noted he recently took the train to Tampa, but had to drive back in the car because there is only service once a day by Amtrak. He asked if there was going to be any coordination with Amtrak to provide interconnectivity or shared service in terms of timing and number of trips. Mr. Rodon stated the double tracks will provide for Amtrak in the future along the FEC corridor. He noted that this service is different. It will be for reserved seats on a high speed train. He said the intent is to complement and provide an alternative to existing and even future modes of rail service.
Mayor Golonka asked when the company could conclude the project is financially feasible. Mr. Rodon stated they are very close. With respect to financing, he stated there are ongoing discussions with potential investors as they fine-tune the ridership study. He noted that the study is done for the diversion ridership, which represents the current passengers that would use the service simply by virtue of its existence. The other part of the study is the induced ridership. These two components combine to produce the total ridership.

Mayor Golonka asked what type of signal and safety upgrades are being contemplated. Mr. Rodon indicated the upgrades are all about safety. He stated Flagler Development/Florida East Coast Industries is re-working some of the curves, because the flatter the curve is, the safer it is for the train to travel at accelerated speeds. Mayor Golonka asked if the crossing gates would be upgraded. Mr. Rodon indicated this was part of the billion dollar upgrade.

Mayor Golonka asked if the schedule to be operational by 2014 included the 40 miles of rail in Orlando. Mr. Rodon responded that Flagler Development/Florida East Coast Industries already has 200 miles of right-of-way, so work can begin quickly in the existing corridor. Assuming the Orlando connection is in an existing right-of-way, such as State Road 528, that could help accelerate the project. He stated the goal is to have the project completed by 2014, but if portions of the project slow down, it could be 2015.

Councilmember Sachs asked if there has been any coordination with the three airports in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach for extended public transit. Mr. Rodon indicated the only potential direct access airport will be Orlando International. He stated that Fort Lauderdale airport would be easy to add, because the service will go right by there, but they are hesitant to add locations because that will increase the travel time. He stated there will be a Metrorail connection between the Miami train station and the airport.

Councilmember Sachs asked if this could be used as a commuter line, possibly an alternative to Tri-Rail. Mr. Rodon stated this could be done, but since this service is based on reserved seats, this could become cost prohibitive. Councilmember Sachs asked how much a ticket would cost. Mr. Rodon indicated the cost will be established when they are done analyzing the ridership. He stated priority pricing will be given to the Miami to Orlando route, and then the other stations will be priced according to ridership. He noted this is a for-profit, privately operated service. Councilmember Sachs asked if there will be first class service. Mr. Rodon indicated there would be business and coach class and services such as WiFi and dining would be available.

Commissioner Smith asked if there will be service from Miami to Jacksonville. Mr. Rodon indicated not yet. Councilmember Parrish asked if there were any projections with respect to stations between West Palm Beach and Orlando. Mr. Rodon indicated not at the present time.

Mayor Golonka asked if double-tracking was a prerequisite to make this effective. Mr. Rodon stated the service would still work if there is a section here or there that is not double-tracked, noting the Stuart Bridge will remain a single track section. Mayor Golonka asked if other bridges would be double-tracked. Mr. Rodon stated they intend to double-track all other bridges. Commissioner Burrick asked if there will be increased noise, such as night horns. Mr. Rodon noted that the service will only run from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. With respect to the bridge double-tracking, Commissioner Smith stated he believed there was width capacity to double-track the Stuart bridge. Mr. Rodon
stated the Stuart bridge is to remain single tracked for engineering and permitting reasons. Vice Chairman O’Bryan thanked Mr. Rodon for his presentation.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN – PRESENTATION BY DIANE COLONNA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND FORMER MAYOR JEFF PERLMAN

Diane Colonna, Executive Director of the Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Delray Beach, gave a presentation to Council with respect to the Downtown Delray Beach Master Plan. The plan is a result of a 2001 charrette organized by Council that involved participation of over 200 citizens, and subsequent months of design work and meetings with technical consultants, representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation, property owners and other interested stakeholders. The Master Plan incorporated planning principles and architectural design, as well as the vision of the community, to address not only physical improvements, but social issues and concerns regarding growth and redevelopment. Ten years after the March 19, 2002 adoption of the plan, most of the elements have been implemented and two major projects will be starting construction this summer. Ms. Colonna expressed her appreciation to Council staff for their work during the design process and continued support.

Mayor Golonka commended Ms. Colonna and the City for sticking with their plan, which she called a great model and great example for the region.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff requested the July and August meetings be canceled. Mayor Ferreri moved to cancel the July and August meetings. Councilmember Sachs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Marcela Camblor-Cutsaimanis, Project Director for the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, updated Council on the Seven50 - Southeast Florida’s Prosperity Plan. She noted an upcoming kick-off summit for the plan on June 27, 2012 at the Old School Square in the City of Delray Beach. She stated an official invitation will be sent to all Councilmembers. She thanked the City of Delray Beach for its generous donation of the space for this summit. Speakers include Neal Peirce from Citistates Group, Allison DeFoor from the Fiorentino Group, Bob Burchell from Rutgers University, as well as several consultants. The event will be very interactive with work groups and polling opportunities for attendees. She noted that Tri-Rail is also partnering to provide advertisement of the event as well as free transportation for attendees. Ms. Camblor-Cutsaimanis urged Councilmembers to go to www.Seven50.org to get more information on the summit as well as the progress of the plan.

Mayor Ferreri commended Ms. Camblor-Cutsaimanis for the tremendous job she has done to bring the project into focus after several false starts and numerous obstacles. He encouraged everyone to attend the summit.

Ms. Camblor-Cutsaimanis noted that Commissioner Fielding has been instrumental in coordinating the staff and partners in Martin County by having meetings prior to the summit to ensure the County is well-represented in the plan. She offered to assist others in this same type of effort.

COUNCIL MEMBER INFORMATION EXCHANGE
None.

**STAFF COMMENT**

None.

**CHAIRMAN’S COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chairman O’Bryan adjourned the meeting at 12:15 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 June 15, 2012 meeting of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

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Date                                           Signature