MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members  
From: Thomas J. Lanahan, Executive Director  
Date: June 12, 2020  
Subject: Report on Use of Emergency Authority

Background

On March 13, 2020, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council adopted Resolution #20-01 recognizing that extraordinary conditions exist and will continue to develop due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and authorizing certain emergency actions without the necessity of Council meetings. During Council deliberations prior to adoption of the Resolution, the Executive Director was directed to report back to the Council at their next meeting on any use of the emergency authority granted through Resolution #20-01.

Analysis

In order to ensure operation of the Council and the provision of services to member local governments, the Executive Director took the following actions which would have typically been presented to the Council for approval:

A. Approved staff analysis reports for local government comprehensive plan amendments in order to comply with State review timeframes. None had any comments from adjacent local governments or inconsistencies with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
   1. Ft. Pierce No. 20-01 ESR (17.81 acres from RM to RH)
   2. Lake Park No. 20-01 ESR (Water Supply Facilities Work Plan)
   3. Mangonia Park No. 20-02 ER (EAR based Amendments)
   4. Mangonia Park No. 20-01 ESR (Water Supply Facilities Work Plan)
   5. Martin County No. 20-01 ESR (6 acres from Agricultural to General Commercial and Limitations on 16.72 acres)
   6. West Palm Beach No. 20-01 ESR (Water Supply Facilities Work Plan)
   7. Westlake No. 20-01 ESR (Water Supply Facilities Work Plan)

B. Signed a letter of support and approved a pledge of $5,000 in Council funds as an equal share with other Regional Planning Councils of the required 20 percent match for an Economic Development Agency (EDA) CARES Act grant application to fund a statewide economic impact analysis to be prepared by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC). The analysis will provide valuable information for Council’s own efforts in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and a statewide application is an excellent opportunity to leverage Council funds. As reflected in the proposed budget
amendment, adequate Council funds are available from underspend in the approved budget (in the travel category for example) to meet this pledge. The funds will be required to be transferred to the TBRPC only if the grant application is successful.

C. Approved providing a total of $5,500 to the countywide economic development organizations in each county in the Region ($2,500 to the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County; $1,000 to the Business Development Board of Martin County; $1,000 to the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County; and $1,000 to the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce). These funds support their efforts to provide web-based information and assistance to businesses recovering from the Coronavirus Pandemic such as grant and loan opportunities. Supporting these local efforts is more efficient and effective than Council staff attempting to maintain the information on our own website. EDA funds received as part of our current Partnership Planning Grant were used for this effort.

Recommendation

For information only.

Council Action – June 19, 2020

Council received a presentation from Thomas J. Lanahan, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.