

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL REPORTS
YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Executive Committee and Council Members
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of governmental activities and each major fund of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of Florida Retirement Systems Pension Plan (FRS) or Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019. The Council is required to record its proportionate share of the FRS and HIS liability in the Council's government-wide financial statements as of September 30, 2019 and for the year then ended. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's government-wide financial statements, is based on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness

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of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Summary of Opinions

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Unmodified
General Fund	Unmodified

Opinion

Unmodified Opinion

In our opinion, based on our report and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council as of September 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis Of Matter

Substantial Doubt About the Council's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern

Over the course of the last two (2) fiscal years, the Council was informed that five (5) of the six (6) member counties and substantially all of the participating cities intended to withdraw future financial support from the Council. The financial effect of this intended action is approximately \$540,000 of unrestricted revenue annually.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Council will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note O to the financial statements, the Council, as noted above, has suffered substantially all its member governments withdrawal of funding. As a result of such action by its member governments the Council's operational shortfall has been funded by use of fundal balance for the year ended September 30, 2019. The Council's financial situation is continuing to deteriorate in fiscal year 2020. It is likely the Council will be forced to cease operations on or about September 30, 2021 without significant change in circumstances.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages i - vi, Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Notes to Required Supplementary Information and Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios GASB No. 75 and Notes to the Schedule, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information - management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Notes to Required Supplementary Information and Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios GASB No. 75 and Notes to the Schedule, as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the required supplementary information - management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (FRS), Schedule of Council's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Schedule of Council Contributions - Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (HIS), Notes to Required Supplementary Information and Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios GASB No. 75 and Notes to the Schedule, as listed in the table of contents, because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Required Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's basic financial statements. The required supplementary information other than the MD&A - budgetary comparison information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The required supplementary information other than the MD&A - budgetary comparison information is the responsibility of management as was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting

and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the required supplementary information other than MD&A - budgetary comparison information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements. The Exhibit - Management's Response to Independent Auditor's Report to Management is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is required by Government Auditing Standards. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes

In accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, we have also issued our report dated March 9, 2020 on our consideration of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and to provide an opinion on compliance with the aforementioned Statute. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Sections 218.39 and 218.415, Florida Statutes in considering Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 9, 2020 on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contract and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.
Fort Myers, Florida
March 9, 2020

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION
AND ANALYSIS
(MD&A)**

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") this narrative overview and analysis of the financial statements is designed to provide a helpful viewpoint as to the Council's financial activities for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. We recommend readers consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Highlights

- The net position of the Council at the close of its fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 was \$201,644. The Council's total net position increased \$13,194 or 7% from the prior year, after a \$36,047 adjustment to beginning net position for GASB No. 75.
- The net position (deficit) of the Council at the close of its fiscal year ended September 30, 2019 was (\$40,358). The Council's total net position decreased \$242,002 or 120% from the prior year.
- As of the close of the fiscal year 2018, the Council reported an ending fund balance of \$854,470 an increase of \$2,092 from the prior year. \$848,089 of this amount is available for spending at the Council's discretion.
- As of the close of the fiscal year 2019, the Council reported an ending fund balance of \$631,414 a decrease of \$223,056 from the prior year. \$625,033 of this amount is available for spending at the Council's discretion.
- Total revenues decreased \$361,384 in comparison to the prior year. The decrease in revenue was substantially due to the withdrawal of funding by member governments. Total expenses decreased \$106,188, in comparison to the prior year. The decrease in expenses was related to less employees and projects.
- The mortgage payable was due and payable on June 1, 2016. However, the related building was placed for sale and sold in November 2015. Therefore, the note payable of \$879,263 was recorded as a current liability at September 30, 2015 and paid in full during the year ended September 30, 2016 plus accrued interest and prepayment penalty of \$25,851.
- Effective June 15, 2015, the Council adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*" (Statement No. 68). The implementation of this accounting standard required the Council to report its actuarially determined net pension liability of \$574,362 and \$581,945 in the government-wide financial statements as of September 30, 2018 and 2019, respectively.
- Effective September 30, 2018, the Council adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)*" (Statement No. 75). This accounting standard requires the Council to report its actuarially determined net OPEB liability of \$28,092 and \$16,710 in the government-wide financial statements of the Council as of September 30, 2018 and 2019, respectively.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements (statement of net position and statement of activities found on pages 5 and 6, respectively) are intended to provide readers with a broad overview of the Council's finances and financial health in a manner similar to a private sector business. They are prepared using the full accrual method of accounting, (revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Amounts expended for capital assets are capitalized rather than expensed).

The *Statement of Net Position* (page 5) presents information on all of the Council's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. The Council's capital assets, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles) are included in this statement and are reported at historical cost, or fair market value at the date of donation if they were donated to the Council, net of their accumulated depreciation.

The *Statement of Activities* (page 6) presents revenue and expense information showing how the Council's net assets changed during the fiscal year.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain financial control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements explain how the Council's services were paid for as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report the Council's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the Council's funds.

Governmental funds financial statements (found on pages 7 and 9) are prepared on the modified accrual basis using the current financial resources measurement focus. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information so that a reader may more fully understand the information provided in the basic financial statements. The information contained in the notes is essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes are on pages 11 through 50.

Supplementary information consists of more detailed information on the budget to actual revenues and expenditures.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The government-wide financial statements were designed so that the user could determine if the Council is in a better or worse financial condition from the prior year. The net position may serve, over time, as a useful indicator of the Council's financial position.

The net investment in capital assets are used by the Council to provide services and consequently these assets are not available to liquidate liabilities and are not available for other spending.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis, (continued)

The following table reflects a Summary of Net Position for fiscal years 2019 and 2018:

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council			
Summary of Net Position			
September 30			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets:			
Current assets	\$ 674,453	\$ 912,225	\$ (237,772)
Capital assets, net	15,794	23,561	(7,767)
Total assets	<u>690,247</u>	<u>935,786</u>	<u>(245,539)</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>190,907</u>	<u>260,925</u>	<u>(70,018)</u>
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities	43,039	57,755	(14,716)
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>633,368</u>	<u>643,088</u>	<u>(9,720)</u>
Total liabilities	<u>676,407</u>	<u>700,843</u>	<u>(24,436)</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>245,105</u>	<u>294,224</u>	<u>(49,119)</u>
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets	15,794	23,561	(7,767)
Restricted	-	-	-
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(56,152)</u>	<u>178,083</u>	<u>(234,235)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (40,358)</u>	<u>\$ 201,644</u>	<u>\$ (242,002)</u>

For the fiscal year 2019, current assets are comprised of cash and cash equivalents of \$421,164, investments of \$144,009, contract and other receivables of \$6,000, due from other governments of \$96,899, and deposits and other of \$6,381.

For the fiscal year 2019, current liabilities are comprised of accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$39,267, unearned contract, grant and DRI/NOPC revenue of \$3,772. The balance of the long term liabilities consist of pension, OPEB and accrued compensation liabilities.

For the fiscal year 2019, the net investment in capital assets of \$15,794 is a component of net position and is comprised of equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles, net of accumulated depreciation.

The fiscal year 2019 net asset (deficit) balance of (\$40,358) decreased by \$242,002 due to the current year operations.

For the fiscal year 2018, current assets are comprised of cash and cash equivalents of \$603,015, investments of \$140,425, contract and other receivables of \$33,380, due from other governments of \$129,024, and deposits and other of \$6,381.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Government-Wide Financial Analysis, (continued)

For the fiscal year 2018, current liabilities are comprised of accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$32,107, unearned contract, grant and DRI/NOPC revenue of \$25,648.

For the fiscal year 2018, the net investment in capital assets of \$23,561 is a component of net position and is comprised of equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles, net of accumulated depreciation and the outstanding related debt used to acquire the assets.

The unrestricted net asset balance of \$178,083 increased by \$57,061 due substantially to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75.

The following schedule reports the revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the Council for the current and previous fiscal year:

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council			
Summary of Changes in Net Position			
Years Ended September 30			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program Revenues			
Charges for services – dues & fees	\$ 215,498	\$ 450,881	\$ (235,383)
Contracts, grants and contributions	494,939	623,328	(128,389)
General Revenues			
Interest and miscellaneous	8,385	5,997	2,388
Total revenues	<u>718,822</u>	<u>1,080,206</u>	<u>(361,384)</u>
Expenses:			
Project Planning			
Personnel services	509,878	635,259	(125,381)
Operating expenses	443,506	423,933	19,573
Depreciation	7,440	7,820	(380)
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-
Total expenses	<u>960,824</u>	<u>1,067,012</u>	<u>106,188</u>
Change in net position	(242,002)	13,194	<u>\$ (255,196)</u>
Net Position – Beginning, as Orig. Stated	201,644	152,403	
Prior Period Adjustment – GASB No. 75	-	36,047	
Net Position – As Restated	<u>201,644</u>	<u>188,450</u>	
Net Position (Deficit) - Ending	<u>\$ (40,358)</u>	<u>\$ 201,644</u>	

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Budgetary Highlights

Budget versus actual comparisons are presented in the required supplementary information other than the Management's Discussion and Analysis. The significant budget variations versus actual results were due to the Council budgeting use of its reserves carryforward then not having to use them, a reduction in contract and grant related revenue and the reduction in the respective expenditures.

Original to Final Budget Variances

The Council Members approved no budget amendments during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.

The Council Members approved several budget amendments during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. The amendments were between various revenue and expenditure line items and did change the total budgeted revenues and expenditures in the general fund by \$19,036 and the special revenue fund by \$207,610.

Capital Assets

Non-depreciable capital assets include land. Depreciable capital assets include building, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles. The following is a schedule of the Council's capital assets as of September 30, 2019 and 2018.

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council			
Capital Assets			
Years Ended September 30			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Change</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets			
Total depreciable capital assets	\$ <u>167,948</u>	\$ <u>237,171</u>	\$ <u>(69,223)</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(152,154)</u>	<u>(213,610)</u>	<u>(61,456)</u>
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>15,794</u>	<u>23,561</u>	<u>(7,767)</u>
Capital Assets, net	\$ <u>15,794</u>	\$ <u>23,561</u>	\$ <u>(7,767)</u>

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Debt Administration

At September 30, 2019, the Council had \$633,368 of outstanding liabilities, which is comprised as noted below. The following is a detailed schedule of the Council's outstanding liabilities as of September 30, 2019 and 2018.

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council			
Outstanding Liabilities			
Years Ended September 30			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Change</u>
Compensated Absences	\$ 34,713	\$ 40,634	\$ (5,921)
(59)Net OPEB Liability	16,710	28,092	(11,382)
Net Pension Liability	<u>581,945</u>	<u>574,362</u>	<u>7,583</u>
Total Outstanding Liabilities	633,368	643,088	<u><u>\$ (9,720)</u></u>
Less current portion	-	-	
Noncurrent portion	<u><u>\$ 633,368</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 643,088</u></u>	

The note payable used to finance the purchase of the office building had a monthly payment of \$10,646, including interest at 5.68%, with a final payment of \$826,523 due June 1, 2016. As such, the note payable was paid in full in November 2015 at the time of the sale of the Council's office building.

The amount reported as compensated absences represents the total amount the Council had due at the termination of all employees' employment. The net OPEB liability is the actuarially determined cost to offer retirees health, dental, and vision coverage.

Net pension liability reflects the Council's proportionate share of its FRS and HIS liability.

During November 2015, subsequent to the year ended September 30, 2015, the Council sold its building for approximately \$1,200,000. The Council then moved its operations and entered a five year lease for office space.

Future Operations

During the year ended September 30, 2019, the Council was informed by five of its six member Counties as well as most cities of their respective intent to withdraw financial support from the Council. The Council estimates the financial effect of such withdrawal to be approximately \$540,000 annually. This loss of funding has created substantial doubt as to the Council's ability to continue as a going concern past September 30, 2021.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide the reader an overview of the Council. Questions regarding any information provided in this report should be directed to: Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 1, Fort Myers, Florida 33907.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2019

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	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 421,164
Investments	144,009
Due from other governments - grants	96,899
Receivables - contracts and other	6,000
Deposits and other	<u>6,381</u>
Total current assets	<u>674,453</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Depreciable furniture and fixtures, equipment and vehicles (net of \$152,154 accumulated depreciation)	<u>15,794</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>15,794</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>690,247</u>
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	 <u>190,907</u>
 LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	39,267
Unearned revenue - DRI/NOPC	3,772
Current portion of long-term obligations	<u>-</u>
Total current liabilities	43,039
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations	633,368
Commitments and Contingencies	<u>-</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>676,407</u>
 DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	 <u>245,105</u>
 NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	15,794
Restricted	-
Unrestricted	<u>(56,152)</u>
 TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	 <u><u>\$ (40,358)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended September 30, 2019

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	Governmental Activities
EXPENSES	
Governmental Activities	
Project Planning:	
Personnel services	\$ 509,878
Operating expenses	443,506
Depreciation	7,440
Interest and fiscal charges	-
TOTAL EXPENSES - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u>960,824</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES	
Charges for services:	
Assessments and fees	215,498
Contracts, local grants and events	14,900
Operating grants and contributions	<u>480,039</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES	<u>710,437</u>
NET PROGRAM REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(250,387)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES (LOSS)	
Rental income	-
Loss on disposition of capital assets (including cost of sale)	(327)
Interest and miscellaneous	<u>8,712</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES (LOSS)	<u>8,385</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	(242,002)
NET POSITION - Beginning of the year	<u>201,644</u>
NET POSITION (DEFICIT) - End of the year	<u><u>\$ (40,358)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
September 30, 2019

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	General Fund	Total Governmental Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 421,164	\$ 421,164
Investments	144,009	144,009
Due from other governments - grants	96,899	96,899
Receivables - contracts and other	6,000	6,000
Deposits and other	<u>6,381</u>	<u>6,381</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 674,453</u>	<u>\$ 674,453</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 39,267	\$ 39,267
Due to other governments	-	-
Unearned revenue - grants	-	-
Unearned revenue - DRI/NOPC	<u>3,772</u>	<u>3,772</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>43,039</u>	<u>43,039</u>
 FUND BALANCE		
Nonspendable	6,381	6,381
Restricted	-	-
Assigned	625,033	625,033
Unassigned	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>631,414</u>	<u>631,414</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 674,453</u>	<u>\$ 674,453</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL
FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2019

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	<u>Amount</u>	
Total fund balance for governmental funds	\$ 631,414	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Capital assets being depreciated:		
Furniture and fixtures, equipment and vehicles	167,948	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(152,154)</u>	
		15,794
Deferred outflows and deferred inflows are applied to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	1,727	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	<u>189,180</u>	
		190,907
Deferred inflows related to pensions	<u>(245,105)</u>	
		(245,105)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability - FRS	(443,544)	
Net pension liability - HIS	(138,401)	
Compensated absences	(34,713)	
Net OPEB liability	<u>(16,710)</u>	
		<u>(633,368)</u>
Total net position (deficit) of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ (40,358)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
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	General Fund	Total Governmental Fund
REVENUES		
Federal and state grants	\$ 480,039	\$ 480,039
Contracts, local grants and events	14,900	14,900
County and city assessments	165,053	165,053
NOPC & DRI fees	50,445	50,445
DRI monitoring fees	-	-
Rental income	-	-
Interest and miscellaneous	8,712	8,712
TOTAL REVENUES	719,149	719,149
EXPENDITURES		
Current		
Personnel services	498,699	498,699
Operating expenditures	443,506	443,506
Capital outlay	-	-
Debt service	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	942,205	942,205
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(223,056)	(223,056)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Operating transfers in	-	-
Operating transfers out	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(223,056)	(223,056)
FUND BALANCE - Beginning of the year	854,470	854,470
FUND BALANCE - End of the year	\$ 631,414	\$ 631,414

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
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	<u>Amount</u>
Net change (revenues and other financing sources (uses) in excess (under) of expenditures) in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ (223,056)
The increase (decrease) in net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.	
However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Plus: expenditures for capital assets	-
Less: current year depreciation	(7,440)
Less: proceeds from disposition of capital assets	-
Less: loss on disposition of capital assets	<u>(327)</u>
	(7,767)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.	
(Increase) decrease in net pension liability - FRS	(19,939)
(Increase) decrease in net pension liability - HIS	12,356
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflow - OPEB	1,727
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflow - Pensions	(71,745)
(Increase) decrease in deferred inflow - Pensions	49,119
Net decrease (increase) in compensated absences	5,921
Net (increase) decrease in net OPEB liability	<u>11,382</u>
	<u>(11,179)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (242,002)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") is a governmental agency, created on November 8, 1973 via interlocal agreements as provided by Florida Statutes, Chapters 163.01 and 163.02, as amended, to assist other governmental and private agencies in the planning of projects in the Southwest Florida area under Florida Statutes, Chapter 186.504. The Council acts as a regional planning agency and exercises its rights and duties pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapters 23, 160, 163, 186 and 380. By Florida Statute, the Council's principal member entities consist of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota Counties, although certain cities within these counties are participating entities. The Council's Board Members are appointed per statutory requirement. By Florida Statute the Council is funded through member assessments determined by interlocal agreement, various fees, and multiple federal, state, and local grants and contracts. A substantial amount of the Council's member entities have resolved to cease paying the annual assessments which has resulted in the Council likely ceasing operations on or about December 31, 2020. See further discussion in Note O.

Specifically, the Council's mission is:

1. To make the most efficient use of its powers to promote cooperation for mutual advantage in order to provide services and facilities that will accord best with geographic, economic, social, land use, transportation, public safety resources, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities within its six county region;
2. To serve as a regional coordinator for the local governmental units comprising the region;
3. To exchange information on and review programs of regional concerns;
4. To promote communication between the local governments for the conservation and compatible development of the Southwest region;
5. To cooperate with Federal, State, and local government and non-government agencies to accomplish regional objectives; and
6. To do all things authorized for a Regional Planning Agency under Chapters 163, 186 and 380 of the Florida Statutes and other applicable Florida, Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these basic financial statements.

The basic financial statements of the Council are comprised of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the financial statements

Reporting Entity

The Council has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 14, "Financial Reporting Entity" (GASB 14), as amended by GASB Statement Number 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units" (GASB 39) and GASB Statement Number 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34" (GASB 61). These Statements require the financial statements of the Council (the primary government) to include its component units, if any. A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Based on the criteria established in GASB Statement 14, as amended, there are no component units included or required to be included in the Council's financial statements.

The Council assisted in the creation and establishment of Southwest Florida Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. ("Conservation"), an independent Florida not-for-profit corporation. Conservation's mission is to develop a resource conservation plan for its service area, as well as to act as a clearinghouse for other conservation groups and efforts.

The Council provides no direct support to Conservation and does not have authority to exercise economic control over Conservation. The Council, however, provides Conservation with bookkeeping services free of charge. The Council cannot appoint or remove the Board members of Conservation. Therefore, Conservation is not considered a component unit of the Council, and its financial activity is not included within these financial statements.

**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES, CONTINUED**

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the Council and do not emphasize fund types. These governmental activities comprise the primary government. General governmental and intergovernmental revenues support the governmental activities. The purpose of the government-wide financial statements is to allow the user to be able to determine if the Council is in a better or worse financial position than the prior year. The effect of all interfund activity between governmental funds has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions."

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the government-wide financial statements, rather than reported as expenditures. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as other financing sources. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as expenditures.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital improvements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES, CONTINUED**

Government-wide Financial Statements, continued

Program revenues are considered to be revenues generated by services performed and/or by fees charged such as dues, assessments, fees, and operating grants and contracts.

Fund Financial Statements

The Council adheres to GASB Number 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions," that required a change in the reporting format of fund balances in the governmental fund statements.

The accounts of the Council are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity or retained earnings, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. Fund financial statements for the Council's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually and nonmajor funds, in aggregate, for governmental funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

The Council's major funds are presented in separate columns on the governmental fund financial statements. The definition of a major fund is one that meets certain criteria set forth in GASB Statement Number 34, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments". The funds that do not meet the criteria of a major fund are considered non-major funds and are combined into a single column on the governmental fund financial statements.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns on the fund financial statements.

**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES, CONTINUED**

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures, or expenses, are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period and soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Council considers tax revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Revenues susceptible to accrual are interest on investments and intergovernmental revenues. Interest on invested funds is recognized when earned. Intergovernmental revenues that are reimbursements for specific purposes or projects are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) principal and interest on the long-term debt, if any, which is recognized when due; and (2) expenditures are generally not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenditures.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Council's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES, CONTINUED**

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting, continued

The Council adheres to the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions" (GASB 68), which requires the Council to report its proportionate share of the actuarially determined net pension liability of defined benefit plans in the statement of net position, in the Council's financial statements. The Council participates in the FRS defined benefit pension plan and the HIS defined benefit plan administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

Non-current Government Assets/Liabilities

GASB 34 requires non-current governmental assets, such as land and buildings, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as notes payable and capital leases to be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

Major Funds

The Council reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the Council's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Council.

Prior to the year ended September 30, 2019, the Council used a special revenue fund for its contract and grant activities. Due to the current financial condition the Special Revenue fund was closed and all activity is accounted for in the General Fund.

Budgetary Information

The Council has elected to report budgetary comparison of major funds as required supplementary information (RSI).

NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Investments

The Council adheres to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 31, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools," in which all investments are reported at fair value, with the exception of the Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund (State Board of Administration), an external 2a7-like investment pool. The Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund's shares are stated at amortized cost (otherwise known as fluctuating net asset value or "NAV"), which approximates fair value.

Investments, including restricted investments (if any), may consist of the State of Florida Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund and Certificates of Deposit held at local depositories.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include furniture and fixtures, equipment, and vehicles, are reported in the government-wide financial statements in the Statement of Net Position.

The Council follows a capitalization policy which calls for capitalization of all fixed assets that have a cost or donated value of \$1,000 or more and have a useful life in excess of one year.

All capital assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. Public domain (infrastructure) capital assets consisting of certain improvements other than building, including curbs, gutters, and drainage systems, are not capitalized, as the Council generally does not acquire such assets. No debt-related interest expense is capitalized as part of capital assets in accordance with GASB Statement Number 34.

Maintenance, repairs, and minor renovations are not capitalized. The acquisition of land and construction projects utilizing resources received from Federal and State agencies are capitalized when the related expenditure is incurred.

Expenditures that materially increase values, change capacities, or extend useful lives

**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES, CONTINUED**

Capital Assets, continued

are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement, the cost is eliminated from the respective accounts.

Expenditures for capital assets are recorded in the fund statements as current expenditures. However, such expenditures are not reflected as expenditures in the government-wide statements, but rather are capitalized and depreciated.

Depreciable capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Years</u>
Improvements Other Than Buildings	7-15
Furniture & Fixtures	7
Equipment	3-10
Vehicles	3

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Council has adopted an annual budget for the General Fund.

The Council follows these procedures in establishing budgetary data for the General Fund.

1. During the summer of each year but no later than August 15, the Council management submits to the Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain public comments.
3. The budget is adopted by approval of the Board Members no later than August 15 each year.

**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES, CONTINUED**

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting, continued

4. The budget for the General Fund is, generally, adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
5. Budget transfers can be made throughout the year between expenditure accounts by approval of the Board Members. The level of control for appropriations is exercised at the fund level.
6. Budget amounts, as shown in these basic financial statements, are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board Members.
7. Appropriations lapse at year-end.
8. The Board Members approved no budget amendment during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the Council because it is, at present, not necessary to assure effective budgetary control or to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

Compensated Absences

The Council's employees accumulate leave based on various criteria including the number of years of continuous service and job classification.

Leave which is requested and approved prior to the day in which it is taken by the employee (vacation) shall be considered to be scheduled leave. At September 30, 2019 any scheduled leave accrued above 160 hours shall be used or forfeited except for the Executive Director which is limited to 240 hours. Any employee who is separated from the Council staff by layoff, resignation, death, disability, or other cause shall be paid for the number of working hours of unused scheduled (vacation) leave accrued, not to exceed 160 hours.

**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES, CONTINUED**

Compensated Absences, continued

Leave not requested/approved prior to the day it is taken (sick time) shall be considered unscheduled. Unscheduled leave may be accumulated to a total of 200 hours. There is no reimbursement for unscheduled leave accrual at the time of an employee's termination from the Council and therefore, not accrued.

Due From Other Governments

No allowances for losses on uncollectible accounts has been recorded since the Council considers all amounts to be fully collectible.

Management Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Council to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, fund equity, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Net Position

In the government-wide financial statements no net assets have been identified as restricted. Restricted net assets are those net assets that have constraints as to their use externally imposed by creditors, through debt covenants, by grantors, or by law.

Fund Balances

The governmental fund financial statements the Council maintains include nonspendable, assigned, and unassigned fund balances. Nonspendable balances are those that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Criteria include items that are not expected to be converted into cash, for example prepaid expenses and deposits.

**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES, CONTINUED**

Fund Balances, continued

The Council's assigned balances are a result of the Council's Board approval of actions prior to October 1, 2018. The Council's intent and policy is to maintain a minimum assigned fund balance level between four (4) to six (6) months of prior year total expenditures. This assigned fund balance will serve as the Council's operational and capital reserve as well as its disaster reserve. At September 30, 2019, the entire fund balance is classified as assigned since the balance is less than the Council's minimum target fund balance. Any use of the fund balance requires the Council's Board approval.

Pensions

In the government-wide statement of net position, liabilities are recognized for the Council's proportionate share of each pension plan's net pension liability. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) defined benefit plan and additions to/deductions from fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plans. For this purpose, benefit payments, (including refunds of employees contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

The Council's retirement plans and related amounts are described in a subsequent note.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The deferred amount on pensions and OPEB is reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are discussed in a subsequent note.

NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, continued

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The deferred amount on pensions and OPEB is reported only in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred amount on pension results from the difference in the expected and actual amounts of experience, earnings, and contributions. This amount is deferred and amortized over the service life of all employees that are provided with pensions and OPEB through these plans except earnings which are amortized over five to seven years.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 9, 2020, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash was \$421,164, including cash on hand of \$200 at September 30, 2019.

Deposits

The Council's deposit policy allows deposits to be held in demand deposits and money market accounts. All Council depositories are institutions designated as qualified depositories by the State Treasurer at September 30, 2019.

The Council's deposits consist of the following at September 30, 2019:

	Bank Balance	Carrying Amount
Depository Accounts	<u>\$ 440,586</u>	<u>\$ 420,964</u>

These deposits were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act (Florida Statute 280) of the State of Florida. Bank balances approximate market value. Depository accounts are fully insured and/or collateralized.

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NOTE C - INVESTMENTS

Florida Statutes and the Council's investment policy authorize investments in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (SBA) administered by the State Board of Administration, and certificates of deposit held in financial institutions.

At September 30, 2019, the Council's investments consist of the following:

	Cost Basis	Fair Value (NAV)/ Carrying Amount
<u>General Fund</u>		
Local Government Surplus Trust Fund (SBA)		
Fund "A" (Florida PRIME)	\$ 144,009	\$ 144,009
Total Investments	<u>\$ 144,009</u>	<u>\$ 144,009</u>

The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida PRIME (formerly Fund "A")) is an external 2a7-like investment pool, administered by the Florida State Board of Administration. The Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund is not categorized as it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The Local Government Surplus Trust Funds Investment Pool's shares are stated at amortized cost (NAV), which approximates fair value. These investments are subject to the risk that the market value of an investment, collateral protecting a deposit or securities underlying a repurchase agreement, will decline. The Council's investment in the Fund represented less than 1% of the Fund's total investments. Investments held in the Fund include, but are not limited to, short-term federal agency obligations, treasury bills, repurchase agreements and commercial paper. These short-term investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. Investment income is recognized as earned and is allocated to participants of the Fund based on their equity participation.

NOTE C - INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED

At September 30, 2019, the Council reported SBA investments of \$144,009 for amounts held in Florida PRIME. Florida PRIME carried a credit rating of AAAM by Standard and Poors and had a weighted average days to maturity (WAM) of 37 days at September 30, 2019. The weighted average life (WAL) of Florida PRIME at September 30, 2019 was 85 days. Florida PRIME was not exposed to foreign currency risk during the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Rule 2a7 allows funds to use amortized cost to maintain a constant NAV of \$1.00 per share. Accordingly, the District's investment in Florida PRIME is reported at the account balance (pooled shares), which is considered fair value.

The District adheres to GASB Statement No. 79 which requires the following disclosures related to its Florida PRIME investment:

Redemption Gates: Chapter 218.409(8)(a), Florida Statutes, states that "The principal, and any part thereof, of each account constituting the trust fund is subject to a payment at any time from the moneys in the trust fund. However, the Executive Director of the fund may, in good faith, on the occurrence of an event that has a material impact on liquidity or operations of the trust fund, for 48 hours limit contributions to or withdrawals from the trust fund to ensure that the Board can invest moneys entrusted to it in exercising its fiduciary responsibility. Such action must be immediately disclosed to all participants, the Trustees, the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee, the Investment Advisory Council and the Participant Local Government Advisory Council. The Trustees shall convene an emergency meeting as soon as practicable from the time the Executive Director has instituted such measures to review the necessity of those measures. If the Trustees are unable to convene an emergency meeting before the expiration of the 48-hour moratorium on the contributions and withdrawals, the Executive Director may extend the moratorium until the Trustees are able to meet to review the necessity for the moratorium. If the Trustees agree with such measures, the Trustees shall vote to continue the measures for up to an additional 15 days. The Trustees must convene and vote to continue any such measures before the expiration of the time limit set, but in no case may the time limit set by the Trustees exceed 15 days."

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NOTE C - INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED

Liquidity Fees: Florida Statute 218.409(4) provides authority for the SBA to impose penalties for early withdrawal, subject to disclosures in the enrollment materials of the amount and purpose of such fees. At September 30, 2019, no such disclosure has been made.

Redemption Fees: As of September 30, 2019, there were no redemption fees (gates) or maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirements that serve to limit a participant's daily access to 100 percent of their account value.

Fair Value: The carrying value of cash, cash equivalents, and investments held by the Council is reported at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

Foreign Currency: Florida PRIME was not exposed to foreign currency risk during the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

Securities Lending: Florida PRIME did not participate in securities lending program during the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Separate financial statements for Florida PRIME are available from Florida PRIME as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019.

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NOTE D - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS - GRANTS

Due from other governments-grants receivable consisted of the following at September 30, 2019:

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Federal</u>	
U.S. Economic Development Administration Economic Development Support (CFDA 11.302)	\$ 35,000
U.S. Economic Development Administration Disaster Recovery Coordination (CFDA 11.307)	21,223
U.S. Economic Development Administration Agriculture Sustainability (CFDA 11.307)	14,737
<u>State</u>	
Florida Division of Emergency Management - DEM-LEPC 19/20 (CSFA 31.067)	10,300
Florida Division of Emergency Management - DEM-LEPC 18/19 (CSFA 31.067)	11,639
<u>Other</u>	
City of Punta Gorda (CHNEP)	<u>4,000</u>
Total due from other governments	<u>\$ 96,899</u>

The due from other governments grants receivable balances as of September 30, 2019, are considered by management to be fully collectible.

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NOTE E - CAPITAL ASSETS ACTIVITY

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2019:

	Balance October 1 2018	Increases/ Additions	Decreases/ Deletions	Adjustments/ Reclassifications	Balance September 30 2019
Capital Assets					
Being Depreciated:					
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 5,377	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,377
Equipment	210,007	-	(47,436)	-	162,571
Vehicles	<u>21,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,787)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Capital Assets					
Being Depreciated	<u>237,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(69,223)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167,948</u>
Less Accumulated					
Depreciation:					
Furniture & Fixtures	(5,377)	-	-	-	(5,377)
Equipment	(186,446)	(7,440)	47,109	-	(146,777)
Vehicles	<u>(21,787)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(213,610)</u>	<u>(7,440)</u>	<u>68,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(152,154)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being					
Depreciated, Net	<u>23,561</u>	<u>(7,440)</u>	<u>(327)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,794</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 23,561</u>	<u>\$ (7,440)</u>	<u>\$ (327)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>15,794</u>
Related debt					<u>-</u>
Net investment in capital assets					<u>\$ 15,794</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions during the year ended September 30, 2019:

	Amount
General Government	<u>\$ 7,440</u>
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 7,440</u>

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NOTE F - UNEARNED REVENUE

Unearned revenue (by type) consisted of the following at September 30, 2019:

	<u>Amount</u>
DRI's & NOPC's	\$ 3,772
	<u>\$ 3,772</u>

NOTE G - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended September 30, 2019:

	Balance October 1 2018	Additions	Retirements / Adjustments	Balance September 30 2019	Amounts Due Within One Year
Net Pension Liability - FRS	\$ 423,605	\$ 19,939	\$ -	\$ 443,544	\$ -
Net Pension Liability - HIS	150,757	-	(12,356)	138,401	-
Compensated absences	40,634	-	(5,921)	34,713	-
Net OPEB liability	28,092	-	(11,382)	16,710	-
	<u>\$ 643,088</u>	<u>\$ 19,939</u>	<u>\$ (29,659)</u>	<u>\$ 633,368</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The following is a summary of the long-term liabilities at September 30, 2019:

	<u>Amount</u>
Net pension obligation - FRS pension plan. This amount is actuarially determined through calculation based upon the audited financial statements of the Florida FRS Plan.	\$ 443,544
Net pension obligation - HIS plan. This amount is actuarially determined through calculation based upon the audited financial statements of the Florida FRS Plan.	138,401
Non-current portion of compensated absences. Employees of the Council are entitled to paid scheduled (vacation) leave based on length of service and job classification.	34,713
Net OPEB liability - actuarially determined - GASB No. 75.	16,710
	<u>\$ 633,368</u>

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NOTE H - OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Council leases certain copiers and office space under agreements classified as operating leases.

Future minimum lease payments under the operating leases are as follows:

<u>Years Ending September 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$ 53,432
2021	11,295
2022	2,786
2023	2,786
2024	464
	<u>\$ 70,763</u>

For the year ended September 30, 2019, total rent expense was \$53,105.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

General Information about the Florida Retirement System

The Florida Retirement System ("FRS") was created in Chapter 121, Florida Statutes. The FRS was created to provide a defined benefit pension plan ("Pension Plan") for participating public employees. All Council employees are participants in the Statewide Florida Retirement System (FRS) under authority of Article X, Section 14 of the State Constitution and Florida Statutes, Chapters 112 and 121. The FRS was amended in 1998 to add the Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP") under the defined benefit plan and amended in 2000 to provide an integrated defined contribution plan alternative to the defined benefit plan for FRS members effective July 1, 2002. This integrated defined contribution pension plan is the FRS Investment Plan. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program, a separate cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan to assist retired members of any State-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance.

Essentially all regular employees of the Council are eligible to enroll as members of the State-administered FRS. Provisions relating to the FRS are established by Chapters 121 and 122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112, Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and Florida Retirement System Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

General Information about the Florida Retirement System, continued

Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of two cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plans (Pension and HIS Plans) and other nonintegrated programs. A comprehensive annual financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report, and other relevant information dated June 30, 2019, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services' Website (www.dms.myflorida.com).

The Council's total pension expense, \$78,306 for the year ended September 30, 2019, is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Total Council retirement actual contribution expenditures were \$48,097, \$56,794 and \$49,312 for the years ended September 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The Council contributed 100% of the required contributions.

FRS Pension Plan

Plan Description. The FRS Pension Plan ("Plan") is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for eligible employees. The general classes of membership are as follows:

Regular Class - Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.

Senior Management Service Class (SMSC) - Members in senior management level positions.

Special Risk Class - Members who are employed as law enforcement officers and meet the criteria to qualify for this class.

Elected Officials - Members who are elected by the voters within the District boundaries.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS Pension Plan, continued

Employees enrolled in the Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at six years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at eight years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of service, except for those members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 55 or at any age after 25 years of service. All members enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 60 or at any age after 30 years of service. Members of both Plans (Pension and HIS) may include up to 4 years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to eligible participants.

DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS Pension Plan, continued

Benefits Provided. Benefits under the Plan are computed on the basis of age, and/or years of service, average final compensation, and credit service. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the five highest fiscal years' earnings; for the members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the eight highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on retirement plan and/or the class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. Members are eligible for in-line-of-duty or regular disability and survivors' benefits. The following chart shows the percentage value of each year of service credit earned:

<u>Class, Initial Enrollment, and Retirement Age/Years of Service</u>	<u>%Value</u>
Regular Class and elected members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 62, or up to 30 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 63 or with 31 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 64 or with 32 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 65 or with 33 or more years of service	1.68
Regular Class and elected members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 66 or with 34 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 67 or with 35 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 68 or with 36 or more years of service	1.68
Special Risk Regular	
Service from December 1, 1970 through September 30, 1974	2.00
Service on or after October 1, 1974	3.00
Senior Management Service Class	2.00
Elected Officers' Class	3.00

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS Pension Plan, continued

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the FRS before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of 3 percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3 percent. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

Contributions. The Florida Legislature establishes contribution rates for participating employers and employees. Contribution rates during the year ended September 30, 2019 were as follows:

Class	Percent of Gross Salary*		
	Employee	Employer (1)	Employer (3)
Florida Retirement System, Regular	3.00	8.26	8.47
Florida Retirement System, Senior Management Service	3.00	24.06	25.41
Florida Retirement System, Special Risk	3.00	24.50	25.48
Deferred Retirement Option Program - Applicable to Members from All of the Above Classes	0.00	14.03	14.60
Florida Retirement System, Reemployed Retiree	(2)	N/A	N/A
Florida Retirement System, Elected Official	3.00	48.70	48.82

Notes:

- (1) Employer rates include 1.66 percent for the post-employment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include .06 percent for administrative costs for the Investment Plan. Rates for 7/1/18 - 6/30/19.
- (2) Contribution rates are dependent upon retirement class in which reemployed.
- (3) Employer rates include 1.66 percent for the post-employment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include .06 percent for administrative costs for the Investment Plan. Rates for 7/1/19 - 6/30/20.

* As defined by the Plan.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS Pension Plan, continued

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Pension Plan. At September 30, 2019, the Council reported a net pension liability of \$443,544 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019. The Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the Council's 2018-19 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2018-19 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At September 30, 2019, the Council's proportionate share was .001287928 percent, which was a decrease of .000118440 percent from its proportionate share measure as of September 30, 2019.

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Council recognized FRS pension expense of \$62,645. In addition, the Council reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension from the following sources at September 30, 2019:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 26,308	\$ 275
Change of assumptions	113,921	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	24,539
Changes in proportion and differences between Council contributions and proportionate share of contributions	11,898	117,025
Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date	9,008	-
Total	<u>\$ 161,135</u>	<u>\$ 141,839</u>

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NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS Pension Plan, continued

The deferred outflows of resources related to the FRS pension, totaling \$9,008 resulting from Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction on the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension will be recognized in pension expense over the remaining service period of 6.4 years as follows:

Fiscal Years Ending September 30	Amount
2020	\$ 314
2021	314
2022	314
2023	315
2024	6,449
Thereafter	2,582
Total	<u>\$ 10,288</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2019, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Measurement date	June 30, 2019
Inflation	2.60 percent
Real payroll growth	0.65 percent
Salary increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.90 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age

Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2019.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS Pension Plan, continued

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions, and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation (1)	Annual Arithmetic Return	Compound Annual (Geometric) Return	Standard Deviation
Cash	1%	3.3%	3.3%	1.2%
Fixed income	18%	4.1%	4.1%	3.5%
Global equity	54%	8.0%	6.8%	16.5%
Real estate (property)	10%	6.7%	6.1%	11.7%
Private equity	11%	11.2%	8.4%	25.8%
Strategic investments	<u>6%</u>	5.9%	5.7%	6.7%
Total	<u>100%</u>			
Assumed inflation - Mean		2.60%		1.70%

(1) As outlined in the Plan's investment policy

Money-Weighted Rate of Return. The annual money-weighted rate of return on the FRS Pension Plan investments was 5.98%

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was reduced to 6.90 percent from 7.00 percent in the prior year. The Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS Pension Plan, continued

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.90 percent which was reduced from 7.00%, as well as what the Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.90 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.90 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.90%)	Current Discount Rate (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.90%)
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 766,741	\$ 443,544	\$ 173,621

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (FRS CAFR) dated June 30, 2019.

The FRS CAFR and actuarial reports may also be obtained by contacting the Division of Retirement at:

Department of Management Services
Division of Retirement
Bureau of Research and Member Communications
P.O. Box 9000
Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000
850-488-5706 or toll free at 877-377-1737

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications

Payables to the Pension Plan. At September 30, 2019, the Council reported a payable of \$262 for the outstanding amount of contributions in the pension plan required for the year ended September 30, 2019.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

HIS Plan

Plan Description. The Health Insurance Subsidy Plan ("HIS Plan") is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Division of Retirement within the Florida Department of Management Services.

Benefits Provided. For the year ended September 30, 2019, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment equal to the number of years of creditable service completed at the time of retirement multiplied by \$5. The payments are at least \$30 but not more than \$150 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive a HIS Plan benefit, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which can include Medicare.

Contributions. The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the year ended September 30, 2019, the contribution rate ranged between 1.66 percent and 1.66 percent of payroll pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The Council contributed 100 percent of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding three years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which HIS payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event the legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or cancelled.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the HIS Plan. At September 30, 2019, the Council reported a HIS net pension liability of \$138,401 for its proportionate share of the net HIS Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability was used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019. The Council's proportionate share of the net HIS liability was based on the District's 2018-19 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2018-19 fiscal

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NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

HIS Plan, continued

year contributions of all participating members. At September 30, 2019, the Council's proportionate share was .001236934 percent, which was a decrease of .000187438 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, the Council recognized HIS expense (income) of \$15,661. In addition, the Council reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,681	\$ 169
Change of assumptions	16,025	11,312
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	89	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Council contributions and proportionate share of contributions	8,931	91,785
Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,319</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 28,045</u>	<u>\$ 103,266</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to HIS, totaling \$1,319, resulting from Council contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction on the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense of the remaining service period of 7.2 years as follows:

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NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

HIS Plan, continued

Fiscal Years Ending September 30	Amount
2020	\$ (12,338)
2021	(12,338)
2022	(12,338)
2023	(12,337)
2024	(12,360)
Thereafter	(14,829)
Total	<u>\$ (76,540)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2019, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.60 percent
Real Payroll Growth	0.65 percent
Salary Increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Municipal Bond Rate	3.50 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual entry age

Mortality rates were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projected Scale BB.

Because the HIS Plan is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, no experience study has been completed for this plan.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total HIS liability was decreased from 3.87% to 3.50%. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total HIS liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

HIS Plan, continued

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net HIS Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the Council's proportionate share of the net HIS liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.50 percent, as well as what the Council's proportionate share of the net HIS liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.50 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.50%)	Current Discount Rate (3.50%)	1% Increase (4.50%)
Council's proportionate share of the net HIS liability	<u>\$ 157,991</u>	<u>\$ 138,401</u>	<u>\$ 122,084</u>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the HIS plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (FRS CAFR) dated June 30, 2019.

The FRS CAFR and actuarial reports may also be obtained by contacting the Division of Retirement at:

Department of Management Services
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850-488-5706 or toll free at 877-377-1737

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications

Payables to the Pension Plan. At September 30, 2019 the Council reported a payable of \$66 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the HIS plan required for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS - Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan (Investment Plan). The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State of Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. Council employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class (Regular Class, Elected County Officers, etc.) as the FRS defined benefit plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the plan, including FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.06 percent of payroll and by forfeited benefits of plan members. Allocations to the investment member's accounts during the 2018-19 fiscal year were as follows:

Class	Percent of Gross Salary*		
	Employee	Employer (1)	Employer (3)
Florida Retirement System, Regular	3.00	8.26	8.47
Florida Retirement System, Senior Management Service	3.00	24.06	25.41
Florida Retirement System, Special Risk	3.00	24.50	25.48
Deferred Retirement Option Program - Applicable to Members from All of the Above Classes	0.00	14.03	14.60
Florida Retirement System, Reemployed Retiree	(2)	N/A	N/A
Florida Retirement System, Elected Official	3.00	48.70	48.82

Notes:

- (1) Employer rates include 1.66 percent for the post-employment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include .06 percent for administrative costs for the Investment Plan. Rates for 7/1/18 - 6/30/19.
- (2) Contribution rates are dependent upon retirement class in which reemployed.
- (3) Employer rates include 1.66 percent for the post-employment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include .06 percent for administrative costs for the Investment Plan. Rates for 7/1/19 - 6/30/20.

* As defined by the Plan.

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, CONTINUED

FRS - Defined Contribution Pension Plan, continued

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after 1 year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Nonvested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to 5 years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the 5-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the 5 year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the Council.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided; the member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan, or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

The Council's Investment Plan pension expense totaled \$28,992 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.

Payables to the Investment Plan. At September 30, 2019, the Council reported a payable of \$0 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the Plan required for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.

NOTE J - COMMITMENTS/CONTINGENCIES

Grants

The Council is currently receiving, and has received in the past, grants which are subject to special compliance audits by the grantor agency. The grantor agency may at times disallow expenditure amounts associated with a contract based on the outcome of an audit. These amounts would constitute a contingent liability of the Council. The Council has not, as of September 30, 2019, been notified of any existing contingent liabilities related to prior grants or the grants currently in process. The Council has not had any special compliance audits conducted by grantor agencies or any disallowed costs during the year ended September 30, 2019. The management of the Council does not believe contingent liabilities, if any exist, to be material.

NOTE K - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Council's operations are substantially dependent on the receipt of revenue from grantor and contract agencies as well as Florida Statute mandated member assessments. Loss of these funds and/or large decreases in this type of funding would have a material effect on the financial position of the Council and a negative impact on overall operations. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, approximately 92% of total revenue is attributable to funds received from grantor and contract agencies and assessments.

NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (OPEB)

Plan Description

The Council's single employer defined benefit OPEB Plan provides the opportunity to obtain health insurance, pharmacy, dental and vision benefits to its retired employees and their dependents. The year ended September 30, 2018 was the Council's transition year and as such, the Council implemented GASB No. 75 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions". GASB No. 75 requires the Council record its actuarially determined total OPEB liability for the year ended September 30, 2019.

**NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS
(OPEB), CONTINUED**

Plan Description, continued

All retired full-time employees are eligible for OPEB benefits if actively employed by the Council immediately before retirement. As of September 30, 2019, there were zero (0) retirees eligible to receive benefits. At September 30, 2019, there were five (5) active Council employees. The benefits are provided both with contractual or labor agreements. The benefits may require contribution from the retirees, depending on certain specified criteria and, in particular, length of creditable employment. The minimum retirement age is 62. The minimum years of service requirement is 8 years.

The retiree's premiums for these benefits totaled \$0 during the year ended September 30, 2019, of which the Council paid \$0.

Funding Policy

The Council's OPEB benefits are unfunded. The retiree is eligible for benefits under the Council's health, pharmacy dental and vision plan, but is obligated to reimburse the Council for 100% of the cost of the retiree's health coverage. As such, the Council has no ultimate obligation (explicit subsidy) for the retiree's health insurance premium. The Council acts as agent for the retiree on a pay-as-you-go basis and recognizes expenditures at the time the premiums are due. The Council does, however, incur the cost of premium rate being increased on its active employees due to providing coverage to its retirees (implicit subsidy). The Council has not determined if a separate trust fund or equivalent arrangement will be established into which the Council would make contributions to advance-fund the obligation. Therefore, no separate financial statement is issued. All required disclosures are presented herein. The Plan's measurement date was September 30, 2018 for the October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019 reporting period.

The retiree pays 100% of the retiree health only coverage less the FRS health insurance subsidy (HIS) reimbursement amount until age 65. The retiree may purchase dependent coverage through the Council. At age 65 the retiree then must move to Medicare but may continue to purchase dental and vision coverage through the Council. The Council finances the benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis and recognizes expenditures at the time the premiums are due.

**NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS
(OPEB), CONTINUED**

Funding Policy, continued

The Council subsidizes the premium rates paid by retirees by allowing them to participate at blended premium rates for both active and retired employees. These rates provide an implicit subsidy for retirees because, on an actuarial basis, retiree claims are expected to result in higher costs to the plan on average than those of active employees.

The projection of future benefit payments for an ongoing plan involves estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

At September 30, 2019, the Council's Net OPEB Liability of \$16,710 was measured as of September 30, 2018, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date using the alternate measurement method. The following actuarial assumptions and other inputs were applied to all periods included in the measurement:

**NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS
(OPEB), CONTINUED**

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions, continued

The following simplifying assumptions were made:

Mortality - Life expectancies were based on RP2000 Mortality Tables projected to the valuation date using scale AA.

Annual healthcare cost trend using the Society of Actuaries Long-Run Medical Cost Trend Model baseline assumptions with an initial rate of 8.0% per year trending to 4.0% by 2075. Years to ultimate 56.

Turnover - Non-group-specific age-based turnover data from GASB Statement 45 were used as the basis for assigning active members a probability of remaining employed until the assumed retirement age and for developing an expected future working lifetime assumption for purposes of allocating to periods the present value of total benefits paid.

Amortization Period: Rolling 20 year amortization

Funding Method: entry age cost method (level percent of payroll)

The discount rate was 4.18% (3.64% for 2018) (3.06% for 2017) and was based on the 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate with AA/Aa or higher.

Retirement Rate	100% at age 58
Inflation Rate	2.50%
Salary Increases	2.50%
Discount Rate	4.18%

The FRS salary scale was used

Participation percentage: 25%

The actuarial assumptions used in the September 30, 2019 valuation were based on results of an actuarial experience study performed for the FRS Retirement Plan.

The rationales for selecting each of the assumptions used in the financial accounting valuation and for the assumptions changes summarized above are to best reflect the current market conditions and recent plan experience.

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**NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS
(OPEB), CONTINUED**

Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

	<u>Amount</u>
Balance at September 30, 2018	\$ 28,092
Changes for the Year:	
Service Cost	526
Interest Cost on Total OPEB Liability	1,008
Change in Benefit Terms	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	(6,521)
Changes in Assumptions	(4,520)
Benefit Payments	<u>(1,875)</u>
Net Changes	<u>(11,382)</u>
Balance at September 30, 2019	<u><u>\$ 16,710</u></u>

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Council as well as what the Council's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percent higher or 1 percent lower than the current discount rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Rate	1% Increase
	<u>3.18%</u>	<u>4.18%</u>	<u>5.18%</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 18,590	\$ 16,710	\$ 15,171

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Council as well as what the Council's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare trend rates that are 1 percent higher or 1 percent lower than the current healthcare trend rate.

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Trend Rate	1% Increase
	<u>3.00-7.00%</u>	<u>4.00-8.00%</u>	<u>5.00-9.00%</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 15,158	\$ 16,710	\$ 18,630

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**NOTE L - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS
(OPEB), CONTINUED**

Changes in the Net OPEB Liability, continued

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Council recognized OPEB expense (revenue) credit of \$5,807. At September 30, 2019, the Council reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources*	Deferred Inflows of Resources*
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ -
Changes in Assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	-	-
Employer contribution subsequent to measurement date	1,727	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,727</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30:	Amount*
	\$ -
	-
	-
	-
	-
Total Thereafter	<u>1,727</u>
	<u>\$ 1,727</u>

*Per GASB No. 75 paragraph 43(a) since the Council used the alternative measurement method the effects of assumptions are recognized immediately. As such, since the Plan holds no assets their deferred inflows/outflows are zero except employer contribution.

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NOTE M - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees, and natural disasters.

Insurance programs for general/professional liability, automobile, and property are through commercial insurance carriers. The Council retains the risk of loss, on insured claims, up to a deductible amount (depending on the type of loss) with the risk of loss in excess of this amount transferred to the insurance carrier. The Council is third party insured for employee health as well as workers' compensation. There were no claims paid in excess of insurance coverage during the past three (3) fiscal years.

NOTE N - FUND BALANCE

Fund balance was classified for the following purposes at September 30, 2019:

<u>Nonspendable fund balance - General Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Deposits	<u>\$ 6,381</u>
<u>Assigned fund balance - General Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Operating reserves	<u>\$ 625,033</u>
	<u>\$ 631,414</u>

NOTE O - CONTINGENCY

During the year ended September 30, 2018, the Council was informed by Sarasota, Lee and Charlotte Counties as well as two (2) cities of their respective intent to withdraw financial support from the Council. The Council estimated the financial effect of such withdrawal to be approximately \$350,000 of unrestricted revenue annually.

During the year ended September 30, 2019, and through the date of this report all Counties except one have withdrawn their funding as have most participating cities. As a result there is substantial doubt the Council will continue operations past September 30, 2021.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION
OTHER THAN MD&A**

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
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SUMMARY STATEMENT
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	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Federal and state grants	\$ 393,005	\$ 393,005	\$ 480,039	\$ 87,034
Contracts, local grants and events	374,133	374,133	14,900	(359,233)
County and city assessments	181,713	181,713	165,053	(16,660)
DRI fees	-	-	50,445	50,445
DRI monitoring fees	-	-	-	-
Rental income	-	-	-	-
Interest and miscellaneous	6,000	6,000	8,712	2,712
Fund balance carryforward	852,378	852,378	-	(852,378)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,807,229</u>	<u>1,807,229</u>	<u>719,149</u>	<u>(1,088,080)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Personnel services	695,349	695,349	498,699	196,650
Operating expenditures	1,111,880	1,111,880	443,506	668,374
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,807,229</u>	<u>1,807,229</u>	<u>942,205</u>	<u>865,024</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(223,056)</u>	<u>(223,056)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(223,056)</u>	<u>\$ (223,056)</u>
FUND BALANCE, October 1, 2018			<u>854,470</u>	
FUND BALANCE, September 30, 2019			<u>\$ 631,414</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND -
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Year Ended September 30, 2019

General Fund				
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Federal and state grants	\$ 393,005	\$ 393,005	\$ 480,039	\$ 87,034
Contracts, local grants and events	374,133	374,133	14,900	(359,233)
County and city assessments	181,713	181,713	165,053	(16,660)
DRI fees	-	-	50,445	50,445
DRI monitoring fees	-	-	-	-
Rental income	-	-	-	-
Interest and miscellaneous	6,000	6,000	8,712	2,712
Fund balance carryforward	852,378	852,378	-	(852,378)
TOTAL REVENUES	1,807,229	1,807,229	719,149	(1,088,080)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Personnel services				
Salaries	511,780	511,780	365,980	145,800
Fringe benefits:				
FICA	39,151	39,151	26,816	12,335
Retirement	58,184	58,184	48,097	10,087
Health insurance	83,330	83,330	56,702	26,628
Severance	-	-	-	-
Workers compensation/unemployment	2,904	2,904	1,104	1,800
Total personnel services	695,349	695,349	498,699	196,650
Operating expenditures				
Professional fees:				
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
Consultant fees	42,650	42,650	117,986	(75,336)
Grant/Consulting expense	-	-	135,968	(135,968)
Audit fees	32,000	32,000	26,500	5,500
Telephone, rent, supplies, etc:				
Office supplies	3,500	3,500	1,979	1,521
Equipment rental	6,695	6,695	4,871	1,824
Building rental	48,233	48,233	48,234	(1)
Repairs and maintenance	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Telephone	4,600	4,600	3,869	731
Miscellaneous and insurance:				
Insurance	11,612	11,612	12,161	(549)
Other miscellaneous	200	200	287	(87)
Computer supplies and graphics	24,917	24,917	26,052	(1,135)
Professional development/meetings:				
Professional development/dues	26,095	26,095	16,118	9,977
Meetings/events	7,000	7,000	5,656	1,344

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND -
DETAILED STATEMENT, CONTINUED
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	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating expenditures (continued)				
Travel	24,000	24,000	25,538	(1,538)
Postage	1,200	1,200	359	841
Printing/reproduction	3,100	3,100	1,316	1,784
Utilities	21,100	21,100	7,470	13,630
Advertising/legal notices	1,600	1,600	992	608
Publications	-	-	-	-
Bad debt	-	-	8,150	(8,150)
Moving expense	-	-	-	-
Expense of sale	-	-	-	-
Amount to be reserved for A/C	-	-	-	-
Reserves - operations	852,378	852,378	-	852,378
Total operating expenditures	1,111,880	1,111,880	443,506	668,374
Capital outlay				
Capital purchases	-	-	-	-
Allocation of indirect expenditures	-	-	-	-
Total capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-
Allocation of indirect expenditures	-	-	-	-
Total debt service	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,807,229	1,807,229	942,205	865,024
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	(223,056)	(223,056)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	(223,056)	\$ (223,056)
FUND BALANCE, October 1, 2018			854,470	
FUND BALANCE, September 30, 2019			\$ 631,414	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET
PENSION LIABILITY - FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (FRS) PENSION
PLAN (1)

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Council's proportion of the net pension liability	0.001287928%	0.001406368%	0.001383839%	0.017879380%
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 443,544	\$ 423,605	\$ 409,330	\$ 451,456
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 365,980	\$ 486,876	\$ 421,146	\$ 463,600
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	121.19%	87.00%	97.19%	97.38%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.61%	84.26%	83.89%	84.88%

Notes: (1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30.

SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS -
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (FRS) PENSION PLAN (1)

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Contractually required contribution	\$ 38,478	\$ 45,435	\$ 38,956	\$ 55,506
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>38,478</u>	<u>45,435</u>	<u>38,956</u>	<u>55,506</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 365,980	\$ 486,876	\$ 421,146	\$ 463,600
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.51%	9.33%	9.25%	11.97%

Notes: (1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30.

GASB 68 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for only those years for which information is available.

<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
	0.002458057%		0.003334835%
\$	317,491	\$	203,474
\$	596,412	\$	978,831
	53.23%		20.79%
	92.00%		96.09%

<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
\$	49,187	\$	84,553
	<u>49,187</u>		<u>84,553</u>
\$	<u>-</u>	\$	<u>-</u>
\$	596,412	\$	978,831
	8.25%		8.64%

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET
PENSION LIABILITY - HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY (HIS) PENSION
PLAN (1)

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Council's proportion of the net pension liability	0.001269934%	0.001424372%	0.001317335%	0.001573392%
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 138,401	\$ 150,757	\$ 140,856	\$ 183,372
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 365,980	\$ 486,876	\$ 421,146	\$ 463,600
Council's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	37.82%	30.96%	33.45%	39.55%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	2.63%	2.15%	1.64%	0.97%

Notes: (1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30.

SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS -
HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY (HIS) PENSION PLAN (1)

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Contractually required contribution	\$ 9,619	\$ 11,359	\$ 10,356	\$ 4,521
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	9,619	11,359	10,356	4,521
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Council's covered-employee payroll	\$ 365,980	\$ 486,876	\$ 421,146	\$ 463,600
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	2.63%	2.33%	2.46%	0.98%

Notes: (1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30.

GASB 68 requires information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for only those years for which information is available.

<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
	0.002434150%		0.003320373%
\$	248,245	\$	310,463
\$	596,412	\$	978,831
	41.62%		31.72%
	0.50%		0.99%

<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
\$	14,527	\$	17,441
	<u>14,527</u>		<u>17,441</u>
\$	<u>-</u>	\$	<u>-</u>
\$	596,412	\$	978,831
	2.44%		1.78%

Changes of Assumptions

Actuarial assumptions for both cost-sharing defined benefit plans are reviewed annually by the Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumptions Conference. The FRS Pension Plan has a valuation performed annually. The HIS Program has a valuation performed biennially that is updated for GASB reporting in the year a valuation is not performed. The most recent experience study for the FRS Pension Plan was completed in 2019 for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018. Because the HIS Program is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, no experience study has been completed for that program. The actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability for the HIS Program were based on certain results of the most recent experience study for the FRS Pension Plan.

The total pension liability for each cost-sharing defined benefit plan was determined using the individual entry age actuarial cost method. Inflation increases for both plans is assumed at 2.60%. Payroll growth, including inflation, for both plans is assumed at 3.25%. Both the discount rate and the long-term expected rate of return used for FRS Pension Plan investments was reduced from 7.00% to 6.90%. The Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

Because the HIS Program uses a pay-as-you-go funding structure, a municipal bond rate was decreased from 3.87% to 3.50% to determine the total pension liability for the program (Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index). Mortality assumptions for both plans were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB tables.

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

There were changes in actuarial assumptions. As of June 30, 2019, the inflation rate assumption remained at 2.6 percent, the real payroll growth assumption was 0.65 percent, and the overall payroll growth rate assumption remained at 3.25 percent. The long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.00 percent to 6.90 percent.

Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan

The municipal rate used to determine total pension liability decreased from 3.87 percent to 3.50 percent.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In accordance with GASB 68, paragraphs 54 and 71, changes in the net pension liability are recognized in pension expense in the current measurement period, except as indicated below. For each of the following, a portion is recognized in pension expense in the current reporting period, and the balance is amortized as deferred outflows or deferred inflows of resources using a systematic and rational method over a closed period, as defined below:

- Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic and demographic factors - amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees)
- Changes of assumptions or other inputs - amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees)
- Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions - amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees)
- Differences between expected and actual earnings on pension plan investments - amortized over five years

Employer contributions to the pension plans from employers are not included in collective pension expense. However, employee contributions are used to reduce pension expense.

The average expected remaining service life of all employees provided with pensions through the pension plans at June 30, 2019, remained unchanged from the prior year at 6.4 years for FRS and 7.2 years for HIS.

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SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND
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Changes in Employer's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios as of September 30:

	2019	2018
Net OPEB Liability		
Service Cost	\$ 526	\$ 513
Interest Cost on Total OPEB Liability	1,008	911
Changes in Benefit Terms	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	(6,521)	-
Changes in Assumptions	(4,520)	(1,729)
Benefit Payments	(1,875)	(1,728)
Net Change in net OPEB Liability	(11,382)	(2,033)
Net OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year	28,092	30,125
Net OPEB Liability - End of Year	<u>\$ 16,710</u>	<u>\$ 28,092</u>

NOTE: Information for FY 2017 and earlier is not available.

Plan Fiduciary Net Position as of September 30:

	2019	2018
Contributions - Employer	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,728
Net Investment Income	-	-
Benefit Payments	(1,875)	(1,728)
Administrative Expense	-	-
Net Change in Fiduciary Net Position	-	-
Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning of Year	-	-
Fiduciary Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 16,710	\$ 28,092
Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Net OPEB Liability	0.00%	0.00%
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$387,712	\$431,145
Net OPEB Liability as a % of Payroll	4.31%	6.52%

NOTE: Information for FY 2017 and earlier is not available.

Notes to the Schedule:

Benefit Changes	None
Changes of Assumptions	The discount rate was changed as follows:
9/30/17	3.06%
9/30/18	3.64%
9/30/19	4.18%

Population covered by Plan: 5 active 0 retired

Plan has no specific trust established. \$0 assigned for OPEB.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF BASIC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Executive Committee and Council Members
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
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We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the basic financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated March 9, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Council's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and

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corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined previously. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

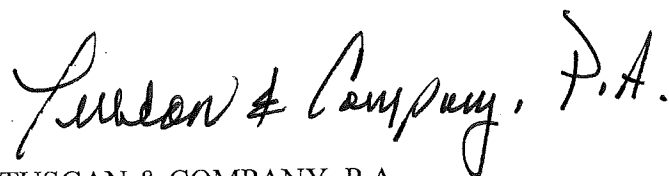
Further, we did, however, note a certain other matter that we have reported in our Report to Management dated March 9, 2020.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards in our Report to Management dated March 9, 2020.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Council's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.

Fort Myers, Florida

March 9, 2020

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

Executive Committee and Council Members
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
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We have examined Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2019. Management is responsible for Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2019.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.
Fort Myers, Florida
March 9, 2020

INTEGRITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

Executive Committee and Council Members
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
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We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019 and have issued our report thereon dated March 9, 2020.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated March 9, 2020, should be considered in conjunction with this report to management.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which governs the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter included the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditor's reports:

- Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There was a financially significant prior year comment. The financial condition of the Council is continuing to deteriorate therefore a going concern paragraph has been included in the Auditor's Report.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. A prior year recommendation was noted to improve financial management. The financial condition of the Council is continuing to deteriorate therefore a going concern paragraph has been included in the Auditor's Report.

INTEGRITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Council discloses this information in the notes to the financial statements.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the local government entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that this item is not applicable to the Council.
- Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Council's financial condition. However, we determined this item is not applicable to the Council.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)5b.2, Rules of the Auditor General, if a deteriorating financial condition(s) is noted then a statement is so required along with the conditions causing the auditor to make such a conclusion. We did note a deteriorating financial condition that resulted in the inclusion of a going concern paragraph in the Auditor's Report.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement indicating a failure, if any, of a component unit Special District to provide financial information necessary to a proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of this entity (F.S. Section 218.39(3)(b)). There are no known component special districts required to report within these financial statements.
- Section 10.556(10)(a), Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the scope of our audit to determine the Council's compliance with the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Council complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes as reported in our Independent Accountant's Report on Compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes dated March 9, 2020, included herein.

PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS:

2017-2 The Board has a Fiduciary Responsibility to the Regional Planning Council

As the Board of the Regional Planning Council, per Florida Statute Section 186.505(8) (9) and (12) there is a duty of care to act in the best interest on the Regional Planning Council. While debate may exist as to the entity's mission and role, the entity is,

nevertheless, created by Statute Section 186.504 and acts as an independent governmental entity under Florida Law. Its Board members are charged with all the responsibility typically assigned by Statute to a governmental entity.

As such, we recommend the Board seek all available means to satisfactorily address the issue of funding the Council in a sustainable manner.

FY 2018 Addendum

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, Lee, Charlotte and Sarasota Counties as well as the City of Cape Coral and the City of Sanibel gave their notice to discontinue their respective contribution (Interlocal Agreement Section 23.019). Subsequent to year end, Hendry County gave notice to discontinue funding the Council and Collier County stopped paying their contribution without notice. The amount of lost unrestricted revenue approximates \$350,000 annually.

FY 2019 Addendum

Substantially all of the Council's member entities have resolved to cease paying the annual assessments which is resulting in the Council likely ceasing operations on or about September 30, 2021. See further discussion in Note O.

CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS:

2019-1 Budget Carryforward Not Included in Budget

During the audit, it was noted that the budget was not amended to include prior year's audited carryover fund balance per Florida Statute 189.016(3).

We recommend the Council include in its annual budget the estimated carryforward from prior year. Once the audit is completed for the prior year the budget of the current fiscal year should be officially amended to update the estimated carryforward to the audited balance.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this management letter is a public record and its distribution is not limited. Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to indicate that this letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Executive Committee, Council members, management, the Auditor General of the State of Florida, federal and state awarding agencies, pass-through entities and other federal and state audit agencies. However, this report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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March 9, 2020

EXHIBIT

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06/12/2020

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Dear Mr. Tuscan:

The records for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC), Fiscal Year 2018 ending September 30, 2019 have been audited by your firm.

This correspondence is our response to your management letter as it relates to your comments and recommendations.

CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS

2019-1 Budget Carryforward Not Included in Budget

During the audit, it was noted that the budget was not amended to include prior year's audited carryover fund balance per Florida Statute 189.016(3). We recommend the Council include in its annual budget the estimated carryforward from prior year. Once the audit is completed for the prior year the budget of the current fiscal year should be officially amended to update the estimated carryforward to the audited balance.

Response to Current Year: The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will amend the budget of the current fiscal year with the estimated carryforward to the audited balance.

FY 2019 Addendum

Substantially all of the Council's member entities have resolved to cease paying the annual assessments which is resulting in the Council likely ceasing operations on or about September 30, 2021. See further discussion in Note O.

Response to Current Year Addendum: The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council receives revenues from one County Government and a few City Governments. However, the Council's main source of funding is revenues awarded from grant sources. In response to lost revenue from County governments we have cut costs significantly by the non-renewal of office lease space and reduced staff. Grant funding has increased, and pending grand funds will have a positive impact on our proposed budget. At the present time we have adequate reserves to operate through 2021. While we have not depended upon reserves to fund operations in the past, we will have to use reserves to maintain the current and proposed budget. Furthermore, the board members that sit on the Council have a conflicted fiduciary responsibility because of their dual roles of elected officials and board member. This constrains the Council's ability to aggressively pursue a resolution.

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As the Board of the Regional Planning Council, per Florida Statute Section 186.505(8) (9) and (12) there is a duty of care to act in the best interest on the Regional Planning Council. While debate may exist as to the entity's mission and role, the entity is, nevertheless, created by Statute Section 186.504 and acts as an independent governmental entity under Florida Law. Its Board members are charged with all the responsibility typically assigned by Statute to a governmental entity. As such, we recommend the Board seek all available means to satisfactorily address the issue of funding the Council in a sustainable manner.

FY 2018 Addendum

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, Lee, Charlotte and Sarasota Counties as well as the City of Cape Coral and the City of Sanibel gave their notice to discontinue their respective contribution (Interlocal Agreement Section 23.019). Subsequent to year end, Hendry County gave notice to discontinue funding the Council and Collier County stopped paying their contribution without notice. The amount of lost unrestricted revenue approximates \$350,000 annually.

Response to Prior Year Addendum: The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council receives revenues from County Governments and grant sources. In response to lost revenue from County governments we have cut costs significantly and have increased grant funding. At the present time we have adequate reserves to operate for multiple years. While we have not depended upon reserves to fund operations in the past, we likely will have to use reserves at some point in the future. Furthermore, the board members that sit on the Council have a conflicted fiduciary responsibility because of their dual roles of elected officials and board member. This constrains the Council's ability to aggressively pursue a resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Willie Charles Shaw".

Willie Shaw

Chair

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council