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MEETING NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on October 23, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Please call the Council at (352) 955-2200, or (800) 226-0690, or email strong@ncfrpc.org by October 20th to let us know if you will be attending the meeting. (You can call after hours and leave a message on voice mail too.) **THANK YOU.***

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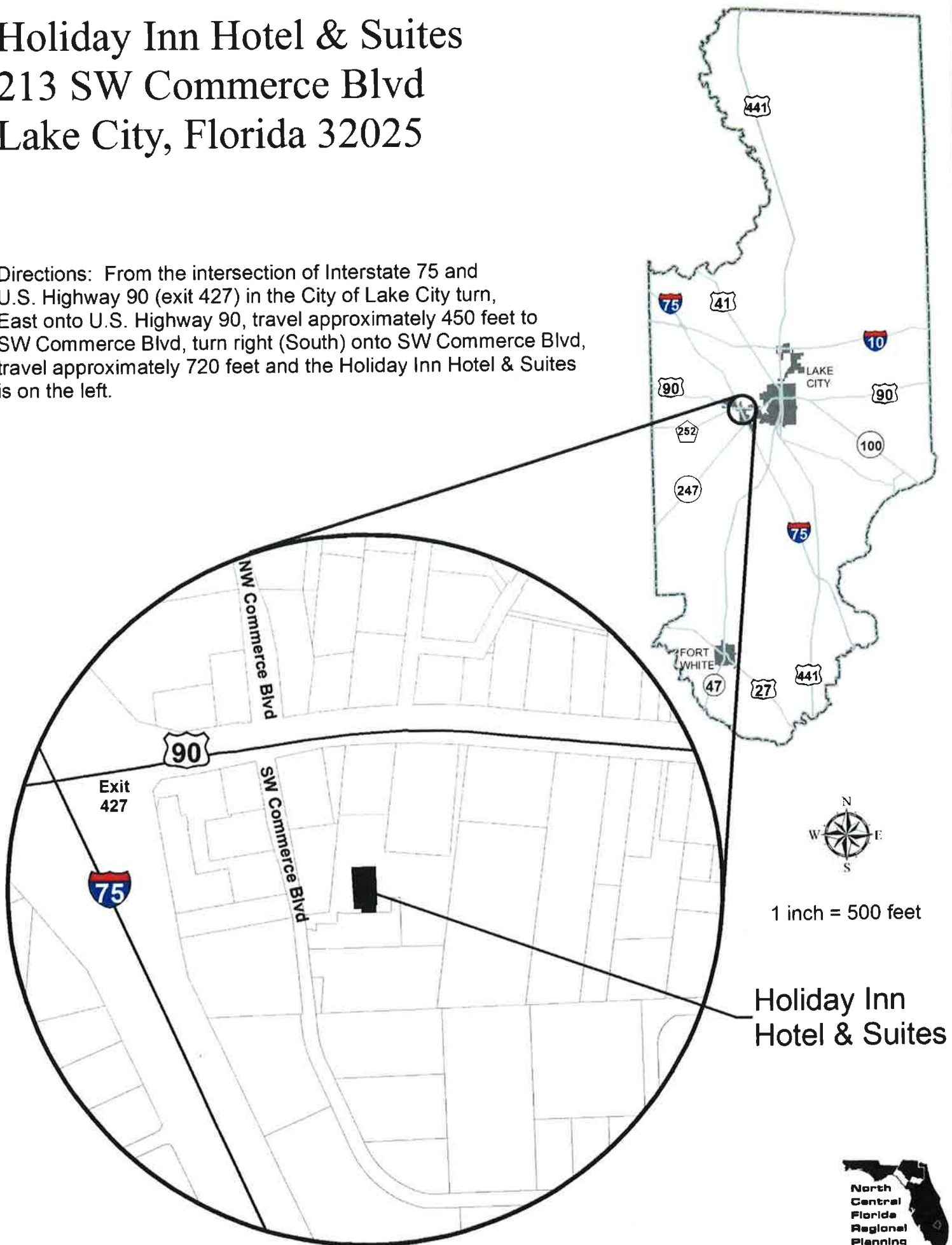
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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida

October 23, 2014
7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

September 25, 2014
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Rick Davis, Madison County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Brian Delburn, Florida Department of
Transportation
Jordan Green, Florida Department of
Transportation
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water
Management Department
Roni Jordan, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Susan Baird, Alachua County
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Craig Carter, City of Gainesville
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
M. Wayne Smith, Union County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Charles Williams, Hamilton County

OTHERS PRESENT

David Cobb, Florida Power & Light
Joe Riddick

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jon Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Dwayne Mundy
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Spooner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation given by Mr. Montgomery and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Spooner stated that there was a quorum of the Board.

Chair Spooner welcomed and introduced David Cobb, Florida Power and Light and Joe Riddick, past member and former Council Chair from Bradford County.

II. PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE IN NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Dwayne Mundy, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director for the Council. Mr. Mundy gave a presentation concerning the activities of the Council relating to Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Programs. His presentation included an overview of Local Emergency Planning Committee, Hazardous Materials Response Team, Emergency Management, First Responder Training, Hazardous Waste, Interoperable Communications and Energy Resiliency. Chair Spooner thanked Mr. Mundy for his presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 28, 2014

Chair Spooner asked that the minutes of the August 28, 2014 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2014 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Spooner asked that Item IV.D. Amendment to Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2013-14 which was received by staff after the meeting packets were distributed, be added to the consent agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to add Item IV.D. Amendment to Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2013-14 to the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Monthly Financial Reports - August 2014
- B. U.S. Economic Development Administration Short-Term Planning and State Planning Grant Agreement
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments
- D. Amendment to Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2014-15

Chair Spooner asked if there were any questions regarding any of the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Catron, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT -

- A. Introduction of New Members - None
- B. Resolution of Appreciation - Don Cook

Chair Spooner asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past service be approved for former Councilman Don Cook, who served as a Council member since December 2012.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for former Councilman Don Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Executive Director Elected Secretary of the National Association of Development Organizations

Chair Spooner reported that our executive director, Scott Koons has been elected Secretary of the National Association of Development Organizations. She stated that the National Association of Development Organizations provides advocacy, education, research and training to a national network of 520 regional development organizations primarily serving small metropolitan and rural regions. Chair Spooner also reported that the Association is an advocate for federal programs and policies that promote regional strategies and solutions for addressing local community and economic development needs and the National Association of Development Organizations and the National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation identify and promote best practices, analyze the impact of federal policies and programs on regional development organizations and local communities, and examine the latest trends and developments in the field of regional community and economic development.

Chair Spooner congratulated Mr. Koons on being elected to this position.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee

- 1. Resolution Recognizing 50th Anniversary of West Florida Regional Planning Council

Mr. Koons stated that the West Florida Regional Planning Council is celebrating its 50th year as a regional planning council in 2014. He also stated that the West Florida Regional Planning Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategic planning, emergency preparedness planning, transportation planning, environmental planning and education and intergovernmental review activities to coordinate planning for the future of the Region since it was formed in 1964. Mr. Koons reported that they

have brought together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems, and sharing solutions among the jurisdictions of Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington Counties. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that a resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of West Florida Regional Planning Council be adopted, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the West Florida Regional Planning Council. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proclamation Declaring October 2014 as Community Planning Month

Mr. Koons stated that the month of October 2014 has been chosen to celebrate National Community Planning Month. He added that the American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of life in communities and the environment. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that a proclamation proclaiming October 2014 as Community Planning Month in north central Florida be adopted, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming October 2014 as Community Planning Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Proclamation Declaring October 3, 2014 as Local Works Day

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida is home to 67 counties and more than 400 cities, towns and villages fulfilling a diverse range of local needs. He also stated that many local government employees belong to professional associations specific to their career and they are often the main source for industry-related training, research, advocacy, resources and networking for these employees. Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Local Government Collation brings together these associations to enhance collaboration and efficiency. He also stated that the Florida Local Government Coalition exists to connect local government associations across the state and its goals are to communicate the value that local governments provide to citizens, strengthen its member associations and create a network of support for local government issues.

Mr. Koons reported that for the second year, the Coalition will promote its "Local Works" campaign as a way to help Florida citizens understand, appreciate and support local government and the services and value these governments bring to millions of lives each day. He also reported that it promotes the message of Home Rule (local decision-making) and Local Works Day, will be held on October 3, 2014. It is a time to celebrate the trusted services that local governments provide to enhance our communities across the state. Mr. Koons stated that there is a meaningful way for all Coalition members to contribute to

Local Works Day, and to focus on the services they provide to their memberships. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that a proclamation proclaiming October 3, 2014 as Local Works Day in north central Florida be adopted, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming October 3, 2014 as Local Works Day which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation

Chair Spooner stated that the employment contract between the Executive Director and the Council specifies that the Executive Committee shall adopt performance standards to annually review and evaluate the Executive Director and further specifies that the annual review and evaluation of the Executive Director shall be conducted by the Executive Committee. She added that, at its discretion, the Executive Committee is authorized to provide a merit increase to the Executive Director on an annual basis commencing October 1 of each year.

Chair Spooner stated that the Executive Committee has adopted performance standards to review and evaluate the Executive Director and that the performance review was conducted by each Committee member prior to the September 25, 2014 Council meeting. She reported that the review resulted in "exceeds job requirements" for all evaluation standards, with an overall average score of 4.8 on a 5.0 scale. Chair Spooner stated that, based upon this review, the Executive Committee awarded the Executive Director a five percent merit pay adjustment. She reported that since funds have not been appropriated for any other Council staff to receive merit increases during Fiscal Year 2015, Mr. Koons requested that his merit pay increase for Fiscal Year 2015, along with his Fiscal Year 2010, Fiscal Year 2011, Fiscal Year 2012 Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014 merit pay increases, be deferred until Fiscal Year 2016. She further reported that the Executive Committee approved Mr. Koons' request concerning his merit pay increase deferment.

No Council action was required on this item.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Due to the absence of Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas, James Montgomery, Clearinghouse Committee Vice-Chair, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed one local government comprehensive plan amendment.

#76 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, was not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjoining local governments. Mr. Montgomery stated that the Clearinghouse Committee

recommended forwarding these findings to the City and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Poe, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #76 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2013-14 Amended Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Rick Davis, serving as Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met on September 17, 2014 and agreed upon a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2013-14. He stated that this budget amendment takes into account action taken by the Council during the past year to accept work under contracts and additional grants which were not anticipated when the original budget was prepared as well as reductions in anticipated revenues. He reviewed the proposed budget amendment and noted that it contained an overall net decrease of (\$341,300), which represents a (17.3) percent decrease. Secretary-Treasurer Davis stated that the Finance Committee recommended that the Council approve the proposed amended Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget.

ACTION: Commissioner Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Poe, to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Jordon Green, Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 reported on Department activities. Mr. Green stated that in July 2014 there were 93 active projects totaling \$1 billion in the 18 counties of District 2. He also reported that starting November 2014 the Department will be attending Board of County Commissioners meetings in rural counties to discuss potential projects for the Department Tentative Five-Year Work Program. Mr. Green also reported that he would be temporarily serving as the State Transportation Development Administrator for the Department in Tallahassee.

Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water Management District, gave an update on the last North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership meeting. He reported that the administrative law judge ruled that the Lower Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee River Minimum Flows and Levels administrative rule adopted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is invalid. He also reported that the stakeholders attending the Partnership meeting identified a list of water conservation measures. Finally, Mr. Herd reported that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services conducted a weather station briefing to help manage water use and fertilization application.

Roni Jordan, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stated that Northeast District staff will be participating in a day-long springs water conservation forum at O'Leno State Park on October 9, 2014.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. He stated that the accomplishments of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven, are reported each month to the Council. He also highlighted several of the accomplishments listed in the July 2013 - June 2014 year in review report included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to develop a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the September 2014 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. 2013-14 Member Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

Mr. Koons stated that Mr. Charles Williams was unable to attend the September 25, 2014 council meeting.

D. Florida Local Government Coalition Local Works Day

Mr. Koons thanked all the member local governments for their good work and provision of services to enhance communities across the region.

E. Check Fraud Status Report

Mr. Koons reported that on March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check in the amount of \$49,523.00 that was written on the Council's bank account was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. Also on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. On March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department. On April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's account. He added that on June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

Mr. Koons stated that at their meeting on July 25, 2013, the Council authorized the Council Attorney to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00, to engage Stanley Cushman from the law firm of Scruggs and Carmichael to serve as co-counsel for the lawsuit and to designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit. He stated that on August 6, 2013, a lawsuit was filed against Wells Fargo to recover the Council's funds.

Mr. Koons further reported that on September 9, 2013, Wells Fargo responded to the complaint by filing a Motion to Compel Arbitration. Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman responded to the motion stating that arbitration does not apply to the dispute and have filed a motion for a hearing on the motion to compel arbitration. A hearing originally scheduled for October 30, 2013 in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida on the Motion to Compel Arbitration filed by Wells Fargo to resolve the dispute between the Council and Wells Fargo was rescheduled for January 24, 2014. Mr. Koons reported that at the conclusion of the hearing, the Circuit Court granted the Motion to Compel Arbitration.

Mr. Koons reported that a letter was sent to Wells Fargo on May 13, 2014 requesting additional information concerning the disputed check. Council Attorney Jon Wershow and Co-Council Stanley Cushman are continuing to coordinate with the attorney of Wells Fargo on the selection of an arbitrator and scheduling of the arbitration hearing. Mr. Wershow reported that a Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim was filed on behalf of the Council on September 24, 2014.

Chair Spooner informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on October 23, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

10/23/14
Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL
FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST
FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the West Florida Regional Planning Council was formed as the third regional planning council in the State of Florida in 1964; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the West Florida Regional Planning Council is to provide professional planning, coordinating and advisory services to local governments, state and federal agencies and the public in order to preserve and enhance the quality of life in northwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the Region recognize the need for regional coordination to address community issues that extend beyond county and municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the West Florida Regional Planning Council has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategic planning, emergency preparedness planning, transportation planning, environmental planning and education and intergovernmental review activities to coordinate planning for the future of the Region; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, the West Florida Regional Planning Council has brought together local governments and gubernatorial appointees to provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems, and sharing solutions among the jurisdictions of Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates the West Florida Regional Planning Council on its 50th Anniversary and recognizes its contributions in advancing the regional agenda.


DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of September 2014.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:



Scott R. Koons, Executive Director



Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER 2014 AS COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, rural areas, regions, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October 2014 is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning and zoning boards and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners in the north central Florida region and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council that the month of October 2014 is hereby proclaimed as ***Community Planning Month*** throughout the north central Florida region in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of September 2014.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Rick Davis, Secretary-Treasurer

Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER 3, 2014 AS LOCAL WORKS DAY

WHEREAS, our nation has a proud history of its local governments providing meaningful services on behalf of the American people; and

WHEREAS, local government is the government closest to its citizens, and the one with the most direct and consistent daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, local governments assemble throughout leaders from various trades and industries to develop new ideas, spread information and facilitate progress; and

WHEREAS, local governments have traditionally worked with citizens to create a strong sense of community; and


WHEREAS, local governments disseminate important information to citizens and work with them to make better decisions at the local level.

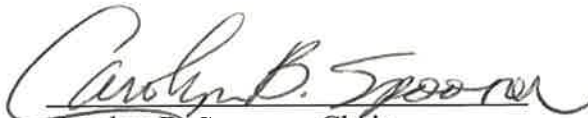
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council that October 3, 2014 is hereby proclaimed as ***Local Works Day*** in the north central Florida region sponsored by the Florida Local Government Coalition to celebrate the trusted services that local governments provide to enhance communities across the region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of September 2014.

ATTEST:

SEAL


Rick Davis, Secretary-Treasurer


Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair



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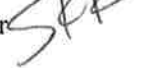
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October 16, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Anthony Jennings to the Lafayette and Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards as the alternate Regional Workforce Development Representative.

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended that Mr. Jennings be appointed to the Lafayette and Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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October 23, 2014

Mr. Anthony Jennings
CareerSource North Florida
705 E. Base Street
Madison, FL 32340

RE: Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Dear Mr. Jennings:

This letter is in regard to Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. As you know, the purpose of this program is to assist individuals who are unable to transport themselves because of age, disability or income status.

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards in our region. The Council appointed you the alternate Regional Workforce Development Representative on the Lafayette and Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards at its October 23, 2014 meeting.

We look forward to working with you to successfully plan and coordinate transportation disadvantaged services. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn Godfrey, Senior Planner, at extension 110.

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Spooner
Chair

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: National Association of Development Organizations Membership

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the upgrade of Council membership in the National Association of Development Organizations from a Platinum membership at \$4,000 to a Platinum Plus membership at \$6,000.

BACKGROUND:

The National Association of Development Organizations provides advocacy, education, networking and research for regional development organizations, such as regional planning councils, primarily serving small metropolitan and rural regions. The association is an advocate for federal programs and policies that promote regional strategies and solutions for addressing local community and economic development needs.

The National Association of Development Organizations and the National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation identify and promote best practices, analyze the impact of federal policies and programs on regional development organizations and local communities and examine the latest trends and developments in the field of regional community and economic development.

As the premier organization for executive leaders and professional staff of the nation's 525 regional development organizations, the National Association of Development Organizations and its members have worked together since 1967 to promote the regional cooperation of local governments and communities. In 1988, the National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation was founded to serve as the research and professional development affiliate of the association.

Members of the National Association of Development Organizations receive benefits and services essential to operating in the competitive climate of today. These benefits and services include effective federal advocacy initiatives, timely information and publications, targeted and practical research, discounts on training and professional development events and access to the association's professional staff.

The National Association of Development Organizations has four membership levels, General at \$2,000, Sustaining at \$3,000, Platinum at \$4,000 and Platinum Plus at \$6,000. The Council is currently a Platinum level member. It is recommended that the Council upgrade its membership to Platinum Plus level. The If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Sandra Haas, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., October 23, 2014 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level item which requires Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's action and recommendation at the Council meeting held later that evening.

COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#1 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 14-1ESR)

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

The Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying-out the following objectives.

- Ensure regional planning councils are effective service organizations to the State of Florida, its local governments, and the citizens they serve;
- Ensure regional planning councils are consensus builders and problem solvers, and serve as conveners of the region by helping to articulate those multijurisdictional issues that need resolution;
- Encourage and promote opportunities for regional planning councils to become partners in state programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and legislative environments;
- Monitor substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promote mutually supportive policy positions among the regional planning councils;
- Represent regional planning councils in national organizations, such as the National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Development Organizations, and SouthEast Regional Directors Institute; and
- Foster relationships and partnerships and coordinate with state, regional, and national associations and organizations; non-profit entities; public-private partnerships; the Governor's Office; state agencies; and others, on issues of mutual interest and concern, and with whom the Association shares mutual goals and programs.

Please find attached the September 2014 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven during the past year.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: Aug-Sept 2014

OUTREACH

- Along with Chairman Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Pat Steed (CFRPC), and Manny Pumariega (TBRPC), met with Jesse Panuccio, Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to present him with a menu of funding options for regional planning councils for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year.
- Along with Chairman Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Pat Steed (CFRPC), and Manny Pumariega (TBRPC), participated in a GoToMeeting presentation hosted by Avera Wynn (TBRPC), in person; the purpose of the presentation was to provide several staff at the Florida Division of Emergency Management, including Director Bryan Koon, with an overview of how regional planning council economic modeling programs can be used in the field of emergency management.
- Attended the Florida Association of Counties Policy Conference.
- Attended the Future of Florida Forum hosted by the Florida Chamber Foundation and staffed an exhibit table.
- Attended the American Planning Association, Florida Chapter's Annual Conference and staffed an exhibit table.
- Met twice with Julie Dennis in the Division of Community Development at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to continue discussing opportunities for the regional planning councils to partner with the Department on a potential National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Project of Special Merit grant application and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development climate resiliency grant.
- Coordinated with Florida Division of Emergency Management staff multiple times during the past two months to continue pursuing resolutions to issues associated with a variety of contracts between the Division and the regional planning councils, and participated on a conference call pertaining to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grants.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Completed a final draft of the 2013-14 FRCA Annual Report and Directory and circulated it among the regional planning council Executive Directors and staff for review.
- Provided information on the regional planning councils' economic modeling programs to the Florida Ports Council for inclusion in its next board meeting package.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in Enterprise Florida's quarterly Stakeholder and Board meetings, annual Rural Boot Camp, and monthly conference call for its economic development partners; a meeting of the Agency Emergency Coordinating Officers, Emergency Support Function leads, and State Emergency Response Team partners; a Gulf Consortium meeting; and, teleconferences

hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Resiliency Focus Group, the Florida Defense Support Task Force, and the Rural Economic Development Initiative.

- Participated in the first two days of a four day Economic Development Academy training program, which will be completed in October.
- Attended the Florida Chamber Foundation's Northwest Florida Trade and Logistics Forum.
- Prepared and submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity FRCA's 2013-14 fourth quarter and year-end report demonstrating implementation of the *Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development*.
- Participated in a planning meeting for the Florida Civic Advance inaugural annual conference, which is an initiative of the Florida Consensus Center.
- Continued providing assistance to the Florida Chamber Foundation to plan its annual Future of Florida Forum, including direct support for the regional breakout sessions.
- Distributed funding announcements from the U.S. Department of Agriculture; U.S. Department of Commerce; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and, U.S. Federal Transit Administration.
- Oversaw submission of the regional planning councils' submissions to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the Rural Economic Development Initiative Annual Report.

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

- Shared the Florida Association of Counties draft 2015-16 policy statements with the regional planning council Executive Directors and encouraged outreach to their county elected officials urging continued support for regional planning councils funding.
- Attended the Florida Association of Counties Policy Conference.
- Drafted recommendations regarding changes to the Development of Regional Impact process for purposes of discussion and submission to the Senate Committee on Community Affairs.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Drafted a 2015 FRCA meeting calendar, which will be finalized in October.
- Sent FRCA orientation packages to Commissioner Lee Constantine (ECFRPC), Mayor Carolyn Spooner (NCFRPC), Mr. Charles Williams (NCFRPC), and Mr. Mario Bailey (SFRPC).
- Scheduled and participated in a FRCA Policy Board Nominating Committee conference call.
- Updated and circulated the Short Term Action Plan for the August 15, 2014 FRCA Policy Board meeting.
- Handled all aspects of and participated in the August 14-15, 2014 FRCA Business and Policy Board meetings; handled meeting logistics and prepared the board package for the October 1, 2014 FRCA Business and Partners meetings being held in conjunction with the Future of Florida Forum; and, negotiated the hotel contract and began preparation for the December 2-3, 2014 FRCA Business and Partners meetings at the TBRPC.



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FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

The Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan.

The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. Please find attached the October 2014 Scorecard.

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Floridians Pay a Hidden Tax of \$1.4 Billion due to Uncompensated Care

Did you know? Floridians pay a "hidden tax" of **\$1.4 billion** due to uncompensated care. When this cost trickles down from hospitals and insurance companies to insured Floridians, it equates to between \$1,700 to \$2,200 for every insured admission.

As Florida's business community is well aware, healthcare costs continue to have a significant impact on the bottom line. As costs continue to increase, Florida businesses struggle to prosper and the overall competitiveness of the business community diminishes. This week's Scorecard Did You Know highlights the real cost of rising healthcare expenses to Florida businesses, more commonly known as the healthcare cost shift.

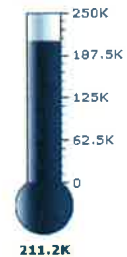
Florida's demand for healthcare services is typically much higher than other states due to a significantly higher population of retirees. Between now and 2030, Florida's population is expected to increase by six million residents. Of these, the Florida Office of Economic and Data Research estimates as many as two-thirds will be aged 60 and older.

Calculating this cost shift is complex, but a range can be estimated. The first step is comparing total costs of service to the total charges, which then is allocated among the 2.4 million yearly hospital admissions in the state. The analysis leads to a range of cost-shift of \$1,700 to \$2,200 for each uninsured to insured admission and this estimate does not include the additional cost shifts present in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

The cost shift occurs when the costs for medical care for the uninsured are "passed" onto insured patients. When a doctor or hospital provides care to an uninsured party, the costs of those services have to come from somewhere. Insurance companies are ultimately forced to incorporate them into higher premiums, which are paid (the majority of the time) by companies providing benefits for their employees. To make Florida more attractive for business startups and relocations, healthcare costs must be slowed and show real decline, especially with respect to the cost shift.



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SUBJECT: National Association of Regional Councils Award

The National Association of Regional Councils serves as a national voice for regionalism by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address a variety of community planning and development opportunities and issues. National Association of Regional Councils member organizations are composed of multiple local governments that work together to serve American communities, large and small, urban and rural.

For nearly 50 years, the National Association of Regional Councils has represented the interests of its members and has advanced regional cooperation through effective interaction and advocacy with Congress, Federal officials and other related agencies and interest groups. The National Association of Regional Councils agenda includes, but is not limited to, transportation. The economic and community development, environment, homeland security and regional preparedness, and a variety of community issues undertaken by its member organizations.

The National Association of Regional Councils provides its members valuable information and research on key national policy issues, federal policy developments and best practices. The Association conducts enriching training sessions, conferences, workshops and webinars for its members: Regional councils, regional planning and development agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, and other regional planning organizations.

National Association of Regional Councils members are a dedicated group of local elected officials and professionals who work with community leaders and citizens to build local capacity; develop and implement strategic investment plans; foster regional cooperation and economic competitiveness; forge public and private partnerships; and secure and manage funds from local, state, federal and private sources.

2014 Medium Metro Achievement Award

At the National Association of Regional Councils 48th Annual Conference and Exhibition, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received the 2014 Medium Metro Achievement Award. The Association recognized the Council for developing a standard set of reporting that was used for the preparation coordinated statewide comprehensive economic development strategies prepared by each of the 11 regional planning councils in Florida, serving as U.S. Department of Commerce designated economic development districts. The project was recognized for having significant impact on regional cooperation, coordination and excellence.

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SUBJECT: Check Fraud Status Report

On March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check in the amount of \$49,523.00 that was written on the Council's bank account was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. Also on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. On March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department.

On March 28, 2013, Council Attorney Jonathan Wershow and Council staff briefed the Executive Committee concerning this matter. On April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's account. On April 25, 2013, Council staff briefed the Council concerning this matter. On June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter to Mr. Wershow's letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

On July 25, 2013, the Council authorized the Council Attorney to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 and designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit. In addition, the Council authorized the Council Attorney and the Executive Director to contact federal and state law enforcement agencies to discuss the fraudulent check processed and paid out of the Council's bank account by Wells Fargo.

On August 5, 2013, Council Attorney Wershow and I met with Mr. William Cervone, State's Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida to discuss the check fraud incident. Mr. Cervone offered the assistance of his staff to work with the Gainesville Police Department to secure the bank records relating to the check fraud incident.

On August 6, 2013, Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman filed a five-count lawsuit in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida, against Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's bank account.

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On September 9, 2013, Wells Fargo responded to the complaint by filing a Motion to Compel Arbitration. Wells Fargo alleges that disputes related to the Council's checking account are to be resolved by an arbitrator. Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman responded to the motion stating arbitration does not apply to the dispute.

A hearing was scheduled for October 30, 2013 in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida on the Motion to Compel Arbitration filed by Wells Fargo to resolve the dispute between the Council and Wells Fargo. However, the hearing was rescheduled for January 24, 2014. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Circuit Court granted the Motion to Compel Arbitration.

On May 13, 2014, a letter was sent to Wells Fargo by Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman requesting additional information concerning the disputed check. On September 24, 2014 a Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim was filed with the American Arbitration Association by Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman on behalf of the Council. On October 14, 2014 attorneys from Wells Fargo filed a Respondent's Answering Statement to the Statement of Claim.

Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman are continuing to coordinate with the attorney of Wells Fargo on the selection of an arbitrator and scheduling of the arbitration hearing.

Please find attached a summary of legal fees incurred to date concerning the lawsuit.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Wells Fargo Lawsuit
Legal Fees

October 16, 2014

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August 2013	\$1,383
September 2013	\$2,253
October 2013	\$3,445
November 2013	\$180
December 2013	\$0
January 2014	\$2,760
February 2014	\$1,410
March 2014	\$2,502
April 2014	\$2,669
May 2014	\$2,970
June 2014	\$6,515
July 2014	\$330
August 2014	\$420
September 2014	<u>\$810</u>
Total	\$27,647

