

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Suwannee River Cove Restaurant
Branford, Florida

September 28, 2000
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
John Barrow, City of Gainesville
Stephen Blakewood, Alachua County
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
E.W. Hodges, Bradford County
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
Eddie Martin, Hawthorne
Kathryn McInnis, Dixie County
Dale McPherson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
William Naulls, Alachua County
Donald Odom, Suwannee County
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs
Joe Riddick, Bradford County
Tom Robinson, Alachua County
Edd Sadler, Taylor County

GUESTS PRESENT

Diana Davis
Emmanuel McGhee
Diane Nobles
Jon Wershow

Board Members Names Bolded

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Chestnut, Alachua County
William Copeland, City of Archer
Mike Deming, Taylor County
John Driggers, Dixie County
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy
Billy Ray Foister, Union County
Lorata Franklin, Madison County
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Ricky Jenkins, Union County
Judy McGhee, City of Madison
Dave Newport, Alachua County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Bill Shaw, Lafayette County
Sue B. Suggs, Gilchrist County
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County
Mike Woods, Madison County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Charles Justice
Charles Kiester
Scott Koons
Candy Ramseur
Marcy Wilson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Aage Schroeder

Chairman Kirkland called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present. He introduced and welcomed a new member from the City of Alachua, Commissioner Gib Coerper.

Chairman Kirkland asked that Item IV.B. #205 City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Sadler made the motion, with a second by Ms. McInnis, to approve adding Item IV.B.#205 to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 24, 2000

Chairman Kirkland asked that the minutes of the August 24, 2000, meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Mr. Hodges made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Barrow, to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2000, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. County Hazardous Material Emergency Response Plan Updates
- B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Evaluation (Accept)

Chairman Kirkland asked that all items on the consent agenda be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Futch, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - The Chairman stated he had nothing to report.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

- 1. Request by City of High Springs to Consider Altering the Council's Voting Policies

Mr. Justice noted that the Executive Committee recommended notifying the City of High Springs that their request to alter the Council's voting

policies could not be met. He then asked Attorney Jon Wershow to update the Council on his finding regarding High Spring's request. Mr. Wershow advised the Council that the Florida Statutes clearly state that 2/3 of the council's composition needs to be elected officials, and therefore, by law, we cannot have non-elected, voting participation on the Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Riddick, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Engagement Letter of Auditor, RE: FY 1999-2000 Audit

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommend that the auditing firm of James Moore and Company be engaged to conduct the audit for Fiscal Year 1999-2000, for a fee of \$12,000, which also includes an audit of the financial statements of the Employee Pension Plan Trust for the year ending September 30, 2000. He noted that this was the third year in their three-year contract with the Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Disposal of Council Surplus Property

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends declaring surplus three of computers that are of out-dated technology and no longer used by the Council. He noted that the Executive Committee also recommends that approval be given to donate this equipment to SPARC (Sexual and Physical Abuse Resource Center) as requested by that agency.

ACTION: Ms. McInnis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to approve the recommendations of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#201 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments

#205 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 00-1) - Added to Agenda

Mr. Philman reported that the Clearinghouse Committee had met earlier in the evening and reviewed two draft comprehensive plan amendments, Item #201 from the City of Newberry, and item #205, from the City of Alachua. Mr. Philman reported that the Committee concluded the proposed amendments do not adversely affect natural resources of regional significance, regional facilities, or adjacent local governments, and that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments as well as the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Mr. Philman made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Barrow, to approve the recommendations of the Clearinghouse Committee.

C. Regional Planning Committee

Mr. Blakewood reported that the Regional Planning Committee had met earlier in the evening for its final review of the regional plan's evaluation and appraisal report before forwarding it to the Council for consideration. He noted that the Committee will submit a complete draft of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report for Council review at the December 7th meeting.

No action was required on this item.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Proposed Changes to Council's Organization Rule 29C-1 FAC, and to Council Policy 1998-2, Clearinghouse Committee Procedures

Mr. Kiester, Assistant Executive Director, reminded members that at their July meeting, staff was directed to revamp and readvertise the proposal on how to handle regional review of local government plans/amendments in those cases where there is insufficient time to bring them before the Council for action at a regularly scheduled meeting. He noted that the revision reflects the Council's desire to delegate this review responsibility to the Clearinghouse Committee rather than staff. Mr. Kiester asked the Council to authorize staff to go forward with filing this rule amendment with the Department of State.

Mr. Kiester noted that the Council's adopted Policy 1998-2, Clearinghouse Committee Procedures, has also been revised to reflect this delegation, and also needs Council approval.

ACTION: Commissioner Barrow made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to approve the amendment to Rule

ACTION: Commissioner Futch made the motion, with a second by Ms. McInnis, to approve amending Council Policy 1998-2, to reflect the changes made in Council Rule 29C-1.008. The motion carried unanimously.


B. Governor's Growth management Study Commission

Mr. Justice noted that there was still not much to report regarding the Governor's Growth Management Study Commission. He did announce that the Rural Subcommittee would meet on October 7, and if anybody wanted to find out more, there was a website: Floridagrowth.org that would have more up-to-date information.

Chairman Kirkland asked members to call or email the Council office prior to meetings to let the secretarial staff know whether or not they would be attending meetings.

Chairman Kirkland announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn in Lake City October 26, 2000.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Chairman

10-26-2000
Date