

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

January 25, 2001
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Blakewood, Alachua County

John Barrow, City of Gainesville
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua

Louie Davis, City of Waldo

Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Roy Ellis, Madison County

Billy Ray Foister, Union County

Steve Futch, City of Starke
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
E.W. Hodges, Bradford County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua 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
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer
Dave Newport, Alachua County

Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak

Kathy Pults, City of High Springs

Joe Riddick, Bradford County

Tom Robinson, Alachua County
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County

Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

GUESTS PRESENT

Diana Davis
Louise Nelson
Diane Nobles
Ruth Riddick
Tim Strauser

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs
John Driggers, Dixie County
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy
Lorata Franklin, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Ricky Jenkins, Union County
Judy McGhee, City of Madison
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Sue B. Suggs, Gilchrist County

STAFF PRESENT

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat Reynolds
Aage Schroeder

Board Members Names Bolded

At 7:50 p.m., Charles Justice gave the Director's report, which did not require Council action.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Growth Management Study Commission

Mr. Justice reviewed the progress of the Governor's Growth Management Study Commission. He noted that they were to come up with a final draft of their findings on February 1, and by February 12, they would make their recommendations to the Governor's Office.

B. I-75 Corridor Council

Mr. Justice and Mr. Kiester reported on the progress of the I-75 Corridor Council. They noted that funds had been set aside to work on beautifying the corridor from the state line to Wildwood, for the next five years.

C. DCA Regional Workshop

Mr. Justice reported that DCA had requested the Council's help in setting up a workshop to allow governments and citizens an opportunity to talk with DCA staff and develop a regional assessment of issues needing to be dealt with in the region. He noted that the workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2001, at Quail Heights Country Club.

Mayor Kirkland introduced and welcomed four new members to the Council. They were Mike Byerly of Alachua County, Roy Ellis of Madison County, L.B. Nelson of the City of Archer, and Douglas Udell of Suwannee County.

Mayor Kirkland called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 7, 2000

Mayor Kirkland asked that the minutes of the December 7, 2000, meeting be amended to show that Commissioner Chestnut was present at the meeting and Dixie Donovan was absent.

ACTION: Commissioner Riddick made the motion, with a second by Mr. McPherson, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2000, meeting amended. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA - None

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

Mayor Kirkland asked that a resolution of appreciation be approved for William Sheffield, a Community Action Agency Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. He noted that Mr. Sheffield had served on the Board since October 1995.

ACTION: Commissioner Futch made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve a resolution of appreciation for William Sheffield. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Member Appointments

Mayor Kirkland reported that there were a number of vacancies on various council committees that needed to be filled. He asked that the following committee appointments be approved:

Clearinghouse Committee -	Gail Garrard
Regional Planning Committee -	Mike Byerly
Program Committee -	Bill Alexander and Doug Udell

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Riddick, to approve the committee appointments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Florida Regional Councils Association Community Budget Issue Request

Mr. Justice reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) was asking for individual councils to agenda this item in order to satisfy the Legislature's requirement that all requests for funding be heard in a publicly noticed meeting of a body of elected officials. The FRCA further requests that the Council support its request that the Legislature increase funding to RPCs from \$2.23 million per year to \$3 million. He noted that funding to RPCs has remained constant at \$2.3 million per year since 1985. Mr. Justice also reported that it has been documented by the FRCA that the local governments that support RPCs have, in fact, subsidized the increased legislatively-mandated functions of RPCs at the rate of approximately \$3.8 million per year. Mr. Justice reported that the

Executive Committee recommends supporting the FRCA in making a formal request to the Legislature for an increase in funds for RPCs to \$3 million per year.

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

2. Consideration of Renting Space to Private Company

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends the Executive Director continue to look for appropriate organizations and agencies to rent a portion of the property on which the Council offices are located.

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

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Commissioner Hutchinson

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that there was not a quorum of the Clearinghouse Committee present, but the members who were present, made the following recommendations.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#31 - City of Perry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 00-1)

#48 - Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 00-1)

#49 - Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 99-1)

#52 - Town of Horseshoe Beach Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 99-PS1)

#53 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 00-1)

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that the Clearinghouse Committee had reviewed five Committee-level items which require Council action. Item #31, from the City of Perry; item #48, from the Town of White Springs; item #49, which is also from the

Town of White Springs; item #52, from the Town of Horseshoe Beach; and item #53, from the City of Alachua.

He noted that the Committee found the comprehensive plans of these local governments, as amended, remain consistent with the regional plan, and the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Mayor Hartzog, to forward the Committee's findings to the Department of Community Affairs and each local government as regional comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that the Committee had also met by telephone conference on January 10th and reviewed items #32, City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, and item #33, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment.

He noted that the Committee found the Hawthorne comprehensive plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. He further reported that the Committee found the Gainesville Comprehensive plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan provided the City amends its Conservation, Open Space, and Groundwater Recharge Element Policy 2.3.6 to replace references to "prime" groundwater recharge areas with references to aquifer recharge areas as mapped by the applicable water management districts; and, that the City replaces its map of high aquifer recharge areas in its comprehensive plan with maps from the applicable water management districts.

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that these findings were forwarded, as official Council comment, to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

C. Finance Committee - FY 1999-2000 Audit Review

Mayor Louie Davis reported that the Finance Committee had met with the auditors and reviewed the FY 1999-2000 audit. He noted that the auditors had answered questions and explained their findings to the committee. Mayor Davis reported that the Finance Committee recommends the Council approve the audit and authorize final payment of the auditor.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Mr. Tompkins, to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kirkland announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn in Lake City on February 22, 2001.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Chairman

2-23-01

Date