

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

May 24, 2001
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
John Barrow, City of Gainesville
John Carlson, Alachua County
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
James King, Madison County
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
Eddie Martin, Hawthorne
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
William Naulls, Alachua County
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine

STAFF PRESENT

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

Board Members Names Bolded

MEMBERS ABSENT

Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County
David Dodge, Bradford County
John Driggers, Dixie County
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Alan Hammock, Union County
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Ricky Jenkins, Union County
Judy McGhee, City of Madison
Dave Newport, Alachua County
Joe Riddick, Bradford County
Tom Robinson, Alachua County
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Gene Caputo, SJRWMD
Joye Brown, FDOT

GUESTS PRESENT

Jesse Alexander
Jon Wershow

Noting that there was not a quorum of the Council, Chairman Kirkland stated that in accordance with the Organization Rule, the Board of Directors would take action for the Council. He then called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman Kirkland asked that four items be added to the agenda. These were Item IV.A.6. Efforts to Collect DRI Review Fee; and Clearinghouse Items #121 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments; #122 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments; and Item #127 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve adding Items IV.A.6., and Clearinghouse Items #121, #122, and #127. The motion carried unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 26, 2001

Mayor Kirkland asked that the minutes of the April 26, 2001, meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Barrow noted that he was not marked as either absent or present on the April minutes, and asked that they be amended to show him as absent.

ACTION: Mr. Philman made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2001, meeting, as amended to add John Barrow as absent. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA - None

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - State of the Region

Chairman Kirkland reported on the Council's activities over the past year. He then introduced a new member from the City of Madison, Commissioner Myra Valentine. He noted that Commissioner Valentine was replacing Judy McGhee, and asked that a resolution of appreciation be approved for Commissioner McGhee.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Judy McGhee. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2000-2001 Annual Report

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee had approved submitting the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2000-2001 Annual Report to counties in the region and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). He noted that Columbia County wished to add a senior center to their list of proposed projects submitted with the CEDS report.

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

2. Contract with Department of Community Affairs for Growth Management Funds, FY July 2001-2002

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends executing an agreement with the Department of Community Affairs to provide services including assistance to the Local Emergency Planning Committee, plan updates and exercises, as well as review of local plan amendments, maintaining and implementing the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, and activities in support of the DRI process not covered by a fee system. He noted that the State would pay the Planning Council approximately \$200,000 for providing these services.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Montgomery, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to enter into an agreement with the Department of Community Affairs for the sum of \$200,000. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Contract with Department of Environmental Protection to Conduct Hazardous Waste Monitoring

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends approving the fifth-year work program and budget, and authorizing the Chairman to execute an amendment to the Council's Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection to Conduct Hazardous Waste Monitoring, Verification and Notification Activities within the Region. He noted that this was a 5-year agreement that needed annual approval.

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

4. Authorization to Begin Auditor Selection Process

Mr. Justice announced that it was time once again to select an auditor for a three-year period to review the Council's financial activities. He asked that the Executive Committee be authorized to begin the auditor selection process with the intent of bringing a final recommendation for the Council's consideration at the August, 2001, meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to authorize the Executive Committee to begin the auditor selection process by requesting staff to get qualification bids from auditors. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Year 2001-2002 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Justice noted that the Executive Committee had requested a change in the meeting schedule for 2001-2002, to move the August meeting from the fourth Thursday to the fifth Thursday, because of a conflict with the Florida League of Cities. He reported that the Executive Committee approved the meeting schedule with this one change.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to approve the meeting schedule as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Efforts to Collect DRI Review Fee - added to agenda

Mr. Justice reported that the Council was having difficulty collecting funds owed by the developer of the Springhills DRI. He noted that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council attorney be authorized to take any appropriate action to collect the funds, including authorizing Mr. Wershow to file a lawsuit in this matter if he deems such action is necessary.

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

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Chairman's Report

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#115 - City of Perry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 01-1)

#121 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments - added to agenda

#122 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments - added to agenda

#127 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments - added to agenda

Steve Dopp, Senior Planner, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee had met and reviewed items #115, City of Perry adopted amendment; #121, City of Newberry draft amendments; #122, Town of Lee draft amendments; and #127 - City of Madison draft amendment. Mr. Dopp noted that the Committee found the City of Perry Comprehensive Plan, as amended remains consistent with the regional plan. He reported that the Committee found that the City of Newberry, Town of Lee, and City of Madison draft plan amendments do not adversely impact regional facilities, adjacent local governments, or natural resources of regional significance. Mr. Dopp reported that the Clearinghouse Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

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

C. Program Committee - 2001-2002 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Montgomery reported that the Program Committee had met on March 22 and reviewed and approved the Overall Program Design. He noted that the only changes in the document from last year was a proposal that the I-75 Corridor Council be expanded to provide enhanced assistance to interchange development, and an explanation of the newly established Regional Hazmat Team.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve the Overall Program Design as recommended by the Program Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Finance Committee

1. Quarterly Financial Report - March 31, 2001

Mr. Justice briefly went over the quarterly financial report ending March 31, 2001. He reported that the Council was in sound financial condition, and it appeared that nothing in the current year budget would change that situation.

No action was required on this item.

2. Proposed FY 2001-2002 Budget

Mayor Davis reported that the Finance Committee has agreed upon a budget to recommend for the coming fiscal year. He reported that the anticipated expenditures for next year will be \$1,834,307.

Mayor Davis noted that the proposed budget includes funding 20 full-time staff positions, as well as a three percent across-the-board cost-of-living increase, plus one percent for merit increases. He noted that all other benefits for staff remain the same as for the current year. Mayor Davis reported that the Finance Committee recommends adopting this proposed budget.

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

E. Nominating Committee

Mayor Kirkland reported that the Nominating Committee had met and had selected a slate of officers and Board of Directors for Council consideration. He asked that the Council approve these nominations.

1. Election of Officers

James Montgomery, Chairman
Louie Davis, Vice-Chairman
Edd Sadler, Secretary/Treasurer
W. Ray Kirkland, Immediate Past Chairman
Eddie Martin, Member

2. Election of Board of Directors

Charles (Chuck) S. Chestnut, IV, City of Gainesville
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Sonny Nobles, City of Live Oak
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County
Dixie Donovan, Gubernatorial Appointee, Columbia County
Willie Naulls, Gubernatorial Appointee, Alachua County
Emory Philman, Gubernatorial Appointee, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Gubernatorial Appointee, Dixie County
James Tompkins, Gubernatorial Appointee, Hamilton County

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Nobles, to approve the nominations to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Legislative Report

Mr. Justice reported that the Growth Management bill before the Legislature did not pass. He also noted that the DRI review process was changed so that airports and petroleum-holding companies would be exempt from the process.

Commissioner Montgomery presented outgoing Chairman Kirkland with a print, and thanked him for his leadership contribution over the past year.

Mayor Kirkland announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn in Lake City on July 26, 2001.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Chairman

Date