

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Quality Inn and Conference Center
Lake City, Florida

January 26, 2006
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Martha Butler, Hamilton County
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
David Dodge, Bradford County
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Randy Hatch, Suwannee County
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
John Hersey, Bradford County
Emily Weed Ketring, City of Perry
John Martin, City of Hawthorne
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
Heather Neill, Lafayette County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Gerald O'Neil, Alachua County
Malcolm Page, Taylor County
James Painter, Alachua County
Andrew Smith, Union County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Auger, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection
Jordan Green, representing Charles Baldwin,
Florida Department of Transportation
Jim Poole, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Bryant, City of Gainesville
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
John Carlson, Alachua County
Melaine "Red" Clyatt, Union County
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
Jack Donovan, City of Gainesville
John Driggers, Dixie County
Kirk Eppenstein, City of High Springs
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Mitchell Gentry, Gilchrist County
John Glanzer, City of Newberry
Rodney Long, Alachua County
Eddie Martin, Alachua County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Tracy Reeves, Madison County

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Barnes
Steve Dopp
Charles Justice
Scott Koons
Carol Laine

GUESTS PRESENT

Diana Davis
Jon Wershow

Board Members names are bolded

Chairman Maultsby called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m., noting that there was a quorum of the Council and that all Council members were able to vote.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 1, 2005

Chairman Maultsby asked that the minutes of the December 1, 2005 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Mayor Futch made the motion, with a second by Mayor Hawkins, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2005, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Annual Grant Application to EDA
- B. Community Development Block Grant Assistance Agreements
 - 1. City of Live Oak - \$54,500
 - 2. City of Madison - \$54,500
- C. Community Development Block Grant Assistance Agreement Amendments to Change from Cost Reimbursement to Fixed Fee
 - 1. City of Lake City - DCA Contract No. 04DB-1Q-03-22-02-E09
 - 2. City of Lake City - DCA Contract No. 05DB-2Q-03-22-02-E15
- D. Capabilities Assessment - Florida Regional Domestic Security Planning Program
- E. Regional Domestic Security Terrorism Exercise Support

Chairman Maultsby asked if there were questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

ACTION: Mayor Futch made the motion, with a second by Mr. Painter, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maulsby introduced and welcomed Mayor Stephen Witt, a new member from the City of Lake City.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Expansion of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee

Mr. Justice stated that at the last meeting the Planning Council created a nine member Comprehensive Economic Development Committee made up of a majority of elected officials and of at least 35% private sector representatives. He reported that he was advised by the Economic Development Administration that the CEDS Committee must include a representative from higher education and also from the workforce boards. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended expanding the CEDS Committee from nine members to eleven members by adding Jane Muir from the University of Florida and Mike Deming from the Workforce Board in Madison County.

ACTION: Commissioner Hersey made the motion, with a second by Mayor Futch, to expand the CEDS Committee from nine members to eleven members by adding Jane Muir from the University of Florida and Mike Deming from the Madison County Workforce Board. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Future Meeting Location

Mr. Justice informed Council members that the Quality Inn will no longer be able to accommodate the monthly Council meetings as of April 30th. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended meeting at the Gathering Restaurant in Branford upon notification from the Quality Inn that they will be unable to provide meeting space.

ACTION: Commissioner Page made the motion, with a second by Mr. Dodge, to hold the Council meetings at the Gathering Restaurant in Branford, Florida upon notification from the Quality Inn that they will be unable to provide meeting space. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Ms. Sandra Haas, Clearinghouse Committee Chair, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met on December 16, 2005 and reviewed three items on behalf of the Council as per Clearinghouse Committee procedures for local government comprehensive plan amendments with response deadlines prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. The reviewed items were:

#16 - City of Perry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 06-1)

#18 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 06-1)

#19 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 06-1)

She reported that a copy of the Committee report and findings for these items were included in the packet mailed to each Council member.

Ms. Haas reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier and reviewed four Committee-level items which require Council action.

#13 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 04-1)

#20 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA Nos. 05-1ER and 06-1)

#23 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 05-2)

#24 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 05-2)

Ms. Haas stated that, with regards to item #13, Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the Committee finds that the County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, will be inconsistent with Regional Plan Transportation Goal 5.1 and Regional Plan Transportation Policy 5.1.9. However, she reported that the inconsistency is not enough to find the County plan as a whole inconsistent with the regional plan. Therefore, the County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, will remain consistent with the regional plan.

Ms. Haas stated that the Committee recommends forwarding the same Objection and Recommendation made on the draft version of the amendment regarding adverse impacts to a segment of U.S. Highway 441, since no changes were made to the adopted version of the amendment. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommends forwarding these findings to Columbia County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #13. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haas stated that, with regards to Item #20, Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, the Committee finds that the County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. Ms. Haas stated the Committee recommends forwarding this finding to Hamilton County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Mayor Ketring, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #20. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haas stated that, with regards to Item #23, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the Committee finds that the City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommends forwarding this finding to the City of Alachua and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Dr. O'Neil, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #23. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haas stated that, with regards to Item #24, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, the Committee finds that the City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. Nevertheless, she stated that the Committee Recommends forwarding the same Comment made by the Council on the draft version of the amendments, since no changes were made to the adopted version of the amendments addressing the Council comment. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #24. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Finance Committee - FY 2004-2005 Annual Audit

Chairman Ellis reported that the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants. He stated that the audit conforms with both federal regulations and the rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and the new GASB34 requirements and that there were no issues or concerns documented.

ACTION: Chairman Ellis made the motion, with a second by Mayor Futch to accept and approve the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Annual Audit and to make payment to the auditor, Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Search Committee

Chairman Maulsby reported that the Search Committee met on January 18th and earlier in the evening to discuss the policy procedures which should be implemented regarding the hiring of an executive director. He reviewed the job announcement to be utilized in the advertising process and identified locations where the Committee recommended that advertisements be placed.

ACTION: Mr. Dodge made the motion, with a second by Mayor Futch, to approve recommendations made by the Search Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

A member of the Council requested that the previous action be reconsidered by the Council and also requested that the motion be divided into two parts.

DIVIDED ACTION PART 1:

Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Vaughn, to adopt the policy procedures items #1 through #6, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, as recommended by the Search Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVIDED ACTION PART 2:

Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Ms. Donovan, to approve the job announcement advertisement as recommended by the Search Committee, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, and to advertise the announcement for the executive director position in the Gainesville Sun, Florida American Planning Association, Florida Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, International City/County Management Association, National Association of Development Organizations, National Association of Regional Councils and the Southeast Regional Directors Institute. The motion carried unanimously.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Regional Boundaries Study

Mr. Justice briefly discussed the final report issued by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) regarding the boundary study. He stated that only one of the options would have any significant effect on the north central region boundaries, however, the consensus of the Florida Regional Councils Association, the Association's lobbyists, the League of Cities and others is that no changes will be made this year and that no further action is needed from the Council at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Chairman

3/23/06

Date