

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

June 24, 2010
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
David Biddle, Gilchrist County
Ben Boukari, Jr., City of Alachua
Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
John Hersey, Bradford County
Eddie Martin, Alachua County
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Harry Nichols, City of Newberry
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Rudolph Parker, Taylor County
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
Andrew Smith, Union County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

GUESTS PRESENT

Hon. Leonard Bemby, House of
Representatives, District 10
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
Diana Davis
Gina Reynolds, Columbia County Industrial
Development Authority
Micki Salter, Legislative Assistant for
Rep. Bemby
Tim Smith, St. Johns River WMD
Theresa Watson, Legislative Assistant for
Rep. Bemby
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

MEMBERS ABSENT

Adeniyi Aderibigbe, Lafayette County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
William Coughlin, City of High Springs
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
David Dodge, Bradford County
Jack Donovan, City of Gainesville
Wesley Eubank, Alachua County
Ken Green, City of Archer
Scherwin Henry, City of Gainesville
Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County
Robert Krames, Alachua County
Ann Lessman, City of Jasper
Rodney Long, Alachua County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Charles Williams, Hamilton County
Ronald Williams, Columbia County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER PRESENT

Bill Henderson, FL Dept. of Transportation
Jim Poole, Enterprise Florida

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jon Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Louie Davis called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with an invocation given by Mr. Eddie Martin, and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Davis stated that there was a quorum of the Council and all Council members were able to vote. Chair Davis then introduced and welcomed Tim Smith, St. Johns River Water Management District, Micki Salter and Theresa Watson, legislative assistants for Representative Leonard Bembry, City Commissioner Robert Wilford, City of Alachua, Gina Reynolds, Columbia County Industrial Development Authority, and his wife, Diana Davis, to the Council meeting.

Scott, Koons, Executive Director, asked that Item V.C. - Regional Planning Committee Report, be removed from the agenda.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to remove Item V.C. - Regional Planning Committee Report, from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. LEGISLATIVE GUEST SPEAKER - Honorable Leonard Bembry, Florida House District 10

Chair Davis introduced Leonard Bembry, representing District 10, of the Florida House of Representatives, including Dixie, Hamilton, Madison and Taylor Counties and portions of Alachua and Columbia Counties. Representative Bembry discussed programs he has supported and has been involved with during the past legislative session. He informed the Council that the next legislative session will again be a challenging budget year and then spoke about challenges facing state government and cities and counties in north central Florida during the coming year. Chair Davis thanked Representative Bembry for his remarks.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 27, 2010

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the May 27, 2010 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2010 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Amendment to Fiscal Year 2009-10 Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Analyses
- B. Amendment to Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with Tactical Interoperable Communications Project
- C. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Staff Services Agreement

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

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

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Members

Chair Davis introduced and welcomed new Council members Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr., from the City of Alachua and Commissioner Randy Wells from the City of Gainesville.

B. Resolution of Appreciation - Jeanna Mastrodicasa

Chair Davis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, who served as a representative for the City of Gainesville.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Mastrodicasa. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 2010-11 Committee Appointments

Chair Davis asked that the appointments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Regional Planning Committee and Representatives to the Florida Regional Councils Association be approved as recommended by the Chair.

ACTION: Commissioner Parker made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to approve the appointments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Regional Planning Committee and Representatives to the Florida Regional Councils Association as recommended by the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening with a quorum present and reviewed three local government comprehensive plan amendments as well as one local government draft Evaluation and Appraisal Report. Ms. Haas stated that the items have been grouped for purposes of presentation.

#92 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; and
#93 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment.

Ms. Haas reported that the Clearinghouse Committee found the comprehensive plans, as amended remained consistent with the regional plan. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #92, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Item #93, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

#94 - Town of Brooker Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Ms. Haas reported that the Clearinghouse Committee found the comprehensive plan, if amended as proposed would remain consistent with the regional plan. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding this finding to the Town and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #94, Town of Brooker Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

#91 - City of Alachua Draft Evaluation and Appraisal Report

Ms. Haas reported that the Clearinghouse Committee found the local government comprehensive plan, if amended as recommended by the City Evaluation and Appraisal Report, was anticipated to remain consistent with the regional plan. Nevertheless, she stated that the Committee also found that the Council may reach different conclusions for the specific comprehensive plan amendments contained as part of any evaluation and appraisal report-based amendments to the City plan. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding the findings contained in the staff report to the City and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #91, City of Alachua Draft Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. 2009-10 Member Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

Mr. Koons stated that an essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings. He reported that a Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending Council meetings. Mr. Koons then awarded

Certificates of Outstanding Attendance to County Commissioner John Hersey, Bradford County, gubernatorial appointee Eddie Martin, Alachua County, gubernatorial appointee Charles Maultsby, Taylor County, gubernatorial appointee Andrew Smith, Union County and gubernatorial appointee Lorene Thomas, Dixie County in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2009-10.

B. Executive Director's Cup

Mr. Koons stated that in furtherance of the Council's Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, an Executive Director's Cup is awarded each year to recognize the perfect attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year. Mr. Koons then awarded the Program Year 2009-10 Executive Director's Cup to gubernatorial members Eddie Martin, Alachua County, Charles Maultsby, Taylor County, Andrew Smith, Union County and Lorene Thomas, Dixie County.


C. Financial Disclosure

Mr. Koons reminded all gubernatorial appointees to the Council to file their financial disclosure forms with the supervisor of elections in their respective counties by July 1, 2010.

Mr. Koons reported that although House Bill 7103 creating the Agricultural Land Acknowledgement Act, designed to reduce conflict between agricultural and nonagricultural uses to protect sustainable agricultural lands was passed by the Legislature this past session, it was vetoed by the Governor.

Mr. Koons further reported that Senate Bill 1752 which was also passed by the Legislature this past session primarily deals with tax exemptions and other incentives to promote economic development. This legislation also included language which extended local government development orders, building permits, or Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Water Management District permits that would expire between September 1, 2008 and January 1, 2012 by two years after the previously scheduled expiration. He stated that due to differing interpretations of the language in this legislation as it applies to the two-year extensions granted in Senate Bill 360 last year, he advised that each local government carefully review this legislation with their attorney.

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on July 22, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Louie Davis, Chair

7/22/10

Date