

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

June 23, 2016
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Shirlie Hampton, City of Perry
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
William Hunter, Hamilton County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Riddick, Daniel, Bradford County
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Department
of Transportation
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water
Management

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Jason Evans, High Springs
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
Adrian Hayes-Santos, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp
Allen Cherry
Diana Davis
LJ Johnson
Brian Kauffman
Stew Lilker
John Meeks
Jerry Parrish
Noah Valenstein

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Carmelita Franco
Scott Koons
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation given by Vice-Mayor Wilford and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Davis stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Davis welcomed and introduced Allen Cherry, County Coordinator, Madison County and member of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee; Brian Kauffman who will be the new County Coordinator for Madison County, John Meeks, County Commissioner, Levy County; Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District; Sandra Buck-Camp and LJ Johnson, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Diana Davis, wife of Council member Mayor Louie Davis; and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

II. GUEST SPEAKER - Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research
Florida Chamber Foundation

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Dr. Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research Florida Chamber. Dr. Parrish's remarks provided Council members an overview of the Florida and north central Florida economies and update on the Florida Chamber Foundation Cornerstone 2030 strategic planning process. Chair Davis thanked Dr. Parrish for his presentation.

Chair Davis asked that Item VI.B.7. #107 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment which was received subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packet, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to add Item VI.B.7. #107 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 26, 2016

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the May 26, 2016 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2016 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA -

- A. Monthly Financial Report - May 2016
- B. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointment
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Reappointments

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

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which is attached. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Council Members

Chair Davis welcomed new Council members Shirlie Hampton from the City of Perry and Fletcher Hope from the City of Archer.

B. Resolutions of Appreciation - David Sullivan

Chair Davis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services be approved for David Sullivan, who served as a Council member since October 2014.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for David Sullivan. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation - Tonya Hiers

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Tonya Hiers. The motion carried unanimously.

D. 2016-17 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 Warren made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, 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

A. Executive Committee - None

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Commissioner Patterson, Clearinghouse Committee Vice-Chair, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

- #100 - Alachua County Comprehensive Adopted Amendment
- #101 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments
- #103 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #104 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #105 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and
- #106 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Commissioner Patterson stated subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, the Council received the following late-arriving item which requires action prior to our next meeting

#107 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment.

She reported that the Committee finds that with the exception of #106, Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, the local government comprehensive plans as amended, are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjacent local governments. Commissioner Patterson further stated with regards to the Town of Lee item, the Committee finds that impacts to the Regional Road Network as a result of the amendment cannot be determined, therefore it is recommended that the Town either prepare an analysis of impacts of the amendment to the Regional Road Network or include Transportation Planning Best Practices contained in the regional plan as goals and policies in the Town Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Patterson stated that the Committee finds that significant adverse impacts may occur to Natural Resources of Regional Significance as a result of the deletion of protective objectives and policies which mitigate impacts to Areas of High Recharge Potential to the Floridian Aquifer as well as the Norton Creek Stream-to-Sink Watershed. She further reported that it is recommended that Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element Objective IV.5 and its associated policies as well as Conservation Element Policy V.2.1 be retained.

Commissioner Patterson stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning #100 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #101 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments; #103 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #104 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #105 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment #106 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; and #107 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Regional Planning Committee - Evaluation and Appraisal Report Based Amendments
North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Vice-Mayor Wilford, Regional Planning Committee Vice-Chair, reported that members of the Committee met earlier in the evening to continue the process of preparing amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. He stated that the Committee anticipates submitting the proposed amendments to the Council for its consideration at the October 2016 Council meeting.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the next I-75 Relief Task Force meeting will be held in Levy County on June 24, 2016. He also reported that the Department hosted community open houses for the I-75 Relief Task Force earlier in June 2016. He further stated that the Department will host a local government grant funding meetings on October 3, 2016 at the Suwannee River Water Management District in Live Oak and October 6, 2016 at the St. Johns Water Management District in Palatka.

Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water Management District, thanked the local government members for submitting their springs and river projects. He stated that contracts for the river projects should be mailed in the next few weeks.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to develop a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics related to each of the Six Pillars. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the June 2016 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Financial Disclosure Report Filing

Mr. Koons reported that all members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year. He stated the financial disclosure forms filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfill this requirement. Gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Council members should have received a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the past few weeks.

