

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

January 26, 2017
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Rick Davis, Madison County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
John Meeks, Levy County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Department
of Transportation
James Peluso, St. Johns
Water Management District
Rory Snider, Suwannee River
Water Management District

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

None

MEMBERS ABSENT

Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Mike Deming, City of Perry
Jason Evans, High Springs
Adrian Hayes-Santos, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
William Hunter, Hamilton County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Bennett
Robert Brown
Sandra Buck-Camp
Joseph Demps
Sean Greene
LJ Johnson
Stew Lilker
Darryl Mortimer
Daniel Penniman
Judy Rice
Chad Williams

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Lynn Godfrey
Scott Koons
Jean Strong
Tara Tucker

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 7:32 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Catron and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Davis stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis welcomed and introduced Robert Brown, County Commissioner from Hamilton County; Tim Bennett, City Manager from the City of Madison; Judy Rice, City Clerk from the City of Newberry; Chad Williams, County Engineer from Columbia County; Sandra Buck-Camp and LJ Johnson, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Sean Greene and Daniel Penniman, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission North Central Region; Jimmy Peluso, Legislative and Planning Analyst from St. Johns River Water Management District; Joseph Demps, brother of Council Member Thomas Demps; Darryl Mortimer, husband of Council member Janice Mortimer and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Davis asked that the agenda be approved with the removal of Item VI.C. Appointment of the Citizen Advocate Representative to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board from the Consent Agenda and the removal of Item VII.D. Mayor Nobles Receives 40 Years of Service as an Elected Official Award being removed from the Chair's Report.

ACTION: Commissioner Cornell made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Wilford, to approve the agenda with the removal of Item VI.C. Appointment of the Citizen Advocate Representative to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board from the Consent Agenda and the removal of Item VII.D. Mayor Nobles Receives 40 Years of Service as an Elected Official Award from the Chair's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

Steven Dopp, Senior Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Economic Development Strategies for North Central Florida. Mr. Dopp outlined the duties of the Council as an economic development district and gave an overview of the Economic Development Strategy for the North Central Florida Economic Development District. He also discussed the marketing programs, including travel trade shows attended by Task Force members of The Original Florida Tourism Task Force to promote increased tourism as a means of economic development through "Visit Natural North Florida" and "Fish Natural North Florida." Chair Davis thanked Mr. Dopp for his presentation.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 8, 2016

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Budd made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - November 2016 and December 2016
- B. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement
Fiscal Year 2016-17 City of Cedar Key

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.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Members

Chair Davis welcomed new Council members County Commissioner Thomas Demps from Taylor County and County Commissioner Tim Murphy from Columbia County.

- B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation
 - 1. Jeffery Bradley
 - 2. Jeannie Carr

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Budd to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Jeffery Bradley and Jeannie Carr. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Appointment -
Diane Head

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to approve the Appointment of Diane Head to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee - Assigned Fund Balance - Capital Reserve

Mr. Koons stated that during Fiscal Year 2014-15, \$15,689 for depreciation of building and equipment was applied to the capital assets of the Council. After adding \$1,908 of purchased furniture fixtures and equipment, it resulted in a net total of \$525,689 accumulated depreciation of fixed assets. He also stated that the Capital Reserve Fund is maintained at an amount approximate to the accumulated depreciation of building and equipment to cover one-time capital expenditures for building improvements/repairs and equipment replacement/upgrades. Mr. Koons further stated that in order to maintain the Capital Reserve Fund at this level, it is recommended that \$15,000 from the Council's unassigned fund balance be encumbered as part of

the Capital Reserve Fund assigned fund balance to increase the amount for accumulated depreciation of building and equipment costs from \$525,000 to \$540,000.

ACTION: Commissioner Budd made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to encumber \$15,000 of the Council's unassigned fund balance as part of the assigned fund balance to increase the Capital Reserve Fund balance for accumulated depreciation of building and equipment costs to \$540,000. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Mr. Montgomery, Clearinghouse Committee Chair, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met November 16, 2016 and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments.

- #3 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #4 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #5 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #6 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

He also stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met January 5, 2017 and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments.

- #13 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments
- #14 - City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #15 - Town of Fort White Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #16 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #17 - Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #18 - City of Perry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #19 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

He reported these items were reviewed by the Committee on behalf of the Council as per Council Procedures for local government comprehensive plan amendments with response deadlines prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Mr. Montgomery stated a copy of the Committee reports and findings for these items were included in the Council meeting packet.

Mr. Montgomery also stated that the Council received the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

- #21 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #22 - City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #23 - Town of Greenville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Mr. Montgomery reported that the staff found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjacent local governments. Mr. Montgomery further stated that staff recommended forwarding these findings to the local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to approve the staff reports concerning #21 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, #22 - City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, and #23 - Town of Greenville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the Department has received over 80 applications for Small County Road Assistance Program, Small County Outreach Program and County Incentive Grant Program grant funds. He also stated that the Department held its second annual Local Government Transportation Summit in Lake City earlier in the day on January 26, 2017.

James Peluso, St. Johns River Water Management District, stated that the partnership with Suwannee River Water Management District will solicit local governments for cost share projects on or about March 15, 2017. He also stated that projects can address either water supply or water quality.

Rory Snider, Suwannee River Water Management District stated that the Suwannee River Water Management District and St. Johns River Water Management District Boards recently adopted the North Florida Water Supply Plan. He stated that the District's cost share program for local governments is currently open.

Daniel Penniman, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission North Central Region that the Commission is focusing on six new strategic initiatives through their work with local landowners, local governments, state review agencies and federal agencies.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stew Lilker discussed the appointment of the Citizen Advocate Representative to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board item that was removed from the Consent Agenda for the January 26, 2017 Council meeting.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. He stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the December 2016 activities report included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Regional Planning Councils Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Mr. Koons reported that Chair Davis, Executive Committee Member Wilford and he attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tallahassee on January 13, 2017. He reported that the Policy Board heard presentations from Amy Baker, Coordinator, Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research; Leslie Wollack, Executive Director, National Association of Regional Councils; Greg Vaday, Florida Economic Development Representative, U. S. Economic Development Administration; Eric Poole, Deputy Director of Public Policy, Florida Association of Counties; and David Cruz, Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities. Mr. Koons stated that the Policy Board also received an update on its Rebranding Project and its Strategic Operating Plan and that the Policy Board also reviewed a financial report and made appointments to the Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

C. 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 January 2017 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

D. Economic Development District Grantee Performance Report for the Period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Mr. Koons reported that the Council is a federally designated economic development district by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and each year, the Council reports on job creation/retention, private sector investment and public sector investment for projects funded by the U. S. Economic Development District or other sources that implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy adopted by the Council. He stated that the Grantee Performance Report for the period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, included in the Council meeting packet, reports an estimated 1,088 jobs were either created or retained, an estimated \$23,000,000 in private investment and an estimated \$900,000 in public investment occurred on ten projects that implemented the Strategy during the reporting period.

E. Medical Marijuana

Mr. Koons stated that voters approved the legalization of medical marijuana by approving Amendment No. 2 to the Florida Constitution on November 8, 2016 and in order for the amendment to be implemented, the Florida Legislature will be considering enabling legislation during the 2017 Legislative Session. He stated that in addition, the Florida Department of Health will be adopting administrative rules licensing medical marijuana dispensaries. Mr. Koons also reported the Florida Association of Counties will be holding a Medical Marijuana Summit in

