

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

March 30, 2017
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Patricia, Bouie, City of Hawthorne
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Jason Evans, City of High Springs
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
William Hunter, Hamilton County
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
James Tallman, Union County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
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
Susan Davis, St Johns River
Water Management District
Noah Valenstein, Suwannee River
Water Management District

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
James Catron, City of Madison
Mike Deming, City of Perry
Adrian Hayes-Santos, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp
Kaitlin Davidson
Diana Davis
Sean Greene
Don Hale
Brian Kaufmann
Stew Lilker
Darryl Mortimer
Judy Rice
Huiwei Shen
Bikram Wadhawan

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
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 7:38 p.m. with an invocation given by Ms. Thomas 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 Don Hale, County Commissioner from Suwannee County; Brian Kaufmann, County Manager from the Madison County; Judy Rice, City Clerk from City of Newberry; Sandra Buck-Camp and Ralph Kitchens, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Katlin Davidson and Bikram Wadhawan, Hanson Professional Services, Inc. (consultants for the Florida Department of Transportation); Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis; Darryl Mortimer, husband of Council member Janice Mortimer and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

Chair Davis asked that Item VIII.B.8. #74 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to add Item VIII.B.8. #74 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Davis asked that the agenda be approved.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. GUEST SPEAKER - Huiwei Shen, Manager, Systems Planning Office
Florida Department of Transportation

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Huiwei Shen, Manager of Systems Planning Office from the Florida Department of Transportation. Ms. Shen gave a presentation on the conclusions of the North Interstate 75 Master Plan Update. Chair Davis thanked Ms. Shen for her comments.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 23, 2017

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Monthly Financial Report - February 2017

- B. Florida Department of Transportation
Joint Participation Agreement and Resolution
- C. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.
- D. Local Government Emergency Management Strategic Planning Services Agreement
Fiscal Year 2016-17 - Gilchrist County
- E. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Prepare
Commodities Flow Study
- F. Purchase Order with Apalachee Regional Planning Council to Assist with
Evaluating Statewide Hurricane Exercise
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments
- H. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Certifications
- I. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator
for Madison County
- J. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Resolutions Fiscal Year 2017-18

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: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Member

Chair Davis welcomed new Council member Commissioner Patricia Bouie from City of Hawthorne.

- B. Resolution of Appreciation - DeLoris Roberts

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for DeLoris Roberts. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation
 - 1. Ginger Calhoun
 - 2. Martha Humphries

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Evans to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Ginger Calhoun and Martha Humphries. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Executive Director Appointed to Florida Chamber Foundation Florida 2030 Infrastructure and Growth Leadership Pillar Advisory Committee

Chair Davis stated that Executive Director, Scott Koons has been appointed to Florida Chamber Foundation Florida 2030 Infrastructure and Growth Leadership Pillar Advisory Committee. He stated that Mr. Koons will join leaders throughout the state on the Florida 2030 Advisory Committee to help craft a blueprint for Florida's future that secures prosperity and high wage jobs, prepares us for more aggressive global competitiveness and promotes vibrant and sustainable communities for Floridians.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee - None
- B. Clearinghouse Committee

Commissioner Sessions, Clearinghouse Committee Vice-Chair, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He 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.

- #66 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #67 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #69 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #70 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #71 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #72 - Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #73 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Commissioner Sessions stated that following item added to the agenda requires action prior to the next meeting.

- #74 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Commissioner Sessions stated with regards to item #67 Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, is not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources or adjacent local governments. He further stated however, significant adverse impacts may occur to a segment of the Regional Road Network.

Commissioner Sessions stated with regards to remaining items, the Committee finds that 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. He stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: **Commissioner Sessions made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell, to approve the Committee recommendations concerning #66 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #67 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #69 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #70 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #71 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #72 - Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #73 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and #74- City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

Commissioner Burnam, Regional Planning Committee Chair, gave the Regional Planning Committee Report, she stated that the Regional Planning Committee met earlier in the evening to review a proposed amendment to the Evaluation and Appraisal Reported-based Amendments as a result of comments received from reviewing agencies and local governments. She also stated the Committee anticipates presenting its final recommendation concerning the Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments at the April 27, 2017 Council meeting.

D. Program Committee - 2017-18 Overall Program Design

Ms. Thomas stated that the Program Committee is scheduled to meet on April 27, 2017 to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. She stated that this document is to be used as a basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. Ms. Thomas finally stated the Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 25, 2017 Council meeting.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Susan Davis, St. Johns Water Management District, stated the District is accepting applications from local governments for cost share projects through April 13, 2017. She noted that projects may address alternative water supply, water quality, flood protection, natural systems or water conservation.

Noah Valenstein, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that the District is accepting grant applications from local governments for springs projects through the end of April 2017. He also noted that the District is required by state law to establish minimum flows and levels for Outstanding Florida Springs. Finally, he stated that local governments are required by state law to adopt fertilizer use ordinances to protect Outstanding Florida Springs springsheds.

Sean Green, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission North Central Region, stated that the Commission offers wildlife conservation planning services to landowners and local governments throughout the region.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

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 February 2017 activities report included in the Council meeting packet.

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 March 2017 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

D. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported on bills of interest to regional planning councils and local governments being considered during the 2017 Legislative Session. He noted Senate Bill 600 by Senator Grimsley and House Bill 333 by Representative Clemons relate to the Rural Economic Development Initiative Program.

Mr. Koons reported that Senate Bill 216 by Senator Rodriguez relates to economic incentive programs. He also reported that House Bill 7005 by Commerce and Tourism Committee that also relates to economic incentive programs has passed the House of Representatives.

Mr. Koons reported House Bill 9 by Representative Renner relates to Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation (VisitFlorida). He stated that House Bill 889 by Representative Gruters and co-sponsors relates Florida government support organizations. He stated Senate Bill 1076 by Senator Passidono relates to Florida government support organizations.

Mr. Koons reported Senate Bill 1110 by Senator Brades, Braxton and Rodrigues relates to economic development. He stated Senate Bill 1112 by Senator Brades relates to state economic enhancement and development trust fund. Mr. Koons reported that Senate Bill 936 by Senator Montford relates to Regional Rural Development Grants. He stated that House Bill 1415 by Representative Ponder also relates to Regional Rural Development Grants. He stated House Bill 13 by Local Federal Veterans Affairs Subcommittee and Representative Raburn relates to community redevelopment areas. Mr. Koons also reported Senate Bill 1770 by Senator Lee also relates to community redevelopment agencies.

Mr. Koons reported House Bill 17 by Careers and Competition Subcommittee and Representatives Fine and Renner relates to local regulation preemption. He stated that Senate Bill 1158 by Senator Passisomo also relates to local regulation preemption.

ACTION: Commissioner Cornell made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to amend the agenda to add an item to send a letter signed by the Chair to the Senate President, House of Representatives Speaker and regional legislative delegation regarding the adverse impact on local home rule authority that would result from Senate Bill 1158 and House Bill 17. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Cornell made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to send a letter signed by the Chair to the Senate President, House of Representatives Speaker and regional legislative delegation regarding the adverse impact on local home rule authority that would result from Senate Bill 1158 and House Bill 17. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Koons reported Senate Bill 464 by Senator Clemens relates to natural hazards. He noted that House Bill 181 by Representative Jacobs also relates to natural hazards.

He stated House Bill 285 by Representative Fine relates to onsite sewage treatment and disposal system inspections and House Bill 551 by Representative Stone relates to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.

Mr. Koons reported Senate Bill 406 by Senator Bradley, Senate Bill 614 by Senator Brandes, Senate Bill 1388 by Senator Artiles, Senate Bill 1666 by Senator Braynon, Senate Bill 1758 by Senator Grimsley and House Bill 1397 by Representative Rodrigues all relate to medical marijuana.

Mr. Koons reported that three public servant leaders in the north central Florida region recently died. He noted that Herbert Darby, former Lake City Mayor and long-time City Attorney for Lake City; John McCormick former White Springs Mayor, Hamilton County Judge and long-time County Attorney for Hamilton County; as well as Keith Mixon, Live Oak City Council President all recently died. A moment of silence was observed by the Council in remembrance of the lives and service of these individuals.

In response to an inquiry by Council member Bill Hunter, Chair Davis stated that the Executive Committee would review the Council meeting format with particular emphasis regarding guest speakers.

