

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

June 28, 2007
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Rick Bryant, City of Gainesville
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
John Hersey, Bradford County
Eddie Martin, Alachua County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
James Painter, Alachua County
Rudolph Parker, Taylor County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Tracy Reeves, Madison County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jon Wershow

GUESTS PRESENT

Diana Davis
David Dodge, Bradford County
Bill Henderson, FL Dept. of Transportation
Peggy Hersey
Charles Hitchcock, Jr., City of Madison
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
Gerald O'Neil, Alachua County
John Rimes, Town of Worthington Springs
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Alcantar, City of Archer
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Martha Butler, Hamilton County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Cynthia Chestnut, Alachua County
Melaine Clyatt, Union County
Jack Donovan, City of Gainesville
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Kirk Eppenstein, City of High Springs
John Glanzer, City of Newberry
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Gilchrist County
Randy Hatch, Suwannee County
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Scherwin Henry, City of Gainesville
Emily Weed Ketring, City of Perry
Buddy Lamb, Dixie County
John Martin, City of Hawthorne
Jeanna Mastrodicasa, City of Gainesville
Heather Neill, Lafayette County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Ronald Williams, Columbia County

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Jayne Moraski

Board Members names are bolded

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Due to a vacancy in the chair position, Vice-Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation given by Mr. Martin, and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Acting Chair Ellis stated that there was a quorum of the Board and all Council members were able to vote.

Acting Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed four past members of the Council, David Dodge, Charles Maulsby, Dr. Gerald O'Neil and Lorene Thomas. Acting Chair Ellis also introduced John Rimes, Town Council President of the Town of Worthington Springs.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 24, 2007

Acting Chair Ellis asked that the minutes of the May 24, 2007 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Hersey made the motion, with a second by Mayor Nobles, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2007 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Madison County
- B. Amendment to Agreement with Bradford County - Hurricane Housing Recovery Program Administrative Services
- C. Amendment to Agreements with Florida Department of Community Affairs - Public Schools Facilities Comprehensive Plan Elements
- D. Revised Research Contract with University of Florida

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

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

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

B. Council Resolution of Appreciation - Frank Urban

Acting Chair Ellis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Mr. Frank Urban, who served as a gubernatorial representative for Alachua County.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bryant, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Urban. The motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Meeting Location

Scott Koons, Executive Director, reported that the Executive Committee had been discussing establishing a meeting location for future Council meetings. He stated that after meeting at several different locations, the Executive Committee recommended that the Council continue to meet at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites through May 2008.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to hold future Council meetings at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites through May 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

In the absence of Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas, Vice-Chair Paula DeLaney, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee members met earlier in the evening without a quorum and reviewed six Committee-level items which require Council action. She stated that the items reviewed have been grouped for the purpose of presentation.

#86 - City of Trenton Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 07-1)

#87 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 07-1)

Vice-Chair DeLaney stated that, with regards to the above two amendments, the Committee members found that the amendments have no significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, natural resources of regional significance, or nearby local governments. Therefore, the Committee members do not recommend the preparation of an Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report for either

of the amendments. Furthermore, the Committee members found that the Comprehensive Plans, if amended as proposed, will remain consistent with the regional plan. Vice-Chair DeLaney stated that the Committee members recommended forwarding these findings to the each local government and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Pinkoson, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee members recommendation concerning Item # 86 and Item #87. The motion carried unanimously.

#82 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
(DCA No. 07-1 CIE)

#88 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal
Report-based Amendment (DCA No. 07-1ER)

#90 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal
Report-based Amendment (DCA No. 07-1ER)

Vice-Chair DeLaney reported that the Committee members found that the Comprehensive Plans of these local governments, as amended, remained consistent with the regional plan. She further reported that the Committee members recommended forwarding this finding to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bryant, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee members recommendation concerning Items # 82, #88 and #90. The motion carried unanimously.

#89 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and
Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based Amendment
(DCA Nos. 07-1 and 07-1ER)

Vice-Chair DeLaney reported that the Committee members also reviewed Item #89, City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based Amendment. Vice-Chair DeLaney reported that the Committee members found that the City Comprehensive Plan, as amended by the Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendment, remains consistent with the Regional Plan. She stated that with regards to the regular adopted amendment, the Committee members found that the City Comprehensive Plan, as amended by City item CPA 05-9, was inconsistent with Regional Goal 5.1 and Regional Policy 5.1.9 due to adverse impacts to a segment of the regional road

network. She stated that this insufficiency was not enough to find the City Comprehensive Plan inconsistent with the regional plan. Therefore, Vice-Chair DeLaney reported that the Committee members found that the City Comprehensive Plan remains consistent with the regional plan. She further reported that the Committee members recommended forwarding the same Objection and Recommendation on City Item 05-9 which was made by the Council on the draft version of the amendment and that these findings be forwarded to the City and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee members recommendation concerning Item #89. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee -
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report Update - 2008-2012

Vice-Chair Ellis introduced Ms. Jayne Moraski, Economic Development Director for the Council, who gave a presentation reviewing the Committee's development of the 2008-2012 Strategy Report. She stated that the Council would review the draft report at their July 26, 2007 meeting and after a 30-day public comment period, would approve the final report at the September 27, 2007 meeting. Ms. Moraski informed the Council that from a total of 14 projects identified, the Committee was in the process of narrowing the list to five of the highest priority projects for presentation to the Council at their next meeting.

Vice-Chair Ellis thanked Ms. Moraski for her presentation.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Developments of Regional Impact Update

Mr. Koons reported that staff met with representatives from Butler Plaza concerning expansion of Butler Plaza in Alachua County. He reported that it is anticipated that a preapplication conference would be held in the next few months.

Mr. Koons stated that a meeting concerning the Norfleet development of regional impact in Newberry and Gilchrist County was cancelled by the applicant. He further reported that Santa Fe Healthcare development of regional impact would be requesting an extension of time to respond to the Council staff sufficiency comments.

Mr. Koons stated that the developers of the SpringHills development of regional impact filed a lawsuit and named Alachua County and the Council as co-defendants due to the denial of comprehensive plan amendments concerning the

Substantial Deviation to a Previously Approved Development of Regional Impact by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners on May 3, 2007. Mr. Jon Wershow, Council Attorney, informed the Council that everything possible will be done to limit the Council's involvement in the case.

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council authorize the executive director to represent and act on behalf of the Council in the best interest of the Council concerning the SpringHills Comprehensive Plan amendments for the Development of Regional Impact lawsuit and furthermore to authorize the executive director to expend funds from the Council's Legal Defense Fund restricted fund balance to engage the Council's attorney to defend the Council against the SpringHills Comprehensive Plan amendments for the Development of Regional Impact lawsuit.

ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hersey, that the executive director be authorized to represent and act on behalf of the Council in the best interest of the Council concerning the SpringHills Comprehensive Plan amendments for the Development of Regional Impact lawsuit and furthermore to authorize the executive director to expend funds from the Council's Legal Defense Fund restricted fund balance to engage the Council's attorney to defend the Council against the SpringHills Comprehensive Plan amendments for the Development of Regional Impact lawsuit. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Regional Planning Council Growth Management Responsibilities

Mr. Koons reported that Florida Department of Community Affairs Secretary Tom Pelham has met with the Florida Regional Councils Association Executive Directors Advisory Committee to discuss growth management in general and the role and responsibilities of regional planning councils. He reported that Secretary Pelham is interested in reforming the state growth management system.

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, 2007.

Mr. Bill Henderson, Florida Department of Transportation, gave a status report on the progress of the Florida state line sign on I-75 at the Georgia border. He stated that the sign recommended by the I-75 Beautification and Tourism Promotion Corridor Council would not be erected on I-75 at the Georgia border. However, a standard Florida Department of Transportation welcome sign will be erected on I-75 at the Georgia border.

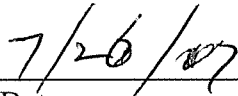
Mr. Henderson further stated that the Department of Transportation has begun an Interstate Master Plan Study for the I-75 corridor which will evaluate the I-75 corridor through Alachua, Columbia, Suwannee and Hamilton Counties. He reported that there will be a public meeting on this topic at Gainesville on July 17, 2007.

Mr. Koons advised the Council that staff member Brandon Howes, Associate Planner in Regional and Local Government Programs, will be leaving the Council to attend law school.

Acting Chair Ellis announced that the next meeting of the Council will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City on July 26, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Chair



Date