

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2007

Commissioner Teresa Jacobs Presiding

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Representatives

Commissioner Chuck Nelson, Brevard County
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Commissioner Elaine Renick, Lake County
Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, Orange County
Commissioner Fred Brummer, Orange County
Commissioner John Quinones, Osceola County
Mr. Atlee Mercer, Osceola County
Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide,
Seminole County
Commissioner Mike McLean, Seminole County
Councilwoman Joie Alexander, Volusia County
Councilman Art Giles, Volusia County

Municipal Representatives

Mayor Rocky Randels, Space Coast League of
Cities
Mayor John Land, Tri-County League of Cities
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, City of
Kissimmee
Mayor John Bush, Seminole County League
of Cities
Vice Mayor Mary Martin, Volusia County
League of Cities

Gubernatorial Appointees

Mr. Malcolm McLouth, Brevard County
Mr. Al Glover, Brevard County
Mr. Jon Rawlson, Orange County
Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Orange County

Ex-Officio and Other Municipal Reps

Ms. Nancy Christman, SJRWMD
Ms. Vivian Garfein, FDEP
Ms. Susan Sadighi, FDOT
Mr. John Weiss for Mr. Frank Hickson, FDOT
Mr. Thomas Genovese, SFWMD
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford

Other Attendees

Mr. Gerald Livingston, ECFRPC Counsel
Mr. Mike Williams, Flexi-Pave of Central
Florida, Inc.
Mr. Jeff Jones, Osceola County
Ms. Kathy Hattaway
Ms. Liz Alward, Brevard County
Ms. Saralee Morrissey, Volusia County
Schools
Mr. Tom Brooks, Volusia County Planning
Mr. Neal Thomas, FSI
Mr. Brandon Percy, Environmental Services

ECFRPC Staff

Mr. Phil Laurien
Ms. Ruth Little
Ms. Lelia Hars
Ms. Kimberly Loewen
Ms. Tara McCue
Mr. Fred Milch
Mr. Keith Smith
Mr. Andrew Landis
Ms. Claudia Paskauskas
Ms. Tuesdai Brunsonbyrd-Bowden

Members not in Attendance

Commissioner Helen Voltz, Volusia County
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Ms. Aileen Cubillos, Seminole County
Ms. Maryam Ghyabi, Volusia County
Ms. Lennon Moore, OOCEA

I. Call to Order and General Business

Chair Teresa Jacobs called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., recognizing new council members Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide and Commissioner Michael McLean representing Seminole County, and John Quinones representing Osceola County. Ruth Little called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

Prior Minutes

Mr. Mercer presented the minutes of the December 5, 2007 council meeting for approval. He noted that Commissioner Grieb had asked for a review of the Council's attendance policy in the final announcements portion of the December meeting. Mr. Mercer moved for approval of the December minutes with the noted addition. Mr. McLouth seconded the motion and the MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2007 MINUTES PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Reports

Vice Mayor Martin presented the November and December 2007 financial reports. No questions were raised about the report. Vice Mayor Martin made a Motion for approval of the November and December financial reports. The Motion was seconded by Mayor Land and the MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2007 FINANCIAL REPORTS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

II. Osceola County Comprehensive Plan Amendments – *Mr. Jeff Jones, Osceola County*

Mr. Jeff Jones gave a report on the major changes made in Osceola County's Comprehensive Plan. In December of 2005, the County Commissioners adopted a plan with a brand new growth strategy. When it was submitted to the state, the ideas were so new that it was initially rejected. Mr. Jones showed a map which illustrated the majority of development in the northwest corner of the county. This approach protects Osceola County's natural resources, including the headwaters of the St. Johns River, that are important to the entire state. According to BEBR, population is expected to double by 2025, creating demands for services and pressure on natural resources.

Mr. Jones emphasized that containing the growth is a major concern. The new Comp Plan strives to contain growth to the northwest quadrant. The plan also allows the county to provide services more efficiently. The majority of Osceola residents are employed outside of the county, and the County therefore relies on some of the highest impact fees in the state to fund services and roads. The new plan creates an urban boundary which cannot be expanded with every development application. Within this boundary, two-thirds of the area has minimum densities of three dwelling units per acre, and the remaining land has a five unit per acre minimum, with the County encouraging up to 25 units per acre. Mr. Jones said it took a year and a half to convince DCA that this plan will work.

Next, Mr. Jones showed a series of slides depicting the progression of a typical street as densities increase. A very active question and answer period followed the presentation.

III. Report of the Chair – Commissioner Teresa Jacobs

Commissioner Jacobs presented two resolutions to the Council for the consideration and adoption. The background of the Florida Forever Resolution was briefly discussed. Commissioner Nelson made a Motion to approve the Florida Forever Resolution as presented. The Motion was Seconded and UNANIMOUSLY PASSED. Mr. Mercer then moved for approval of the HazMat Week Resolution as written. The Motion was seconded by Mayor Land and UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

IV. Social Security Reporting Added to Agenda

Mr. Livingston asked for a Motion to add an urgent item to the agenda regarding the collection of social security numbers because of a January 31, 2008 deadline. Mr. O’Keefe moved to place the item on the agenda. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Mercer and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

According to Mr. Livingston, the state is changing the requirements for the collection and distribution of social security numbers. He then read a suggested resolution as follows: “The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council collects social security numbers for the following purposes: identification and verification, billing and payments, benefit processing and tax reporting. Social security numbers are also used as a unique numeric identifier and may be used for such purposes.” Commissioner Brummer objected on the ground that the resolution is too broad. He wants the allowed purposes restricted to tax reporting, insurance and pension reporting purposes. After discussion, Mayor Land made a Motion to approve the Resolution as amended by Commissioner Brummer. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Rawlson and UNANIMOUSLY PASSED. The questions raised by Commissioner Grieb regarding credit checks of employees, because it was not directly related to the reporting deadline by the State, were deferred and may or may not be brought up at a future council meeting.

V. Volusia County School Concurrency “No School Zone” Policy – Ms. Saralee Morrissey, Volusia County Schools

Ms. Morrissey reported on the Volusia County school concurrency “no school zone” policy which is currently being debated by the Department of Community Affairs. Ms. Morrissey showed a map and explained the County’s position for creating the no school zone based on population, current school capacities, and Volusia County’s Map A of environmentally sensitive areas. The County’s policy does not eliminate adjacency requirements; it just creates something that the statutes did not anticipate.

Mr. Laurien pointed out the importance of the draft Regional Green Print map, which identifies the envisioned conservation corridor for Volusia County. Ms. Morrissey agreed and said that the County’s school concurrency plans match the larger regional efforts for both future development and the preservation of a sensitive wildlife corridor.

A discussion followed about the issues involved. Mr. McLouth made a Motion to direct staff to research the issue and provide background information for the purpose of drafting a resolution consistent with the Council’s views on planning. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner McLean and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Laurien gave a brief synopsis of the recent FRCA meeting, including a caution about likely budget cuts in the form of property tax reductions and reduced funding to RPCs from the DCA.

Next, Mr. Laurien talked about the Northeast Florida Regional Water Supply Summit. Water and the environment are part of the Natural Resources of Regional Significance (NRORS) Map. He also passed along a thank you from Palm Bay regarding recent recommendations to their comprehensive plan amendments. After several conversations, they may be interested in sector plans, which are more smart growth oriented. Palm Bay is applying for an open slot for in the state's test program for sector plans.

Mr. Laurien also briefly reviewed handouts regarding traffic mitigation across county lines, and an article on visioning. He also discussed the 2007 Affordable Housing Report, which will be emailed to council members. There is no alternative offered for the state-approved housing methodology, which is essentially declared dead in this report.

Mr. Laurien reported on implementation of the regional vision: The Greenprint is nearing completion and is essential to implementing the vision. He attended a 17/92 corridor redevelopment working group meeting, and will meet with Oviedo this week regarding the possible implementation contract with Seminole County. The City of Tavares is moving forward with smart growth plans. Lastly, he congratulated Kimberly Loewen for receiving the 2007 Certificate of Outstanding Achievement award from the State Emergency Response Commission for stepping in when Terri Hunalp passed away.

VII. Announcements / Comments

Commissioner Jacobs provided an opportunity for Council members and members of the public to bring up events, issues or other items of interest.

Ms. Loewen made an announcement about the Lake Agnes Gifford Transmission Line and showed a map of the proposed line placement.

Information on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's UIC Program was distributed.

Commissioner Van Der Weide distributed flyers produced by Seminole County regarding the upcoming tax amendment vote.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.