



# Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 18, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

309 Cranes Roost Blvd. Suite 2000, Mayor John H. Land Board Room  
Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

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## I. Call to Order and General Business

- Call to Order – Commissioner Constantine
- Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Constantine
- Roll Call – Ms. Pegge Parker

## II. Consent Agenda

- January 2015 Council Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)
- December 2014 and January 2015 Financial Reports (Attachment 2)
- FDOT Central Florida Safe Routes Portal Task Amendment – Resolution #01 – 2015 (Attachment 3)
- Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement (JPA)
  - Lake-Sumter MPO – Resolution #02 – 2015 (Attachment 4)
  - MetroPlan Orlando – Resolution #03 – 2015 (Attachment 5)

## III. HUD Sub-recipient – Parramore Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan – Paul Lewis, Chief Planner, City of Orlando

## IV. Freight Terminology Relevant to Central Florida – Ryan Marks, District Freight Coordinator, Florida Department of Transportation

## V. Brevard County Update – Robin Sobrino, Brevard County Planning and Development Director

## VI. Volusia County 1<sup>st</sup> Responder/Hazmat/Fire Training Symposium – Tim Kitchen, Emergency Preparedness Manager

## VII. Brief County Updates – County Representatives

## VIII. Chair's Report – Legislative Update

- Senate Bill #484/House Bill #873 – Regional Planning Councils
- Senate Bill #562/House Bill #579 – Growth Management/DRIs

**IX. Executive Director's Report**

- Budget Update
- Staff Activities and DRI Report (Handout)
  - Coordination with DEO – Palm Bay Trip
  - Orlando International Airport – East Airfield DRI
  - Villa City DRI

**X. Announcements/Comments**

**XI. Adjournment**

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# **ATTACHMENT 1**

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January 2015 Council Meeting Minutes

**EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2015 10:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONER LEE CONSTANTINE PRESIDING

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**In Attendance:**

**County Representatives:**

Commissioner Jim Barfield, Brevard County  
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County  
Commissioner Scott Boyd, Orange County  
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Osceola County  
Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County  
Commissioner John Horan, Seminole County  
County Chair Jason Davis, Volusia County  
Councilwoman Joyce Cusack, Volusia County

**Municipal Representatives:**

Mayor Rocky Randels, Space Coast League of Cities (City of Cape Canaveral)  
Mayor Gary Bruhn, Tri-County League of Cities (Town of Windermere)  
Mayor David Mealor, Tri-County League of Cities (City of Lake Mary)  
Vice Mayor Leigh Matusick, Volusia County League of Cities (City of DeLand)

**Gubernatorial Appointees:**

Mr. Jose A. Rivas, Orange County  
Mr. John Lesman, Seminole County

**Ex-Officio Members:**

Ms. Heather Garcia, Florida Department of Transportation  
Mr. Aaron Watkins for Mr. Jeff Prather, Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Ms. Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District  
Mr. William Graf, South Florida Water Management District

**Other Attendees:**

Mr. Shailesh K. Patel, DMC  
Mr. Pedro Leon, Volusia County Economic Development  
Mr. Felix Fernandez, Battelle, Ponce Inlet  
Mr. Henry O. Pate, Battelle, Ponce Inlet  
Ms. Lorelle Friend, Friends of Spruce Creek Preserve  
Mr. Tomm Friend, TaskForce  
Ms. Susan McCune, Orange County Planning  
Ms. Alayna Curry, Central Florida Expressway Authority  
Ms. Carleen Flynn, Lynx

**Members not in Attendance:**

Commissioner Andy Anderson, Brevard County  
Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County  
Commissioner Viviana Janer, Osceola County  
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando  
Commissioner Michael Holland, Lake County League of Cities (City of Eustis)  
Ms. Jill Rose, Orange County  
Mr. Russell Gibson, City of Sanford

**ECFRPC Staff in Attendance:**

Attorney Jerry Livingston	Mr. Hugh Harling, Jr.
Mr. Fred Milch	Ms. Tara McCue
Mr. Luis Nieves-Ruiz	Ms. Jessica Benn
Ms. Pegge Parker	Mr. Andrew Landis
Mr. PJ Smith	Ms. Lelia Hars

**I. Call to Order and General Business**

Commissioner Constantine called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cadwell. Ms. Pegge Parker called the roll and announced a quorum was present. Commissioner Constantine welcomed Commissioner Barfield as a new member of the Council.

**II. Consent Agenda**

County Chair Davis made a motion to approve the November 2014 Council Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Randels and the motion carried. Commissioner Cadwell made a motion to approve the October and November 2014 Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Mayor Bruhn and the motion was approved and carried.

**III. Amendment #1 Update Presentation** – Mr. Clay Henderson, Attorney, Holland & Knight

Mr. Clay Henderson gave a presentation on Water & Land Conservation – Amendment 1 implementation explaining that 75% of all voters voted Yes on Amendment 1. The primary issues with the voters included lack of funding for water and land conservation, proposed surplus of conservation lands, the crisis with the Indian River Lagoon and Wekiva Springs, and the degradation of Florida’s springs. Amendment 1 allocates 33% of the existing excise tax (doc stamps) to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for land conservation, restoration, and management for a period of twenty years, effective July 1, 2015.

Other activities involved in this budget include stormwater retrofits, wastewater treatment plant upgrades, beach re-nourishment, land management, creating a five-year conservation plan, and increasing administration staff.

Mayor Mealor suggested sending a link to this presentation to all Council members. There was general discussion on how projects would be submitted, prioritized and funded. Mr. Henderson stated that much of this still needs to be determined by the legislature.

Commissioner Constantine stated that once current statutes that currently exist are fully funded, there will still be a great deal of funds leftover and we will need to create a priority list of shovel-ready projects to fund.

**IV. Volusia County Update “Mosquito Lagoon Water Clarity”** – County Chair Jason Davis; Tomm Friend, Project Director; Henry Pate, Sr. Research Scientist, Batelle; Shailesh Patel, Project Manager, Dredging and Marine Consultants

County Chair Davis opened the presentation with an overview of problems and solutions within the Mosquito Lagoon, particularly the toxic waste product ammonia, which is made up of nitrogen and oxygen and excreted by the living creatures in the lagoon. He explained that normally, the oxygen-dependent bacteria removes the oxygen from the ammonia and releases the nitrogen into the atmosphere. However, the Coronado Causeway restricts the tidal flow into the Mosquito Lagoon which has resulted in the lagoon being unable to support the oxygen-dependent bacteria resulting in ammonia accumulation. The reduction of water flow results in spikes of salinity, thus impacting fish and plant reproduction and the rapid growth of brown algae.

The presentation continued to describe Batelle’s Florida Research Facility project designed to reintroduce oxygen rich sea water into the Lagoon in two phases. Phase A would include passive enhancements such as manifold installations which are controlled by tidal pressure creating a positive flow of fresh sea water; BridgeDolphins, or deflectors, on the footings of the North Causeway Bridge would result in an increase in flow and exchange which would provide structure to improve fishery resources and water quality; the release of 4,000 reef balls (made of concrete) beneath public and participating private docks from Brevard County to Flagler County and throughout the Volusia estuary to reintroduce life to the lagoon and rivers; and a water monitoring network to monitor lagoon water levels. Phase B would include BridgeDolphins, or deflectors, for N. Halifax and N. Indian (Brevard and Volusia), with flow devices at key points.

County Chair Davis requested a letter of support from the Council to help push this project forward and assist in his application for grants. Commissioner Constantine asked how much the project would cost in its entirety. The response was approximately \$25 million for entire coastline.

Commissioner Boyd stated that while he is supportive of the initiative and commends County Chair Davis on all the hard work, there are a number of projects that each county has that could benefit from a letters of support and that perhaps a priorities list should be created so all projects in the region are addressed equally by the RPC. Commissioner Constantine suggested to County Chair Davis that perhaps the initiative should be taken to Volusia County first and then brought back to the Council at the next meeting. Chair Davis agreed and stated that it was brought to the Council originally because it also involved Brevard County, not just Volusia County. It was decided to bring back the request for a letter of support at a later date.

**V. Brief County Updates** – County Representatives

- Commissioner Boyd, Orange County – Orange County continues to see a tremendous amount of growth, especially in Southwest Orange; they are moving forward on a potential new high school that is needed in the area and are working on a good relationship with the School Board.
- Commissioner Horan, Seminole County – Seminole County is expecting substantially complete design drawings for a new sportsplex to be constructed just east of the Sanford

Airport on East Lake Mary Boulevard. It will include 16 fields, including 9 or 10 multi-purpose fields, and will begin hosting tournaments by early 2016. The sportsplex has generated a lot of interest in contiguous property development including a mixed-use project with a hotel and indoor sports projects. Commissioner Constantine discussed the approval for the merger of the Casselberry Fire Department into the Seminole County Fire Department, which also includes the cities of Winter Springs and Altamonte Springs.

- Commissioner Grieb, Osceola County – Commissioner Grieb will introduce new Council member, Commissioner Janer, at the next Council meeting. The biggest item on Osceola County's agenda, and which will affect central Florida and Florida in general, is the 100,000 square foot Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility. The County will request from the State \$125 million for the specialized equipment and infrastructure for the facility which is similar to a business incubator. The County has already provided the \$61 million for the structure. Also, a new portion of the Shingle Creek Trail has just broken ground which will connect to Orange County.
- Commissioner Barfield, Brevard County – There were about 26 launches in 2014 which has increased competition for commercial space; the economy is picking up with lots of new jobs and new industries. Commissioner Barfield also serves on the five-county coalition for the Indian River Lagoon.
- Commissioner Cusack and Vice Mayor Matusick, Volusia County – Commissioner Cusack provided an overview of economic development activities in Volusia County: The UCF business incubator at Daytona International Airport completed its third year in operation; November employment increased by 6,000 jobs; unemployment decreased by 1% in the past 12 months; there have been 32 new businesses and facilities in Volusia County; and the trails and parks improvements continue with 22.7 miles of existing trails and 25.2 miles funded for new trails. The total trail system when completed will be 70.5 miles. Vice Mayor Matusick stated that the City of DeLand and Volusia County are committed to SunRail being extended to DeLand. Volusia County has requested a letter of support to Washington from the Central Florida MPO Alliance for the extension and completion of the north end. The south end, a separate phase, has received funding but Volusia County has not received funding and it is not in the President's budget at this time. Commissioner Horan made a motion to send a letter to the FTA Administrator emphasizing the importance of treating this as one project. Vice Mayor Matusick seconded the motion and it carried.

## **VI. Chair's Report**

- Previous to this Council meeting, the Nominating Committee for the Executive Board met and, due to the vacancy left by Chair Nelson, it was suggested to move all current Executive Board members up one position: Commissioner Constantine, Chair; Commissioner Cadwell, Vice Chair; Vice Mayor Matusick, Secretary; Ms. Rose, Treasurer; and the new At-Large member would be Mayor Randels. Commissioner Horan made a motion to approve the nomination of Mayor Randels and the new slate of the Executive Board. Commissioner Barfield seconded and the motion was approved and carried.

## **VII. Executive Director's Report**

- Mr. Harling stated there will be an orientation meeting for new Council members, and any other members that would like to attend, after the May Council meeting.
- **FRCA and Policy Board Update** – The January FRCA meeting in Tallahassee included a Policy Board meeting and Commissioner Constantine and Ms. Jill Rose represented the

Council. Included in the meeting was a discussion regarding issues with the Regional Planning Councils and, in particular, the Withlacoochee RPC. There is also a move by one State Senator to eliminate the RPCs.

- **Project Updates:**

- Indian River Lagoon – Work continues with the five counties; completed mapping of all 3,500 outfalls over 152 miles; the data on the pollution, and which ones are the worst, will then be overlaid on the map and an analysis will be made to prioritize outfalls and the treatment process.
- ECF Corridor Task Force – Completed the study of the corridor from Osceola and Orange counties over to southern Brevard County. The report has been submitted to the Governor and they are working on the best methodology to improve the road systems.
- Town of Pierson - Economic study continues regarding agricultural diversification;
- City of Satellite Beach – continuing coastal resiliency project;
- City of Kissimmee – continuing housing study;
- Emergency Management 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hazardous Material Symposium - completed;
- HUD – working on completion of final close-out

- **Staff Activities and DRI Report** – The Executive Committee meeting packet contains a Staff Activities Report and DRI Update which includes a list of ongoing and completed projects for the months of November and December 2014, including an update on DRIs.

### **VIII. Announcements/Comments**

- The next Council meeting is March 18, 2015.
- Dog Mardi Gras Parade in the City of DeLand this Saturday, 11:00 a.m.
- The Orange City Manatee Festival this Saturday.

### **IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, Commissioner Constantine adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.