

Minutes of the
NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
August 3, 2006

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, August 3, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

President Stern called the meeting to order with the following members present representing a quorum:

BAKER	Ginger Barber Hugh Fish Charles Prachar
CLAY	Deidra Franklin Bill Basford Carol Vallencourt
DUVAL	Mary Louise Dungey James Fletcher
FLAGLER	Joann King Bob Sgroi
NASSAU	Bob Spaeth Tom Branan
PUTNAM	Mary Lawson-Brown Linda Myers
ST. JOHNS	Karen Stern Harry Maxwell Don Crichlow
EX-OFFICIO	Linda Burnette

Excused Absence: Gordon Crews, Harold Rutledge, Rea Fleckenstein, Jerry Holland, Elaine Brown, Blair Kanbar, Ansley Acree, Chip Laibl, Brad Purcell, Clare Berry, Bruce Maguire, Gregory Strong, Larry Parks

Absent: Wes Larson

Others: Jennifer Auger, Leah Gabbay, Jennifer Ingels, Richard Adams, Lynn Pappas, Tom Ingram, Lisa Ransom, Valerie Britt, Walter Fufidio, Sonia

Himmelberg and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Ed Lehman, Jeff Alexander, Mike Hadden, Lee Brown, Jeanie Palmer, Donna Starling, Charles McCool, Barry Piacenza, Guy Parolla and Angi Giles

Mr. Fish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sgroi moved approval of the **June 1, 2006, meeting's minutes; seconded by Ms. Dungey; motion unanimously carried.**

President's Report

None.

*Consent Agenda

President Stern asked if any items needed to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. There was 1 item to be moved to the Discussion Agenda; Flagler County Transmitted Amendment 06-01, **moved by Ms. Dungey, seconded by Mr. Spaeth; motion unanimously carried. Mr. Fish** moved approval of the **Consent Agenda; seconded by Ms. Dungey; motion unanimously carried.**

Discussion Agenda

Mr. Lehman called attention to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review stating that one of the amendments had been received too late for mail out.

*Flagler County ñ Transmitted Amendment 06-01

Mr. Lehman reviewed this amendment stating that the City of Palm Coast opposes the amendment. Ms. Jennifer Ingels and Mr. Richard Adams with the City of Palm Coast spoke of their objections. Mr. Walter Fufidio of Flagler County Planning Department responded to objections by City of Palm Coast; also stating that there was not a lot of time for review of the City of Palm Coast's objections before the Council meeting.

Commissioner Myers stated that she would like to modify Staff's recommendation to DCA to review the amendment. Mr. Maxwell asked to table amendment until further review. **Ms. Dungey** asked about regional impact and the Council's role; stated that she is not comfortable with the County and City being at odds. A discussion followed.

President Stern suggested that Staff change the summarization. **Ms. Dungey** moved approval of **Flagler County Transmitted Amendment 06-01 with summarization changed, recommending that DCA review the amendment; seconded by Mr. Spaeth; motion unanimously carried.**

*City of Jacksonville ñ Adopted Amendment 06-1

Mr. Lehman stated this amendment comes before the Council without action taken by the Committee due to issues that needed to be brought before the full Council. This is an Adopted Amendment for the Black Hammock Island Comp Plan for which the Council has a recommendation in the Transmitted Form. Per the Adopted Amendment, HB1359 changed the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA). Staff determined that this whole area is in the CHHA. With the changes to HB1359, the area is not in the Storm Surge Area and not in the CHHA except for a small portion. A discussion followed.

Public Comment

Ms. Lynn Pappas, 245 Riverside Avenue, spoke; explaining the difference between Storm Surge, CHHA and evacuation zones. Ms. Pappas stated that Adopted Amendment 06-1 is consistent with the SRPP.

Ms. Valerie Britt, 378 Tilefish Court, spoke regarding her desire to see a revision of the recent Policy. Ms. Britt stated that she opposed the Black Hammock Island FLUM amendment, and that Mr. Lehman's comments regarding the concurrency of the FLUM changes should be applied here. Ms. Britt also said that the Amendment fails to consider existing development rights which will come on line for which mitigation applies. She also noted that if the SRPP does not address regional impacts on regional transportation facilities and evacuation routes; that it is deficient in having the basic policies to consider for approval or denial. Ms. Britt stated that we are already in an evacuation crisis, and the citizens look to the Council for regional leadership.

A discussion followed, with **President Stern** stating that Staff's recommendations should be followed. **President Stern** asked for comments before voting on the Amendment. **Commissioner Crichlow** stated that he agrees with following Policy, but doesn't think the mitigation is sufficient; however, as a Council, we should stand by the SRPP. **Commissioner Fletcher** asked to hear comments from Ms. Lisa Ransom, Senior Planner from the City of Jacksonville. Ms. Ransom stated that there is a density issue, but the Jacksonville City Council approved the Amendment, and that she must stand by the City Council's approval. **A motion to approve City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 06-1 was made by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Ms. Dungey; motion carried with 2 nays by Mr. Fish and Councilman Fletcher.**

Hurricane Preparedness Presentation

Jeff Alexander gave a review of the Evacuation exercise that was held at the Council, stating that it was well received and found key points and procedural changes that should be made. The Council will be more proactive in Evacuation. Mr. Alexander also gave a brief overview of the County Storm Surge Atlases that are available to Council members and the new state initiative for LIDAR development.

Affordable Workforce Housing Summit Update

President Stern gave kudos to Mario Taylor and Michael Hadden for their work on the Housing Summit, and recommended that Council members visit the website at

www.neflaffordablehousing.com. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hadden offered to register all Council members attending the Summit. Invitations and Save the Date cards were mailed to all Council Members. Mr. Taylor suggested that all Council members attend if possible.

*Investment Recommendation Presentation

Ms. Donna Starling introduced Ms. Sonia Himmelberg from Mercantile Bank. A presentation was made regarding "Sweep Investments". The bank suggested several options to consider regarding investment opportunities. In the "Overnight Investment Sweep" Repurchase Agreement excess funds are automatically invested at the close of business each day; funds swept into the repurchase agreement are secured by US Government or Agency securities at 101% collateralization; current interest rate is 4.14%. Mercantile offered 3 options to the Council, Option 1 and 3 included Healthy Start accounts, Option 2 included only Regional Council accounts. A discussion followed the presentation. **Mr. Fish** stated reservations regarding federal regulations concerning Healthy Start funds. **Mr. Fish** recommended to Committee that Option 2 be chosen. Mr. Teeple stated that Staff would investigate federal regulations and report back to the Committee. **Mr. Basford moved approval of investment option 2; seconded by Commissioner Myers; motion unanimously carried.**

*Resolution 2006-3

Mr. Teeple reviewed the resolution honoring Mike Brown for 19 years of service to the Council. **Vice-Mayor Lawson-Brown moved approval of Resolution 2006-3; seconded by Mr. Basford; motion unanimously carried.**

*Transportation Disadvantaged Items

Brian Teeple introduced Jeanie Palmer, the new Acting Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinator, and complimented her performance in the position. Resolution 2006-4 gives signatory approval to Mr. Teeple for TD Grant applications. Recommendations were made for CTCs, and a Flagler County LCB Appointment. **A motion to approve Resolution 2006-4 was made by Mr. Sgroi; seconded by Ms. Vallencourt; motion unanimously carried. A motion to approve CTC recommendations was made by Commissioner Myers; seconded by Ms. Barber; motion unanimously carried. A motion was made to approve the Flagler County LCB Appointment by Mr. Sgroi; seconded by Mr. Fish; motion unanimously carried.**

Members Reports

None

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Highlights ñ Mr. Teeple called attention to the Hurricane Evacuation Study and Exercise that took place at the Council offices.

Newspaper Articles ñ Mr. Teeple called attention to the various articles regarding Council members, staff and our counties.

Introduction of New Staff ñ Mr. Teeple introduced several new staff members, including Guy Parola and Barry Piacenza who are a part of the Planning and Development Department, and Angi Giles, the new executive assistant.

Upcoming Events ñ Mr. Teeple called attention to the upcoming events.

Mr. Teeple mentioned that the Legislative Committee meeting following the Board meeting would be held downstairs in the Manatee Room, formerly Meeting Room E.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m.

Karen Stern
President

Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer