



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
December 6, 2018

MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council held a meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 10:06 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

President Robinson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with the following members present:

BAKER: James Bennett
Michael Griffis
Darryl Register

CLAY: Michael Bourre

DUVAL: John Crescimbeni
Bill Gulliford
Sean Lynch

FLAGLER: Catherine Robinson
David Sullivan
Helga Van Eckert

NASSAU: Aaron Bell
John Drew
Len Kreger
John Martin

PUTNAM: Buddy Goddard
Larry Harvey
Terrill Hill
Kelly Redford

ST.JOHNS: Roxanne Horvath
James Johns
Paul Waldron

EX-OFFICIO Geoff Sample
Karen Taulbee

Excused: Jimmy Anderson, Doug Conkey, Curtis Hart, and Milissa Holland

Absent: Elaine Brown, and Greg Strong

Guests: Kristen Reed, Chelsea Anderson and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Eric Anderson, Michael Calhoun, Vanessa Christiansen, Aaron Glick, Margo Moehring, Tyler Nolen, Elizabeth Payne, Donna Starling, Leigh Wilsey, Brian Teeple and Sheron Forde

President Robinson welcomed new Member Commissioner Aaron Bell of Nassau County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Robinson called for a motion on the Minutes. Vice Mayor Kreger moved approval of the October 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Mayor Lynch. Motion carried.

INVITATION TO SPEAK

President Robinson invited the public to speak on any item brought before the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affordable Housing Committee

Chair Bourre provided an update on the Committee meeting. The Committee is currently working through their action item list and will report on activities as they move forward.

Executive Committee

Chair Robinson reported on the actions taken by the Executive Committee at their November meeting, which included the Awards nominations.

Personnel, Budget and Finance Policy Committee

1. **Chair Register** stated the Committee reviewed and approved the October 2018 Financial Report and, on behalf of the Committee, **moved approval of the October 2018 Financial Report; seconded by Commissioner Harvey. Motion Carried.**
2. **Chair Register** provided an overview of previous discussions regarding a retirement gift for Mr. Teeple. Staff has researched some of the concerns that were raised and have found no requirements on the Council that would prohibit this action. As no action was taken during the previous discussions, it was brought back for action at the Personnel, Budget & Finance Committee. Following that discussion, a motion was passed recommending approval of gifting the vehicle to Mr. Teeple pending further ethical review. He stated that staff was asked to do additional research on this and Councilman Crescimbeni will be contacting the ethical officer for the City of Jacksonville to ensure our actions will not cause issues with either the Council or Mr. Teeple.

Councilman Crescimbeni stated that he did contact the City's Ethical Officer who reported via text, "...believes the Director would be a State employee, he may or may not be a State filer for a Form 1 or 6, which is the ethics commission for reporting gifts. If he is a filer, he would report the gift on a Form 9. It is allowable because it is not coming from a vendor or lobbyist and suggests amending the motion to say, 'as allowable under Florida Ethics Laws.'"

On behalf of the Committee, **Mr. Register moved to approve the donation of Mr. Teeple's currently used company vehicle as long as there is no new information showing an ethical issue for the Council or Mr. Teeple for presentation to him at the retirement luncheon following the February 2019 Board meeting; seconded by Commissioner Harvey. Motion carried.**

OTHER REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Flagler Beach Transmitted Amendment 18-1ER

This item was handled via the alternate review process; provided for information only.

Nassau County Adopted Amendment 18-2ESR

This item was handled via the alternate review process; provided for information only.

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City of St. Augustine Transmitted Amendment 18-2ESR

This amendment seeks to change 20.38 +/- acres of the Future Land Use Map from County Mixed Use with County Industrial Warehousing and County Open Rural to Residential Medium Density/Mixed Use and Open Land. The property is located in a coastal high hazard area. While the Strategic Regional Policy Plan discourages development in areas anticipated to be most vulnerable to hazards, the Council will work with local governments on mitigation strategies to address vulnerabilities. Staff found no extra-jurisdictional nor significant or adverse impacts from the proposed development. Staff respectfully recommended approval of staff's review report for transmittal to the local government.

President Robinson called for a motion. Vice-Mayor Kreger moved approval of staff's review report and transmittal of the City of St. Augustine's transmitted amendment 18-2ESR; seconded by Mayor Lynch. Motion carried.

City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 18-7ESR

This amendment seeks to change 21.95 +/- acres of the Future Land Use Map from low Density Residential and Community/General Commercial to Conservation and Medium Density Residential. The site is located within the 300 feet Height and Hazard Zone for the Naval Station Mayport, a transportation resource of regional significance. These potential impacts are being addressed. It could create localized impacts to SR10/Atlantic Blvd and the SRESP Evacuation Route, a facility of regional significance. These potential impacts have not yet been addressed. No extra-jurisdictional impacts were identified. Staff respectfully recommended approval of staff's review report for transmittal to the local government. Public comment received by staff is provided to the Members for their information. A brief discussion followed.

President Robinson called for a motion. Mr. Register moved approval of staff's review report and transmittal of the City of Jacksonville's transmitted amendment 18-7ESR; seconded by Vice-Mayor Kreger. Motion carried.

City of Jacksonville Beach Adopted Amendment 18-1ESR

This amendment seeks to adopt the required Water Supply Facilities Work Plan adding and/or modifying related Objectives and Policies. Staff respectfully recommends the Board finds the City of Jacksonville Beach Adopted Amendment 18-1ESR consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

President Robinson called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey moved to find the City of Jacksonville Beach Adopted Amendment 18-1ESR consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; seconded by Commissioner Waldron. Motion carried.

2019 DRAFT Legislative Priorities

Mr. Teeple directed the Members attention to the draft legislative priorities stating that the Committee reviewed them at their last meeting. However, at that time, neither Duval nor Putnam County's priorities had been received. Since then, staff has received Putnam County's priorities. However, staff is still awaiting the City of Jacksonville's priorities for inclusion. An overview of the process of selecting the top three to five priorities for the Region was provided. Staff recommends that the Board approve the Legislative Priorities and authorize staff to include the City of Jacksonville's priorities when received. A brief discussion followed.

President Robinson called for a motion. Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the 2019 Northeast Florida Regional Council's Legislative Priorities and authorize staff to include the City of Jacksonville's priorities upon receipt; seconded by Vice Mayor Kreger. Motion carried.

Mr. Drew encouraged the Members to speak with their Legislators on the points highlighted in the publication to continue highlighting the concerns of the Region.

Elevate Northeast Florida Update

Mr. Teeple addressed some of the recent controversy in the press regarding one of the consultant's recommendations to market Northeast Florida more as the Greater Jacksonville Region due, primarily, to the targeted audience's lack of familiarity of where Northeast Florida is geographically. However, it is believed that the Jacksonville area is gaining familiarity, especially with the Jacksonville Jaguars Football Team's international connections and other widespread outreach.

Mr. Aundra Wallace, President of JaxUSA provided a presentation on Elevate Northeast Florida, which will serve as Northeast Florida's new five-year regional economic development strategy. He highlighted the objectives, planning process, target industries, regional commitment and the strategic framework. A brief discussion followed.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

Ms. Moehring proved an overview and update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which was adopted by the Board in September 2014. The Council is in the fifth year of the existing CEDS and federal requirement is to review the CEDS annually utilizing

their approach followed by a public comment period for any changes resulting from the Strategy Committee meeting. After addressing any comments received, the Committee then submits the document to the Economic Development Administration. The Committee met on September 24, 2018 and reviewed the existing plan and also discussed harmonization with other plans, such as Elevate NE Florida and the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The comment period was from October 5th to November 5th; however, no comments were received. The only change to the project list is a change in the text regarding Regional Tourism.

President Robinson called for a motion. Mr. Register moved to approve the update to the 2014-2019 Northeast Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to incorporate the attached updated vital project list; seconded by Commissioner Waldron. Motion carried.

Policy Update

Ms. Moehring provided an update on the harmonization of the CEDS and the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and the alignment of these to Elevate Northeast Florida to have one Plan for the Region. An overview of the Plans was provided, with the CEDS being the first in need of updating. The SRPP covers economic development; therefore, that element will need to be aligned with CEDS and Elevate. Current efforts and next steps were provided and Members were asked to let staff know of any recommendations of individuals to serve on the CEDS Committee. A brief discussion followed.

Post Disaster Economic Recovery Coordinator Update

Mr. Glick provided an update on current projects, such as a Regional Community Organizations Active in Disaster; Business Continuity Workshops; and Public, Private Regional Resiliency Committee Action Plans. He also provided an update on recovery programs, such as Northeast Florida Long Term Recovery Organization, Community Development Block Grant – DR – HUD and Rebuild Florida as well as upcoming projects. A brief discussion followed.

Florida Regional Councils Association Update

The next Policy Board meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association is January 11, 2019. The Regional Planning Councils' Executive Directors have agreed to seek legislative appropriation this coming year. It is expected that agency appointments will be forthcoming from Governor Elect DeSantis shortly. Transition teams continue to be rolled out.

Council Contracts

Nassau County for Hazardous Analysis in 2019 and an EDA Grant for Vulnerability Assessment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOTING MEMBERS' REPORT

Vice-Mayor Kreger stated that the City of Fernandina Beach received significant funding from the St. Johns Water Management for another stormwater project.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS' REPORTS

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Mr. Register shared information on an announcement that Governor Scott has appointed Peter Antonacci as the supervisor of elections to Broward County. The Interim Executive Director of Enterprise Florida is Mike Grissom.

Florida Department of Transportation

Ms. Taulbee stated that it is time for the Department of Transportation's Tentative Work Program Public Hearings. The tentative work program is currently published their website at www.D2WPPH.com and invitations have been sent to local governments and municipalities. This year the Department is doing more of a website based outreach.

St. Johns River Water Management District

Mr. Sample reported that on the upcoming Governing Board meeting there will be an agenda item for staff's recommendation for REDI projects in Bunnell, Palatka, Flagler Beach, and Fernandina Beach. There is also a recommendation for an Innovative Project in Jacksonville. However, it is suggested that members of the local governments attend the meeting for recommend the Governing Board's approval.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Robinson directed the Members to the luncheon and awards ceremony downstairs in Studio A.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Teeple introduced new employee Vanessa Christiansen. He stated Highlights are provided for Members information.

Next Meeting Date: February 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:41 a.m.



Catherine Robinson
President



Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer