

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (NCFRPC)**  
**MEETING NOTES (UNOFFICIAL)**  
**August 23, 2018**

**ALACHUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**September 24, 2018**

**ROBERT W. WILFORD, COMMISSIONER**  
**(ALACHUA CITY COMMISSION DELEGATE TO NCFRPC)**

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**Commissioner Wilford Note:** The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) is comprised of the following twelve counties: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union.

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**Call to Order**

***Mayor Davis, City of Waldo, Chair,*** declared the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Quorum**

A quorum was met in accordance with the Council's bylaws.

**Invocation**

***Commissioner Wilford, City of Alachua,*** delivered the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

***Attendees*** recited the pledge to the flag in honor of the United States of America.

**Introduction of Guests**

***Mayor Davis*** recognized the guests in attendance.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

***The*** following consent agenda items were ***approved unanimously:***

**Approval of Minutes**

***Minutes*** of the July 26, 2018, meeting.

**Financial Report for July 2018**

***Revenues*** and expenditures are within budget for the first ten months of the fiscal year. The financial condition of the Council remains sound.

### **Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services Agreements for 17/18**

*Each* year, the Council enters into technical assistance services agreements to assist local governments with implementing their comprehensive plans and land development regulations. The scope of services are: (1) **Level I Services - General Technical Assistance** - Conducts research, answers questions, and assists with the interpretation of comprehensive plan and land development regulations. (2) **Level II Services - Amendment Assistance** - Includes all Level I services plus preparing public notices, drafting ordinances, and reviewing concurrency for comprehensive plan and text, map and land regulations, and zoning map amendments. (3) **Level III Services - Development Review Assistance** - Includes all Level I and Level II services plus the review of site and development plans, subdivision plats, and other development proposals for compliance with comprehensive plan and land development regulations. The Council will receive **\$186,250** for FY 18/19 to provide "Level II" services in five counties and thirteen municipalities and **\$35,000** to provide "Level III" services in Columbia County (**\$25,000**) and High Springs (**\$10,000**).

### **Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Services Agreements for FY 17/18**

*On* an annual basis, Florida statutes require each county to monitor the waste management practices of twenty percent of the government organizations and businesses which may potentially generate small quantities of hazardous waste. The majority of these operations are related to motor vehicle maintenance. On-site visits are required to collect information which is entered into an on-line data base. Under terms of these agreements, Council staff will provide recommendations on correcting problems to include the implementation of management techniques. In addition, a one page summary explaining methods to avoid the most common mistakes will be provided for facility operators. The services will be provided on a fixed fee basis for FY 18/19 totaling **\$58,914** for ten counties. Alachua and Taylor Counties provide these services themselves.

### **Approval of Regular Agenda**

*The* regular agenda was ***approved unanimously*** with one additional item being added to the Clearinghouse Committee report.

### **Citizen Comments**

*Mr. Stu Lilker*, requested that the Council get more involved regarding the lack of transportation opportunities in the NCFRPC service area especially in the most rural sections of the twelve county region.

**Guest Speaker** - None.

### **Chair Report**

#### **Introduction of New Council Member**

***Commissioner Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County***, was introduced.

#### **Recognition of Commissioner John Meeks, Levy County Board of County Commissioners**

***Commissioner Meeks*** was recognized by the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) as the recipient of the "Marlene Young Presidential Advocacy Award" at the recent 2018 FAC Annual Conference in Orlando. Commissioner Meeks was awarded this prestigious honor for his commitment to protect "Home Rule" and for his advocacy work at this year's Legislative Session. Commissioner Cornell, Alachua County, acknowledged the selfless work and dedication of Commissioner Weeks.

**Executive Committee Report** - No report.

### **Clearinghouse Committee Report**

**Commissioner Adams, Lafayette County, Chair**, presented the report and stated that the Committee recommends the following "Comprehensive Plan Adopted and Draft Amendments" be approved: City of Alachua **draft amendment**, City of Chiefland **adopted amendment**, and Union County, **draft amendment**. Motion was **approved unanimously**.

**Program Committee Report** - No report.

**Finance Committee Report** - No report.

**Nominating Committee Report** - No report.

**Regional Planning Committee Report**

**Commissioner Warren, City of Gainesville, Chair**, made a motion based on the following recommendation of Council staff: "Conduct a public hearing pursuant to *Chapter 120, Florida Statutes*, concerning proposed 'Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)-based amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan,' approve *Resolution 2018-20* adopting the proposed amendments, forward a copy of the rule, the amended plan and its associated maps to the Florida Speaker of the House, the Florida President of the Senate, the Executive Officer of the Governor, state agencies, regional agencies, and local governments with the region as per *Rule 27E-5.007(3), Florida Administrative Code*."

The **Public Hearing** was conducted at with no comments being made from those in attendance. Following the public hearing, a lengthy discussion ensued with a recommendation from Commissioner Cornell, Alachua County, that Alachua County be designated as a higher priority in the "Florida Natural Areas 'Ecological Greenways' Network.'" He made a motion to amend the original motion to include Alachua County as a higher priority in the "Ecological Greenways Network." The **amended motion failed** with Alachua County Commissioners **Chestnut, Cornell** and **Hutchinson**, and Gainesville City Commissioner **Warren** voting in the affirmative. After this vote, the original **motion was approved** with Commissioners **Cornell** and **Hutchinson** voting in dissent.

**Ex-Officio Member Reports**

**Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO)** - No report.

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)** - No report.

**Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2** - Scott Koons, NCFRPC Executive Director, read a report from FDOT.

**Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission** - No report.

**Southwest Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)** - No report.

**St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)** - No report.

**Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD)** - Mr. Glass stated that six "River Grants" had been awarded, with two more award rounds coming, and two "Springs Grants" were at the desk of Governor Scott awaiting his signature. He discussed the flood level danger with the Santa Fe River as an ongoing concern.

**Executive Director Report**

**Mr. Koons** briefed the council on the following items:

**Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Monthly Activity Report**

Mr. Koons indicated that FRCA is the statewide organization which is comprised of ten Regional Planning Councils (RPC's). The mission of FRCA is to strengthen Florida's RPC's and its partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improve the consistency and quality of regional planning councils to ensure they add value to state, regional, and local initiatives. Denise Imbler, FRCA Statewide Coordinator, advises and supports NCFRPC in fulfilling its mission.

During July, the Association: (1) organized and distributed the June 2018 FRCA newsletter, *FRCA Forward*, (2) met with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) regarding the maintenance and enhancement of the FRCA website and newsletter, (3) continued working with FAC regarding the maintenance and enhancement of the FRCA website and newsletter, (4) continued updating and maintaining the "email listserv" for the more than 2,500 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*, and (5) participated in the following activities - (a) attended the "Safe Mobility for Life Coalition Summer" meeting, (b) coordinated FRCA participation with the following upcoming annual conferences - Florida League of Cities, Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, and Future Florida Forum, (c) developed the 2019 meeting schedule and began coordinating logistics for the meetings, and (d) distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.

### **Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard**

Mr. Koons reminded council members that the Florida Chamber Foundation developed the Florida Scorecard to provide state leaders with the metrics needed as a tool to secure Florida's future. In performing this task, the Florida Chamber's primary objective is to develop a 20-year statewide strategic plan which requires an ongoing commitment to measuring the state's current status toward accomplishing the stated goals of the "Six Pillars" which were established to measure trends and progress. The "Six Pillars" incorporate the strategic thinking of a diverse range of stakeholders including the Century Commission for a Sustainable Future, Florida Council of 100, Enterprise Florida, Florida State University, Workforce Florida, 1000 Friends of Florida, and others. The "Six Pillars" are:

- Talent Supply and Education.
- Innovation and Economic Development.
- Infrastructure and Growth Leadership.
- Business Climate and Competitiveness.
- Civic and Government Systems.
- Quality of Life and Places.

The latest "State of Florida Metrics" for August 2018 are:

#### **Talent Supply and Education**

- Third Grade Scores: Reading (57% - Declining) and Math (62% - Improving).
- Eighth Grade Scores: Reading (55% - Declining), Math (46% - Declining) and Science (48% - Unchanged).
- National Fourth Grade Rankings: Math (18th - Improving), and Reading (10th - Declining).
- National Eighth Grade Rankings: Math (42nd - Declining) and Reading (32nd - Improving).
- High School Graduation Rate: 82.3 % (Improving).
- College Affordability: Second (4-Year Unchanged) and Eleventh (2-Year Unchanged).
- Educational Attainment: 46.9% (Current) - 2025 Goal (55%).
- Educational Attainment: 37.4 % (AA - Improving).
- Educational Attainment: 27.8% (BA/BS - Improving).
- Unemployment Rate: 3.8% - Unchanged.
- Job Change of Year: 170,500 - New Jobs.

#### **Innovation and Economic Development**

- Patents Granted: 4,243 - Improving.
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP): \$986.28 Billion - Improving.
- Venture Capital: \$2,139,300 - Improving.
- Visitors: 116.5 Million.
- Visitors Spending: \$111.7 Billion.
- International Visitors: 14.155 Million - Declining.
- Cruise Passengers: 16.1 Million - Improving.
- Exports: \$55 Billion - Improving.
- Imports: \$75.4 Billion - Improving.
- Top Six Importers: 31.2% Market Share (Improving).
- Top Six Importers Spending: \$15.44 Billion (Declining).
- Industry Diversification: 22nd - Declining.
- Employment by Foreign Countries: 327,200 - Improving.
- Gross Domestic Product Per Capita: \$44,928 - Improving.
- Income Migration: \$879,000 Per Hour.

#### **Infrastructure and Growth Leadership**

- Land in Conservation: 27%.
- Population: 20.98 Million. **Florida is third in population behind California and Texas.**
- Vehicle Miles Traveled: 214.64 Billion - Improving.
- State Housing Starts: 8,619 - Declining.
- State Housing Sales: 27,836 - Declining.
- Population Estimate for 2030 - 26 Million.
- Energy Per Capita: 60 Million BTU for Electricity - Unchanged.
- Energy Per Capita: 0.86 Million BTU for Gas - Improving.
- Seaports Cargo: \$83.2 Billion - Improving.
- Containers: 3.65 Million - Improving.
- Truck Crossings: 15.0 Million - Improving.

#### **Business Climate and Competitiveness**

- Business Tax Climate: 4th.
- Consumer Sentiment: 98.3 -Declining.
- Sales Tax Revenue: \$2.528 Billion Per Month - Declining.
- Open Jobs: 232,400 - Declining.
- Unemployed Persons: 387,000 - Declining.
- State Ranking for Automobile Insurance Affordability: 47th.

#### **Civic and Governance Systems**

- Voter Participation: 75% - Improving.
- Right/Wrong Direction: Right (52%) and Wrong (30%).
- Inmate Population: 120,275.
- State Government Employment: 256,000.
- Local Government Employment: 711,900.
- Volunteerism: 19.1%. **Florida ranks 50th in the Country.**
- State Debt: \$22.7 Billion.
- Citizens Insurance Exposure Policies: Exposure (\$109,300 Billion) and Policies (452,354).

- Underfunded State Pension: \$11 Million (Increasing).

#### **Quality of Life and Quality Places**

- Free and Reduced Lunch: 60.5% - Increasing.
- Youth Obesity: 12.3% - Worse.
- Per Capita Income: \$46,858 - Improving.
- Homeless School Children: 69,596.
- Poverty Rate: 14.8% - Better.
- Home Ownership Rate: 65.5% - Improving.
- Floridians without Health Insurance Coverage: 2,544 Thousand (12.5%) - Declining.

#### **Next Meeting**

*The* next meeting of the Council will be held on September 24, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Lake City beginning at 7:00 p.m. Committee meetings, if applicable, will precede the Council meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

*Mayor Davis* declared the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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#### **North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Mission Statement**

*To improve the quality of life of the Region's citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development, and providing technical services to local governments.*

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Sandra Joseph, Senior Planner, Local Government Comprehensive Planning (Extension 111)  
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Carmelita Franco, Planning Administrative Assistant, Local Government Comprehensive Planning (Extension 125)  
 Jean Strong, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director (Extension 134)  
 Tara Tucker, Secretary II (Extension 100)

**Alachua County Representation on NCFRPC**

David Arreola, Commissioner, City of Gainesville  
 Patricia Bouie, Commissioner, City of Hawthorne  
 Charles Chestnut, IV, Commissioner, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners  
 Rick Coleman, Commissioner, City of Newberry  
 Ken Cornell, Commissioner, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners  
 Louie Davis, Mayor, City of Waldo  
 Fletcher Hope, Commissioner, City of Archer  
 Robert Hutchinson, Commissioner, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners  
 Gigi Simmons, Commissioner, City of Gainesville  
 Helen Warren, Commissioner, City of Gainesville  
 William Whitelock, Non-Voting Delegate, City of High Springs  
 Robert Wilford, Commissioner, City of Alachua

**Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Mission Statement**

*Fosters regional strategies, solutions, and partnerships to support economic growth and improve quality of life; promotes a standard of excellence in the delivery of regional planning council programs and technical professional assistance and expertise; and, advocates for the role of regional planning councils as the state's primary organizations to address problems that are of greater-than-local concern.*

**There** are ten (10) regional planning councils in Florida which serve the state's sixty-seven (67) counties. They are:

<u>Council</u>	<u>Number of Counties Served</u>	<u>Headquarters</u>
West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC)	7	Pensacola
Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC)	9	Tallahassee
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC)	12	Gainesville
Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council (NEFRPC)	7	Jacksonville
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC)	8	Altamonte Springs
Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC)	5	Bartow
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC)	6	Pinellas Park
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC)	6	Fort Myers
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC)	4	Stuart
South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)	3	Hollywood

**Membership** on regional planning councils consists of one-third of the total representatives being gubernatorial appointees with the remainder being member local government appointees. Two-thirds of council representatives must be locally-elected officials. Regional councils provide a large variety of services to benefit its local governments in addition to coordinating regional planning and review activities. Services include: technical planning assistance, grant and loan planning assistance, transportation planning assistance, hazardous waste monitoring, emergency response planning assistance, and economic development activities.

**COMMISSIONER WILFORD NCFRPC APPOINTMENTS (CURRENT AND PAST)**

Vice Chair (Current)  
Secretary/Treasurer (Past)  
Executive Committee (Current)  
Finance Committee (Chair - Past)  
Program Committee (Chair - Current)  
Regional Planning Committee (Past)  
Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA - NCFRPC Delegate - Current)  
North Central Area-wide Development Company (ADCO - NCFRPC Delegate - Current)

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