

MINUTES OF THE VCOG GOVERNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 26, 2006

MPO/VCOG/WAV CONFERENCE ROOM
2570 W. INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY BLVD., SUITE 120
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Cassandra Reynolds
Mayor Greg Northrup
Mayor George Coleman
Mayor Robert F. Apgar
Mayor Dennis Mulder
Mayor Mike Thomas
Mayor Roland Via
Commissioner Lewis Long
Mayor James Vandergriff
Mayor Michael Thompson
Mayor Fredrick Costello
Mayor James Sowell
Mayor Nancy Epps
Mayor Allen Green
Council-member Art Giles

REPRESENTING

Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Shores
DeBary
DeLand
Deltona
Edgewater
Holly Hill
Mayor Shuttleworth, Lake Helen
New Smyrna Beach
Oak Hill
Ormond Beach
Pierson
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange
Volusia County

Members Absent: Mayor Albert Erwin, Orange City; Mayor Blaine O'Neal, South Daytona; Judy Andersen, Chairman, Volusia County School Board

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Mellon, Emergency Medical Foundation/EVAC

OTHERS PRESENT

Candace Lankford
Pat Drago
Bill Lee
Laura Bounds
Terry Sanders
Larry Taft
Joni Hunt
David Santiago
John Masiarczyk

REPRESENTING

Volusia County School Board
Volusia County School Board
Volusia County Sheriff's Office
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Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Vol. Co. Fire Chiefs Association/Daytona Beach Fire
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Vice Mayor, City of Deltona
Citizen (Deltona)

VCOG/WAV STAFF PRESENT

Mary Swiderski, VCOG Executive Director
Herbert M. Seely, Chief Financial Officer
Bruce Mowry, WAV Executive Director
Mary Curran, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

At 3:30 PM Chairman Northrup called the June 26, 2006, regular VCOG Governing Board meeting to order.

The Roll was called and a quorum was declared present. Chairman Northrup led the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PARTICIPATION

No comments were expressed.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/RECOGNITION

Chairman Northrup acknowledged the presence of City of Oak Hill Mayor Michael Thompson.

VCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

Mary Swiderski presented her report and gave an overview of:

- VCARD Smart Growth presentation (May 23, 2006) covering evolution of smart growth concept from the Smart Growth Implementation Committee to Charter Review Commission amendments.
- Volusia Government Affairs Coalition's recap of the 2006 legislative session.
- Charter Review meeting scheduled later in the evening, in DeLand, at which the proposed amendments will be discussed.
- Invitation to a plaque dedication ceremony honoring "Coach" Joe Piggotte. Mary Swiderski reported that VCOG has prepared a resolution and received letters from Governor Bush, President Bush, and Florida Speaker of the House, Allen Dense. Mary Swiderski recommended that VCOG Board members present these at the dedication.
- A Charter amendment regarding the VGMC; a recommendation of reconstituting it as the Growth Management Dispute Resolution Commission and that VCOG can appoint three members.
- Announcement of the next Volusia League of Cities dinner/meeting on July 27, 2006, hosted by City of Oak Hill. The Florida League President, Julio Robaina will be the guest speaker.

Mayor Costello asked if the VCOG Board members were going to discuss the amendments that are going to the Charter Review Commission; to which, Chairman Northrup replied that he (Costello) can address that under "Board Members Comments" if he wants.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2006

Minutes of the May 22, 2006, regular meeting of the VCOG Board had been mailed with Board members' agenda packets.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2006

Treasurer's report covering the period of May 1, 2006 through May 31, 2006, had been mailed with Board members' agenda packets.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO VCOG FY 2005-06 BUDGET

The amendment is primarily for additional cost of office expenses which includes rent, utilities, cleaning and a portion of office renovations, a sound system, conference room chairs and an automatic door opener. A copy of the VCOG FY 2005-06 Budget with amendment was mailed with Board members' agenda packets.

MOTION by Mayor Via and **SECOND** by Mayor Apgar for approval of all Consent Agenda items, as distributed; motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PRESENTATIONS

VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOL'S PRESENTATION ON COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW

Ms. Patricia Drago, Executive Director of Facilities Services, and Candace Lankford, Board

Member of Volusia County School Board, introduced themselves.

Ms. Drago read the amendment language that the Charter Review Commission's Integrating Economic Development and Education Subcommittee had approved:

"The county council shall provide by ordinance that any comprehensive plan amendment or rezoning allowing increased residential density be effective only if adequate public schools can be timely planned and constructed to serve the projected increase in student population, and that such ordinance shall prevail over any conflicting municipal comprehensive plan, ordinance or resolution."

Ms. Drago discussed the background of the amendment: the existing coordinated planning and interlocal agreement between the School Board, the County and municipalities; topics addressed at two meetings held with the aforementioned entities; student population and capacity changes; historical and projected growth to year 2025; land banking; and the School District's commitment to working with jurisdictions' planning staff.

Candace Lankford stated that the District doesn't want to usurp jurisdictions' authority; she mentioned Senate Bill 360 which requires concurrency for schools [comprehensive plans must contain a public education element]. She commented of this amendment as an opportunity for the School District and jurisdictions to work together for the betterment of the community; she also talked about future planning of school sites and student population capacities. Board members' comments and discussions ensued regarding: school capacity; need to assure that elected officials have access to pertinent information via a website of what is the capacity in a specific region; the school district gets projection statistics from University of Florida (same as cities); the cost factors of building school facilities; and the School Board's obligation is to educate but not necessarily to build schools. Ms. Drago mentioned when SB 360 goes into effect it requires concurrency for schools; however, the County Charter (School Planning) amendment can go into effect sooner. Chairman Northrup thanked Ms. Drago and Ms. Lankford for their presentation.

BEACH PATROL DISCUSSION

Chairman Northrup introduced Chief Deputy Bill Lee, Captain Terry Sanders, and Ms. Laura Bounds, Fiscal Supervisor for VCSO. Chief Deputy Lee presented the Sheriff's proposition pertaining to beach patrol service; he mentioned that the Sheriff believes having one law enforcement agency would provide better accountability and availability. Chief Deputy Lee pointed out that currently 65 law enforcement officers are assigned full time for the beach – that there's about 140 days of "off-season" for the beach - and the Sheriff could utilize those people elsewhere. He declared this proposal wouldn't change anything for lifeguards; also that a law enforcement officer would have to be triple trained (i.e. as EMT and search/rescue, as well as law enforcement). He emphasized how this would be good management of the beach, that there would only be a minor change in operations. Chairman Northrup presented some questions and concerns he had relating to the Sheriff's proposal: it would cut staffing; beach rangers had to be triple-trained; each sheriff deputy has to have a car; wouldn't there be a drop in the level of service as result of taking staff off the beach; need enforcement of speed limit on beach during off season also; personnel schedule of 12-hour shifts; what's increased costs to budget; and his apprehension that one man be in charge of it all. Chairman Northrup expressed that he would like to see a detailed plan for the Sheriff's proposal. He complimented Sheriff Deputies on doing a "fantastic" job. Mayor Costello voiced support of the Sheriff utilizing officers in other assignments during down time of the beach and stated his understanding that staffing would remain the same. Council-member Giles gave responses that officers would have to be triple-trained; of the effect on the budget; of full staffing during peak-time; and that Mr. Dinneen and Sheriff Johnson are in discussions regarding the proposal. Following discussions, Chairman Northrup thanked Chief Deputy Lee, Captain Sanders and Ms. Bounds for their presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF VCOG FY 2006-07 BUDGET

MOTION by Mayor Green and **SECOND** by Commissioner Long for approval of the VCOG FY 2006-07 Budget as distributed. Mayor Via asked if the amount in the Software/Network line

item included a web site; to which Mary Swiderski affirmed it is. On a voice vote, the motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

SALARY COMPARISON STUDY

Mary Swiderski presented the VCOG Salary and Benefit Study report and gave an overview of each section. She stated that 20 positions were pulled, onto which salary plus benefits costs were fully extended. She acknowledged that all information in the report was supplied by VCOG members' jurisdictions and it's now programmed in a MS Access database. Mary Swiderski encouraged each Board member to take the report back to their respective jurisdiction's Manager and Human Resource Director for review. She requested maybe HR staff would provide VCOG missing or corrected information; as VCOG is not the Human Resource expert. Mary Swiderski commented that this report is a beginning and can be used as a tool for comparison of salary and benefits by all Human Resource Departments; with improvements and changes as they may be recommended. Mayor Costello enthused that VCOG did an outstanding job on the report.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

MAYOR ROBERT APGAR

Mayor Apgar announced that DeLand is doing a Defined Contribution Plan and it's allowing existing employees on the Florida State Retirement Plan to also join. Mayor Apgar brought up that DeLand has a problem with the Humane Society pertaining to feral/stray cats and dogs.

REQUEST made by Mayor Apgar that the VCOG Board have a discussion at a later date concerning the Humane Society charging jurisdictions for feral/stray cats and dogs dropped off at its facilities.

MAYOR ROLAND VIA

Mayor Via commented that Holly Hill is experiencing the same problem with the Humane Society and he agreed that the VCOG Board should have a discussion.

MAYOR FRED COSTELLO

Mayor Costello asked Mayor Apgar what DeLand is doing on a Defined Contribution Plan. *Due to time constraints because several members wanted to attend the Charter Review Commission meeting in DeLand, there was no Board member discussion on this matter.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the VCOG Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

AS SUBMITTED, THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VCOG GOVERNING BOARD WERE APPROVED IN AN OPEN MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2006, IN THE MPO/VCOG/WAV CONFERENCE ROOM AT 2570 WEST INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 120, DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA.

VCOG, Inc.

Chair

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary