

MINUTES OF THE VCOG GOVERNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2009

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Cassandra Reynolds
Mayor Greg Northrup
Mayor Robert F. Apgar
Mayor Roland Via
Mayor Joan Duffy
Mayor Sally Mackay
Mayor Fredrick Costello
Mayor James Sowell
Mayor Allen Green
County Chair Frank Bruno
School Board Member Candace Lankford

REPRESENTING

Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Shores
DeLand
Holly Hill
Lake Helen
New Smyrna Beach
Ormond Beach
Pierson
Port Orange
Volusia County
Volusia County School Board

Members Absent: Mayor Garcia, DeBary; Vice Mayor Carmolingo, Deltona; Mayor Thomas, Edgewater; Mayor Lauer, Oak Hill; Mayor Strickland, Orange City; Mayor Goudie, Ponce Inlet; Mayor O'Neal, South Daytona

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Fire Chief Gary Hughes
Betty Holness

REPRESENTING

Vol. County Fire Chiefs Association
County of Volusia

VCOG STAFF PRESENT

Mary Swiderski, VCOG Executive Director
Mary Curran, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

At 5:01 p.m., Chairman Robert Apgar called to order the May 18, 2009, regular meeting of the VCOG Governing Board.

The roll was called and a quorum was declared present. Chairman Apgar then led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PARTICIPATION

No comments were expressed.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/RECOGNITION

Chairman Apgar mentioned:

- One item not on the agenda was Michael Pleus', DeLand City Manager, presentation of the Managers Initiative report on government efficiency because findings were not complete.
- Under the VCOG Smart Growth Committee item, the Board will talk about a timeline.

VCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

Mary Swiderski presented her briefing:

- Had distributed the agenda for the Volusia Growth Management Commission meeting; as well as, the draft Amendments to the Volusia Growth Management Commission Consistency Certification Rules, showing strikethroughs, etc.
 - At its meeting, the Commission will talk about all the amendments to its rules that they will propose to the County Council.
 - The Volusia Growth Management Commission will discuss things relative to Joint Planning Agreements [JPAs], etc
 - Mary Swiderski encouraged Board members to attend, or to have a member of their respective jurisdiction's staff attend the meeting.
 - There were brief comments by Mayor Costello and County Chair Bruno re Volusia Growth Management Commission's mission; that its core mission is to be an arbitrator when comp plan differences arise between neighboring cities and between cities and the County.
- Reminder of the Volusia League of Cities Annual Banquet on Thursday, May 28, at 6 p.m.
- 2010 Census Count coming up
 - County Council has asked Betty Holness to put together a Committee for the purpose of promoting the Census
 - Mary Swiderski commented of this being important to VCOG and its members as all local governments receive funding as result of the Census report. She advocated for VCOG to be involved in this process.

Members comments ensued:

- Mayor Apgar recalled from the Mayors' Luncheon, that County Chair Bruno encouraged all municipalities to participate. It was requested that DeLand, Daytona Beach, and Deltona help find volunteers.
- School Board Member Lankford announced that she had been appointed to the State Census Committee; to represent the Florida School Board Association. She mentioned meeting the representative for the Florida League of Cities, Vice Mayor Carmine Priore.
 - School Board Member Lankford offered to send Mary Swiderski census emails which she can distribute to officials
 - She recalled from the 2000 Census that if Florida response rate had reached the national average, then Florida would have gotten over 16 billion dollars in stimulus funds.
 - She pointed out one thing real important is to try getting the hard-to-reach population – the big issue is getting them to trust us enough to count.
 - School Board Member Lankford suggested maybe having the lady, who is liaison with US Government, as a speaker at a local forum.
 - County Chair Bruno asked that School Board Member Lankford keep in contact with Joie Alexander, who is going to Chair this effort for Volusia County. Also, to have contact with Betty Holness.
- School Board Member Lankford will send things through Mary Swiderski.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2009

Minutes of the April 27, 2009, regular meeting of the VCOG Board were mailed with the Board members' agenda packets.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2009

Treasurer Report for the period of April 1, 2009, through April 30, 2009, was mailed with Board members' agenda packets. *Note: Revenues and Expenditures were within the budget for the month.*

MOTION by Mayor Via and **SECOND** by County Chair Bruno for approval of all consent agenda items, as presented; motion was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

VCOG SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON CONTINUING EFFORTS – MAYOR GREG NORTHRUP & RAFAEL MONTALVO

Committee Chair, Mayor Greg Northrup reported that members took the VCOG Board's suggestions back to the Committee for discussion.

- Reference was made to the Recap of that VCOG Smart Growth Committee meeting, for Board members to read
- What the Committee needs from VCOG is its approval to accept the recommendations of Smart Growth Committee.
- Committee members stressed that the process needed to continue going forward with what has been presented to-date.
- Reference was made to the Recap of the VCOG Smart Growth Committee, for Board members to read

MOTION made by School Board Member Lankford and **SECOND** by Mayor Via for approval of the VCOG Smart Growth Committee Meeting Recap, including written recommendations, as presented; motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on a voice vote.

Chairman Apgar directed Mary Swiderski to distribute same to all the cities and the County. In conclusion, Chairman Apgar announced that the VCOG Smart Growth Committee is suspending meetings until local governments have taken action on various items.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF VCOG FY 2009-2010 BUDGET

Mary Swiderski provided review of the proposed VCOG Budget, as distributed:

- She had done a 13 year analysis showing financial operations over that period of time
 - On the spreadsheet, the proposed FY 2009-2010 budget shows total expenditure is \$30,000 less in comparison to FY 1997-1998 Budget.
- Also, she had done the analysis in a graph format

Discussion comments:

- It was noted that an Addendum is attached to the monthly financial statement as explanation of disbursing outgoing funds. Addendum will also be attached to future financial statements.
- Professional line item includes services provided from the MPO [monitoring network, continuing services of MPO Financial Officer]; as well as, audit costs.
- Mary Swiderski reported that she has not yet received responses to the RFP on auditing services
 - Capital Outlay line item includes upgrading VCOG computers
- Mayor Costello cautioned about getting the VISTA program
Mayor Via concurred and he mentioned a different software, to check into.

MOTION made by Mayor Costello and **SECOND** by Mayor Duffy for approval of VCOG's FY 2009-10 Budget, as distributed; motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on a voice vote.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTSCOUNTY CHAIR FRANK BRUNO

- Encouraged everyone to read Volusia Growth Management Commission [VGMC] proposed Amendments to its rules
- Concerned that Volusia Growth Management Commission gets involved with Joint Planning Agreement matters
 - Have to be real cautious what Volusia Growth Management is asking as far as Joint Planning Agreements

Members' comments:

- Comments were expressed about Joint Planning Agreement matters relating to Volusia Growth Management Commission
- Mayor Costello recalled three things VCOG Board supported for Volusia Growth Management Commission: 1) adjacent jurisdiction(s); 2) individual citizens have no standing; 3) appointment at the will/pleasure of the respective government body.
 - County Chair Bruno concurred that is what he thought they [as VCOG] were all in agreement on.

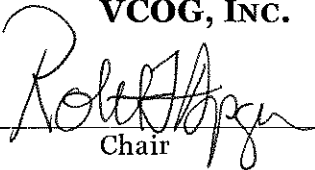
MAYOR FRED COSTELLO

Suggestion made that, some other time, the VCOG Board needs to review the upcoming agenda presentation topics


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the VCOG Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

AS SUBMITTED, THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VCOG GOVERNING BOARD WERE APPROVED IN AN OPEN MEETING HELD ON JUNE 22, 2009, IN THE MPO/VCOG/WAV CONFERENCE ROOM AT 2570 W. INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 120, DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA.

VCOG, INC.
Chair

ATTEST:


Recording Secretary