

**MINUTES OF THE  
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
JANUARY 18, 2008**

Chairman Hershey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She led the pledge of allegiance and requested roll call.

The following members and alternates were present:

Indian River County:       Commissioner O'Bryan  
                                  Councilmember Adams  
                                  Vice Mayor Neglia

St. Lucie County:           Commissioner Coward  
                                  Mayor Christensen  
                                  Commissioner Grande

Martin County:             Commissioner Smith  
                                  Commissioner Valliere

Palm Beach County:        Commissioner Greene  
                                  Commissioner Koons  
                                  Mayor Pro Tem Brinkman  
                                  Mayor Ferreri  
                                  Mayor Golonka  
                                  Commissioner Lowe, Alternate  
                                  Councilmember Dr. Priore  
                                  Mayor Jacobson  
                                  Councilor Gottlieb, Alternate

Gubernatorial Appointees: Herman Baine  
                                  Laurence Davenport  
                                  Kevin Foley  
                                  Susan Hershey  
                                  Richard Hurley  
                                  Ramon Trias

Ex-Officios:                Mary Murphy, FDEP  
                                  Karen Smith, SFWMD

Council Staff:             Kate Boer  
                                  Marlene Brunot  
                                  Michael Busha  
                                  Zachary Davis  
                                  Sandy Gippert  
                                  Elizabeth Gulick  
                                  Stephanie Heidt  
                                  Terry Hess  
                                  Trayce Jones

Peter Merritt  
Greg Vaday  
Joan Young

Council Attorney: Roger Saberson

The Director announced a quorum was present.

### **AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Hershey noted a request by staff to have Item 4D, Annual Audit – Fiscal Year 2006-2007 removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Commissioner Smith moved approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda with the removal of Consent Agenda Item 4D. Commissioner Koons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Motion**

Items remaining on the Consent Agenda were: 4A, Financial Report – September 30, 2007; 4B, Financial Report – October 31, 2007; 4C, Financial Report – November 30, 2007; 4E, Minutes – December 14, 2007; 4F, Manalapan Comprehensive Plan Amendments DCA Ref# 08-1ER; 4G, Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan Amendments DCA Ref# 08-1; 4H, Royal Palm Beach Comprehensive Plan Amendments DCA Ref# 08-1; and 4I, Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log.

### **ANNUAL AUDIT – FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007**

Chairman Hershey noted copies of revised and final audit reports were distributed to Councilmembers. Glenda Cavalcanti from the public accountant firm of McAlpin, Cavalcanti & Lewis noted two changes in the final audit report from the preliminary report. The first change of \$81,000 in net assets was due to a new standard of the Government Accounting Standards Board that requires the \$81,000 of interest payment for the new building to be expensed rather than capitalized. The second change is a requirement of the Statement of Auditing Standards by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants requiring a note in the financial statements that there is a lack of knowledge regarding preparation of the financial statements. Ms. Cavalcanti stated this in no way implies Council staff is incompetent, only that the financial statements are prepared by the auditors and not staff. Ms. Cavalcanti concluded by noting the increase in projects Council has undertaken and praising the bookkeeping records of staff.

Commissioner Smith moved approval of the Annual Audit. Councilmember Dr. Priore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Motion**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff commented on the pictures being projected regarding the progress of the new office building. It was noted the structural work is done inside the building and the foundation and block work was being started on the addition.

Staff stated there is a meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board scheduled for the same day as Council's February meeting. It was noted several members of Council sit on this board and their presence at the meeting was important as discussions will

address the association's policy paper on Growth Management Reform and Regional Visioning, updating the Strategic Regional Policy Plans, and the possibility of drafting proposed legislation by the Department of Community Affairs in consultation with the association. Staff asked Council to consider cancelation of the February meeting. Commissioner Smith noted the Policy Board meeting is consistently scheduled in conflict with our February meeting and asked staff to coordinate in the future to avoid this conflict.

Councilmember Foley moved to cancel the February Council meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Motion**

Staff announced there are free tickets to the Economic and Development Outlook Program being sponsored by the Urban Land Institute on January 25<sup>th</sup> in Fort Lauderdale. The focus of the meeting will be the future of real estate in the Treasure Coast. Councilmembers were instructed to contact staff for tickets.

Staff noted that former United States Representative Clay Shaw would be present for the joint Councils meeting.

Mayor Karen Golonka was recognized for her 20 years of public service in the Town of Jupiter.

Commissioner Koons made a motion to authorize Chairman Hershey to send a letter of support for securing the \$2.00 rental car surcharge funds to pay for the future operation and expansion of Tri-Rail. Mayor Jacobson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Motion**

Commissioner Koons announced he has been appointed to the Strategic Aggregate Study Task Force which will be doing a six-week study of the availability of aggregate for the State. He noted that aggregate has become a state strategic asset and is in favor of long-range regional planning for mining. He asked that the regional planning council become more involved in a regional aggregate study for the region, analysis of the rock location, helping local governments include mining in their land use strategies and comprehensive plans and drafting legislation.

Mayor Ferreri asked that recycling of materials be included in the study. He noted there is a large stream of concrete and shell going into the land fills and not being recycled due to the cost of recycling. He stated that rebuilding through comprehensive planning and building codes would take advantage of the materials that are available instead of dumping them in the landfills.

Commissioner Koons noted recycling is being done and stated he would email Councilmembers a website containing the data, analysis, presentations, and correspondence received by the task force.

Commissioner Smith asked that information be funneled through staff. He asked for data on the activities of other counties and cities with respect to removal costs and transportation fees.

Commissioner Koons stated he is trying to develop a process to identify regional issues, not just local or state issues.

Commissioner Smith asked if the use of the rental car surcharge funds would mean redevelopment and economic stimulus along the railway. Commissioner Koons stated that the

regional planning council, working as the development analysis arm of the Regional Transportation Authority, will be working to have comprehensive plan changes and state incentives for smart development.

Staff noted that Stewart Mining, which has already had a pre-application meeting with staff, has indicated they are ready to proceed with a DRI. This will provide Council good data and analysis on the environmental impacts of mining.

Councilmember Foley asked if Commissioner Koons would elaborate on the apparent struggle between the state and the local governments for control of the mining process. Commissioner Koons indicated there is a disconnect between the state and the local governments and there needs to be a discussion of whether the state or the local government will do site plan approvals first. He noted there needs to be pre-identification of local issues as well as any concerns addressed within the environmental state process.

Councilmember Foley stated it was his understanding that the recent court decisions have had an impact on potential supply and the costs involved and asked if these decisions will delay identifying replacement mines for those that have been depleted and those precluded from mining. Commissioner Koons stated that if there is preemption, then he believes the State should control the process and mandate local government long-range planning for not only the environmental effects of mining, but the cumulative effects of lack of availability of aggregate for growth.

Commissioner O'Bryan noted that there is no current shortage of aggregate, referencing his recent visit to a mine that is currently stockpiling. He stated that with the current slump in the real estate market, there is a lack of demand.

Chairman Hershey noted there is a definite interest and asked staff to provide Council with a progress report within the next three months time period of how this issue is progressing. Additionally, she asked Commissioner Koons to share the recommendations of the task force with all Councilmembers.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - 2008**

Chairman Hershey noted her proposed appointments to the Council committees. She indicated that anyone who wished to serve on a particular committee should contact staff.

Councilmember Dr. Priore moved approval of the committee appointments for 2008. Councilmember Foley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Motion**

### **DESIGNATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK RESOLUTION 08-01**

Staff made a presentation with respect to Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986. This act is a law requiring facilities to report detailed information on hazardous chemicals manufactured, processed, stored, or used on-site. The information is sent to the state and to local agencies such as the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the jurisdictional fire departments to assist in planning for emergencies. Staff reviewed the requirements of

information submission, and use of information by emergency personnel. Additionally, staff's presentation explained the role of the State Emergency Response Commission.

Local Emergency Planning Committees for hazardous materials were established in 1988 by the Governor and the State Emergency Response Commission and are staffed by the regional planning council. The Local Emergency Planning Committee functions as a chemical storage and spill information repository and has a broad based membership that includes industry and hospitals, as well as environmental, law enforcement, emergency management, and fire rescue agencies. The Local Emergency Planning Committee offers emergency planning; first responder training; public education and awareness; access to chemical inventories to first responders, planners and the public; hazardous materials training exercises; regional hazardous materials response plan; multi-agency exercises; compliance assistance; local and regional hazmat response training; awareness, operations and technician level training; and specialty hazardous materials training

Assistant Chief Chris Bushman of the St. Lucie County Fire District and Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee noted the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act essentially contains five sections that cover issues associated with the manufacturing, use, exposure, transportation, and public education of hazardous materials. He stated the mission of the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the State Emergency Response Committee is to mitigate the effects of releases or spills of hazardous materials.

Lieutenant Daniel Wouters, the Hazmat Team Coordinator for Martin County Fire Rescue, presented the responsibilities of a Hazardous Materials Response Team. He noted these responsibilities include calls for disposal of abandoned drums, industrial spills, explosive devices, confined space rescues, unknown substances and terrorist incidents. Goals of the Hazmat Team were outlined as public safety; firefighter health and safety response team; incident stabilization; environmental protection; preventing secondary contamination; and notifications.

Additionally, he explained the decontamination methods used to prevent the spread of contamination and health effects from exposure. These methods include mass casualty, ambulatory and victim decontamination.

Commissioner Koons noted that as the Chairman of Tri-Rail during the hurricanes the hazmat team notified him of the transportation of chlorine to a Miami-Dade water plant via the railways.

Mayor Golonka asked if there was a requirement of notification for what is being transported by rail through communities. Lieutenant Wouters stated there is a program that started about three years ago that requires major transporters to register when transporting hazardous materials. The hazmat teams can then access the secured system to determine what is being transported on a particular truck or rail car.

Staff noted that one of the planning projects that can be selected on an annual basis is a commodity flow study. Staff would be present with the Department of Transportation to take a count and report on a percentage basis what is being transported through the County.

Mayor Ferreri moved approval of Resolution 08-01. Commissioner Grande seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Motion**

**COUNCIL MEMBER INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**STAFF COMMENT**

None

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Hershey adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary or a designated nominee of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes of the January 18, 2008 meeting of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

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Date

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