



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
February 1, 2007

MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council was held on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

President Laibl called the meeting to order with the following members present representing a quorum:

BAKER	Ginger Barber Hugh Fish Mike Griffis Darryl Register
CLAY	Paul Bue Diedra Franklin Harold Rutledge Chereese Stewart Carol Vallencourt
DUVAL	Elaine Brown Rea Fleckenstein James Fletcher
FLAGLER	Milissa Holland Jon Netts Jim O'Connell
NASSAU	Michael Boyle Todd Duncan Bob Spaeth
PUTNAM	Nancy Harris Chip Laibl Wes Larson Mary Lawson-Brown
ST. JOHNS	Don Crichlow Tom Manuel Cyndi Stevenson Karen Stern
EX-OFFICIO	Linda Burnette Jennifer Auger (<i>for Greg Strong</i>) James Bennett (<i>for Larry Parks</i>)

Excused: Richard Clark, Mary Louise Dungey, Joann King, Bill Leeper, Harry Maxwell

Absent:

Others: Jason Cleghorn, Tony Robbins, Sally Clemens, Ed McDonald, Kathleen Brown, Mary Billotti, Valerie Britt, Lanny Harker, Margo Moehring, Doug McDowell, Teri Canson, Gerald Dake, Quilla Miralia, Patricia Hairston, Sally Clemens and other members of the public.

Staff: Brian Teeple, Mario Taylor, Ed Lehman, Donna Starling, Carol Brady, Charles McCool, Kathy Dennis, Mike Hadden, Walter Bowman and Angi Giles.

Ms. Franklin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fish moved approval of the January 4, 2007, meeting's minutes; seconded by Mr. Larson; motion unanimously carried.

President's Report

President Laibl recognized new board members **Commissioner Mike Griffis** of Baker County and **Commissioner Jim O'Connell** from Flagler County.

Public Comment

Held until Jacksonville transmitted amendment on the discussion agenda.

*Consent Agenda

President Laibl asked if any items needed to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. There being no items to be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda, **Mr. Fish moved approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Manuel; motion unanimously carried.**

Discussion Agenda

Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program

Mr. Teeple stated that the Council has a 4.3 million dollar contract with the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) to undertake comprehensive hurricane evacuation studies throughout the State of Florida (the "Contract"). The Contract requires this Council to subcontract with each of the other ten Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) to complete their Region's studies under a coordinated system. This project is under time constraints. Mr. Teeple informed the Board that the Personnel Budget & Finance Policy Committee unanimously recommended to the Full Council, and requested permission from the Full Board for signatory authority, in regards to this contract only, to execute the appropriate subcontracts necessary for the completion of the Statewide Regional Evacuation Studies consistent with the Council's contract with the DEM. **Commissioner Rutledge moved approval of authorization for the CEO to sign subcontracts in relation to the Statewide Regional Evacuation Studies contract from DEM; seconded by Ms. Barber; motion carried unanimously.**

City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 07-1

Mr. Lehman stated that the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 07-1, item number one is the change that will be generating public comment, and staff recommends going over this change first, then allowing public comment. This amendment will change 77.2 acres from Water Dependent-Water Related & Agriculture (iv) to Community/General Commercial. The subject parcel is located on the north side of Atlantic Boulevard, just west of the Intercoastal Waterway. A portion of the parcel is presently developed as a shipyard, with the remainder vacant and marshlands. The purpose of the proposed change is to allow for a mixed-use waterfront development. The parcel is bordered on the east by the Intercoastal Waterway, to the north by wetlands in Agriculture land use, to the west by single-family homes and vacant land in LDR land use, and to the south by the HarborTown mixed-use development in CGC land use. The current future land use map development potential is 12 single-family dwelling units and 500,613 square feet of heavy waterfront industrial, and the proposed Future Land Use Map (FLUM) development potential is 1,158 multi-family dwelling units or 700,858 square feet of general commercial development.

According to the City of Jacksonville (COJ) Planning Staff report, all 77.2 acres of the subject parcel are located within the Coastal High Hazard Area, which has been recently re-defined in HB 1359 as the Category 1 Storm Surge Area. The COJ Planning staff recommended approval with conditions; the conditions addressed by the staff are as follows:

- a) Ownership disputes of the subject property shall be resolved prior to the issuance of the ORC report.
- b) The applicant must provide a transportation study to analyze actual uses proposed for the site. In order for the amendment to be adopted, the study must show that the adopted LOS is maintained.
- c) A new hurricane evacuation study must be made using the data and analysis in the 2005 Hurricane Evacuation Study. The applicant will be required to limit the residential density to the number of units analyzed in the study, with said limitation noted on the Annotated FLUM.
- d) The PUD zoning must limit intensive commercial and medium-density residential uses to the areas presently occupied by the existing shipyard. Outlying upland areas may be considered for low-density residential or less intense uses.
- e) The PUD zoning shall be required to provide either conservation easements or to amend the FLUM category to Conservation on all saltwater marshes and other environmentally sensitive area within the PUD based upon final wetland determination.

NEFRC Staff Recommendation # 1: The analysis provided by the applicant's consultant is based on the 1998 Hurricane Evacuation Study. Staff agrees with the City Planning staff recommendation that this amendment not be adopted unless the applicant completes an acceptable hurricane evacuation based on the 2005 Hurricane Evacuation Plan. In addition, the results of that study should be used as the basis for adoption and to show how the amendment complies with the requirements of HB 1359. The results of the project-specific Hurricane Evacuation Study that are based on the 2005 Hurricane Evacuation Study will be used by Council staff, if the City adopts this amendment, to make a determination and recommendation on whether the increase in residential densities are consistent with SRPP policy, pursuant to policy interpretation as adopted by the Council at the June 2006 meeting.

NEFRC Staff Recommendation # 2: The City's analysis shows that the LOS standard for Atlantic Blvd. is not acceptable. Atlantic Blvd. meets the definition of a regional roadway in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, and is identified as a hurricane evacuation route. Staff recommends that the City reconsider the densities and intensities of development proposed at

this location, particularly the residential densities, unless the City can adequately demonstrate that there is a financial feasible commitment for improvements to Atlantic Blvd. that would help attain the adopted LOS standard.

NEFRC Staff Recommendation # 3: The City should designate areas in the salt marsh as Conservation land use.

Mr. Lehman stated that this amendment generated significant discussion during the Planning and Growth Management Policy (P&G) Committee meeting, and NEFRC Staff recommendations were amended. The P&G Committee voted unanimously at the P&G Committee meeting that the City of Jacksonville not adopt this amendment.

Public Comment

Ms. Valerie Britt, 378 Tilefish Court. Ms. Britt agreed with the Committee, and stated that she did not believe that this proposed amendment is consistent with the SRPP. Ms. Britt asked the Board to consider the SRPP, and the fact that the City of Jacksonville cannot meet its own standard of service for hurricane evacuations. Ms. Britt asked that the Board continue to recommend that the salt marshes be put into conservation. Ms. Britt also stated that WDWR agriculture should not have been zoned as such, and should put the salt marshes as conservation.

Ms. Sally Clemens, 1638 Park Terrace West. Ms. Clemens addressed the fact that salt marshes should be designated as conservation, rather than agriculture. Ms. Clemens also stated that her information shows that wild and sea life are being affected. The increase in density if the land use is changed would impact the hurricane evacuation significantly. Ms. Clemens requests that the Council continue to vote no on the amendment.

Mr. Edward McDonald, 13572 Tarrasa Court East. Mr. McDonald requests that the Council comply with the P&G Committee recommendation to reject transmitted amendment to redevelop the parcel. The area is environmentally sensitive, and is a coastal hammock. The CHHA provides attenuation to the neighborhood. Mr. McDonald stated that if the developer pays the City to mitigate the area, that the residents still lose the wetlands, and is first in the line of fire for hurricane damage. Mr. McDonald states he believes that the area should be in conservation. Mr. McDonald also stated he had serious reservations regarding access and evacuation.

Ms. Kathleen Brown, 365 Pablo Point Drive. Ms. Brown passed out an environmental survey of the site and definitions of the site soil (salt marsh). Ms. Brown stated her opposition to the proposed amendment change, and to request that DCA be advised that this proposed change is inconsistent with the SRPP.

Ms. Mary Billotti, 469 Pablo Point Drive. Ms. Billotti opposes changes in the salt marsh areas and intercoastal waterway, and states that hurricane evacuation routes will be severely affected if the proposed land use change is adopted. Ms. Billotti states that rejecting the change is the only way to insure the safety of the city and citizens, and asks that the Board find the proposed change to be inconsistent with the SRPP.

Ms. Patricia Hairston, 13560 Picarsa Drive. President of Pablo Point Civic Association. Ms. Hairston asked the Board to oppose the proposed change to the land use, and find it inconsistent with the SRPP. Ms. Hairston stated that the CPAC has found the change inconsistent also.

A discussion followed, with many members of the Board weighing in. **Commissioner Fletcher**

moved that the Council NOT adopt the City of Jacksonville proposed amendment change #1; seconded by Mr. Fish, motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Lehman continued with the other proposed changes in the City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 07-1:

2. The amendment proposes to change 10.29 acres from Agriculture(iv) to Low Density Residential. The property is located along the east side of Philips Highway in south Jacksonville about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of the St. Johns County line. The site is presently undeveloped, with this land use change proposed to allow the property to be developed as an addition to the Williamston PUD, which border the property to the west. The parcel is bordered by Agriculture land use on all other boundaries, with a proposed land use amendment changing 338.92 acres to Low Density Residential bordering to the north. The current future land use map development potential is 4 single-family dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 51 single-family dwelling units.
3. The amendment proposes to change 338.92 acres from Agriculture(iii) and Agriculture(iv) to Low Density Residential. The property is located along the east side of Philips Highway in south Jacksonville about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of the St. Johns County line. The project is bordered by Agriculture land use to the east, and agriculture and residential land use to the north, south and west. The property is undeveloped and represents an extension of the Williamston PUD. This site, as the one above, is in an area of Jacksonville/St. Johns County with three approved DRIs. The Bartram Park & Gran Park DRIs are west of the property across Philips Highway, and the Nocatee DRI is located south of the property. This is a rapid growth area that is appropriate for intensification of residential densities, provided that adequate infrastructure is available to serve those increased densities. The current future land use map development potential is 39 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 1,961 single-family residential dwelling units. Water and sewer will be provided by JEA. The City's 2015 analysis of traffic conditions, with project traffic, indicates that the LOS on Philips Highway in this part of Duval County will be maintained.
4. The amendment proposes to change 84.69 acres from Business Park to Community/General Commercial. The property is located south of Bowdendale Road on the east side of Philips Highway just west of I-95. The project is bordered by Light Industrial land use to the north, Business Park to the east and south, and Heavy Industrial to the west across Philips Highway. The property is presently undeveloped, but is in area of the City characterized by industrial and commercial development. The current future land use map development potential is 1,291,183 square feet of office/light industrial, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 1,291,183 square feet of general commercial and 1,270 multi-family units.
5. The amendment proposes to change 27.08 acres from Low Density Residential to Neighborhood Commercial. The property is located at the southeast corner of Halsema Road and I-10. The parcel is bordered on the north by I-10, and on the east, south and west by undeveloped land, single family residences, and a plant nursery, all located in Low Density Residential land use. The property is undeveloped. The current future land use map development potential is 135 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 412,861 square feet of commercial space.
6. The amendment proposes to change 49.73 acres from Agriculture(iv) to Rural Residential. The property is located north of Yellow Water Lane on the west side of Yellow Water Road. The parcel is bordered on all sides by Agriculture land use, with single-family dwelling units

interspersed with vacant land. The property is vacant. The current future land use map development potential is 19 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 99 single-family residential units.

The City's resolution transmitting the amendment included a condition addressing school capacity. COJ Planning and Development Department support will be subject to an agreement by the developer to contribute land or proportionate monetary contributions to the School Board in order to mitigate the capital cost of construction of schools that do not presently exist to serve the area.

NEFRC Staff recommendation was that that adoption of this amendment should be contingent upon a commitment to provide for school capacity to serve potential students from the increase in housing densities.

7. The amendment proposes to change 79.1 acres from Agriculture(iv) to Low Density Residential. The property is located west of Canal Street on the south side of Brandy Branch Road, along I-10 southwest of the Town of Baldwin. The project is bordered on all sides by Agriculture land uses, with I-10 forming its southern boundary. The property is currently vacant and used for timbering. The current future land use map development potential is 31 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 82 single-family dwelling units.

In the Resolution that transmits the amendment, the City conditioned transmittal on limiting the property to 2.5 units per acre that shall be noted on the Future Land Use Map. COJ Planning staff recommended that approval be conditioned on an amendment to seek Rural Residential land use rather than Low Density Residential. The staff report states "the LDR land use category would not be consistent with area land use and would introduce higher densities into a rural area."

NEFRC Staff Comment: The data and analysis for 82 single-family units is not consistent with the conditional recommendation of 2.5 units per acre approved in the transmittal resolution. The analysis should be modified to reflect the conditional approval. In addition, staff agrees that a single use Low Density Residential land use is not consistent with the character of the area, and the Rural Residential land use recommended by City staff should be considered.

8. The amendment proposes to change 431.56 acres from Agriculture (iii) and Agriculture(iv) to Rural Residential. The property is located on the south side of Normandy Boulevard between McClelland Road and C.R. 217. The project is bordered on all sides by Agriculture land uses, undeveloped land and a plant nursery bordering to the north, undeveloped parts of the Trails Rural Village to the east and south, and timber plantation to the west. The property is currently vacant and used for timbering. The current future land use map development potential is 31 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 82 single-family dwelling units.
9. The amendment proposes to change 28.35 acres from Low Density Residential to Residential-Professional-Institutional. The property is located east of I-295 on the north side of Collins Road. The project is bordered on the east and south by an apartment complex in MDR land use, and to the north and west by a former golf course being converted to a residential subdivision and single-family dwellings in MDR land use. The purpose of the amendment is to provide for a mix of office and shopping uses in this part of Jacksonville to meet the growing

number of residential units being constructed in that part of the City. The current future land use map development potential is 141 residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 432,224 square feet of office development or 425 dwelling units.

10. The amendment proposes to change 22.63 acres from Low Density Residential to Light Industrial. The property is located east of Manson Lane on the north side of Beaver Street. The existing land use is a borrow pit, vacant land and vacant commercial development. The project is bordered on the west and south side by Light Industrial land use, on the east by Heavy Industrial, and on the north by Low Density Residential. The purpose of the amendment is to permit limited business park uses on the property. The current future land use map development potential is 99 residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 302,938 square feet of Business Park.
11. The amendment proposes to change 10.29 acres from Low Density Residential to Residential-Professional-Institutional. The property is located east of Parrish Cemetery Road on the north side of Normandy Blvd. The vacant property is bordered on three sides by LDR land use, with Neighborhood Commercial land use bordering to the south across Normandy Blvd. The purpose of the amendment is to allow for commercial development along Normandy Blvd. to serve the residential growth in this area of the City. The current future land use map development potential is 51 residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 156,881 square feet of office/institutional or 154 multi-family dwelling units.
12. The amendment proposes to change 9.48 acres from Low Density Residential to Residential-Professional-Institutional. The property is located west of Guardian Drive on the north side of Normandy Blvd. The vacant property is bordered on three sides by LDR land use, with some Commercial land use also bordering to the east, with Public Lands associated with Herlong Airport and Advanced Disposal located to the south across Normandy Blvd. The purpose of the amendment is to allow for commercial development along Normandy Blvd. to serve the residential growth in this area of the City in an area that is transitioning from residential to commercial. The current future land use map development potential is 47 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 144,532 square feet of office/institutional or 142 multi-family dwelling units.
13. The amendment proposes to change 28.96 acres from Low Density Residential to Community/General Commercial. The property is located at the northeast corner of Normandy Blvd. and Memorial Park Road. The vacant property is bordered by Low Density Residential land to the north and east, Low Density and CGC land to the south, and a cemetery in PBF land to the west. The purpose of the amendment is to develop a multi-use commercial facility to accommodate neighborhood growth. The current future land use map development potential is 144 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 441,524 square feet of commercial retail space.
14. The amendment proposes to change 39.06 acres from Low Density Residential to Agriculture(iii). The property is located south of Pritchard Road and west of Jones Road in western Duval County. The vacant property is bordered by Low Density Residential land and Agriculture land. The purpose of the amendment is to expand the existing Jones Road landfill, which disposes of and recycles construction and demolition debris. The current future land use map development potential is 195 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 3 single-family residential units.

15. The amendment proposes to change 33.27 acres from Low Density Residential to Neighborhood Commercial. The property is located at the southwest corner of Garden Street and Jones Road. The property is currently vacant timberland, and is bordered by Low Density Residential land to the west and south, with Agriculture land bordering to the east and north. The purpose of the amendment is to allow for a neighborhood commercial node at the intersection of two collector roads. The current future land use map development potential is 166 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 507,234 square feet of office professional and commercial uses.
16. The amendment proposes to change 18.09 acres from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential. The property is located at the southeast corner of Jones Road and Pritchard Road. The property is presently vacant and is bordered on all sides by Low Density Residential land. The applicant intends to develop the site as a multi-family workforce housing project. The current future land use map development potential is 90 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 271 multi-family residential dwelling units. The COJ Planning Department recommended conditional approval, that the PUD to be proposed with the new Land use category not allow the maximum allowable density, and that the PUD will have to satisfactorily incorporate workforce housing selection criteria, and address specific issues concerning traffic, density and compatibility.
17. The amendment proposes to change 12.8 acres from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential. The property is located on Gillespie Avenue east of Main Street North. The parcel is presently vacant, with the exception of a single-family residential dwelling unit. The property is surrounded by Low Density Residential land, with a smattering of single-family units interspersed with vacant land. The current future land use map development potential is 62 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 192 multi-family dwelling units.
18. The amendment proposes to change 50.82 acres from Agriculture(iii) and Agriculture(iv) to Multi-Use. The property is located south of Acree Road on the west side of Old Kings Road. The land use change is requested to allow for property to be added to the Northwood Regional Activity Center. Other land bordering the subject parcel has Agriculture land use designation. The proposed land use change will not change the amount of development proposed in the Northwood RAC, therefore there is no increase in development potential from the proposed land use change.
19. The amendment proposes to change 12.22 acres from Low Density Residential to Community/General Commercial. The property is located at the northwest corner of the Starratt Road/Yellow Bluff Road intersection. The parcel presently consists of single-family residences and vacant and wooded land. The property is bordered by Low Density Residential land use, with the exception of the eastern border, which is an area of CGC land use, which is presently vacant. The current future land use map development potential is 61 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 186,306 square feet of general commercial development.
20. The amendment proposes to change 89.52 acres from Low Density Residential to Residential-Professional-Institutional. The property is located west of Dunn Creek on the south side of Starratt Road. The parcel presently consists of single-family residences and vacant land. The property is bordered on all sides by Low Density Residential land use. The applicant seeks a land use change for development of a mixed use residential and commercial project. The

current future land use map development potential is 447 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 1342 multi-family units or 1,364,821 square feet of office/institutional development. The City, based upon the recommendation of Planning Staff, conditioned adoption of the amendment on the commitment of the applicant to the construction of a proposed collector/arterial roadway that would create an intersection with Starratt Road, as well as the need for the PUD zoning to address land use compatibility and buffering issues.

21. The amendment proposes to change 134.1 acres from Agriculture(iii), Agriculture(iv), and Public Buildings and Facilities to Low Density Residential. The property is located at the northwest corner of the Pecan Park Road/Arnold Road intersection. The parcel presently consists of a mobile home and vacant land. The property is bordered by Agriculture land use. The Timucuan DRI is adjacent to the subject parcel. The current future land use map development potential is 13 single-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 675 single-family residential units.
22. The last FLUM amendment proposes to change 11.52 acres from Medium Density Residential to Residential-Professional-Institutional. The property is located at the northwest corner of the Gate Parkway/Burnt Mill Road intersection. The parcel is presently vacant, and is bordered by RPI land, with MDR land bordering to the west. The subject property is located within the S.R. 9A/Butler Blvd. /Baymeadows Road Transportation Management Area. This proposed change represents an extension of the existing RPI land use in this area of the City. The current future land use map development potential is 172 multi-family residential dwelling units, and the proposed FLUM development potential is 175,633 square feet of office/institutional use.

Text Amendments

The text amendments consist of a change to Policy 3.1.15, which adds language that states that by December 2008, the City, through visioning, will determine what level of transit-oriented development is appropriate, and the corridors and areas most appropriate for it. In addition, if the visioning supports it, by December 2009 the City shall add land use plan categories and/or development regulations to allow for such development.

The City is also changing the land use plan category description for residential that states pre-existing residential units may be restored to their residential use at their original or historically significant density, regardless of land use plan category, unless there is an adopted Neighborhood Action Plan recommending against it.

Staff respectfully recommends that the Council approve this report for transmittal to the Department of Community Affairs.

Discussion followed: **Councilwoman Brown moved approval of staff recommendation as amended; seconded by Mr. Fish.** Discussion followed regarding specific substantive and procedural issues. **Commissioners Stevenson and Manuel** noted exceptions to items 2 and 3; **Commissioner Fletcher** noted concerns with items # 2, 3, 7 and 20. **Councilwoman Brown** questioned the procedural process for dealing with individual items within the entirety of the transmitted amendment. General consensus of the Board was to deal with specific land use amendments that Members had concerns with separately, then to take up the remainder of the transmitted amendment. Councilwoman Brown withdrew her motion to approve staff recommendation and Mr. Fish withdrew his second. **Commissioner Manuel moved that we recommend the City**

of Jacksonville NOT adopt amendments 2 and 3 due to transportation concerns in St. Johns County; seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; motion unanimously carried. Councilwoman Brown moved to approve the remainder of staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Fish; motion carried unanimously.

Putnam County Mariposa DRI

Mr. Lehman introduced Mr. Tony Robbins of Prosser-Hallock who gave a presentation on the Mariposa DRI in Putnam County. The mariposa DRI is a proposed multi-use project on 2,061 acres located in eastern Putnam County along the St. Johns county line. The development plan for Mariposa calls for two seven-year development phases consisting of the following land uses: 76,500 square feet of Office, 1450 dwelling units of Residential, 100,000 square feet of retail and 75,000 square feet of Business Park. The DRI recommendation report will be presented to the Council at the March meeting. A discussion followed.

Resolution 2007-06

Mr. Taylor reviewed the resolution honoring the service of **Commissioner Gordon Crews** on the Council. **Mr. Fish moved approval of the Resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Brown; motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution 2007-07

Mr. Taylor reviewed the resolution honoring the service of **Commissioner Tom Branan** on the Council. **Mr. Fish moved approval of the Resolution; seconded by Ms. Stern; motion carried unanimously.**

Florida Department of Transportation Presentation

Florida Department of Transportation Presentation was moved to the April 2007 meeting due to time constraints.

Legislative Update

Mr. Mario Taylor presented a draft of the Northeast Florida Regional Council 2007 Legislative Priorities booklet. A discussion followed. **Commissioner Manuel** stated transportation priorities should have its own heading, and not be buried within the "protecting local revenue" priority. **Ms. Stern moved that the legislative priorities be accepted as amended; seconded by Ms. Vallencourt, motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Michael Hadden briefly summarized and presented the newly published copies of the Council's 2006 Annual Report. Mr. Hadden also reported on the survey results from the Elected Officials Reception and Regional Leadership Awards event.

Members Reports

Councilwoman Elaine Brown asked for support for a resolution for the Mayport Ferry. **Commissioner Manuel moved that the council pass a resolution supporting the Mayport Ferry, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, motion carried unanimously.**

Chief Executive Officer's Report

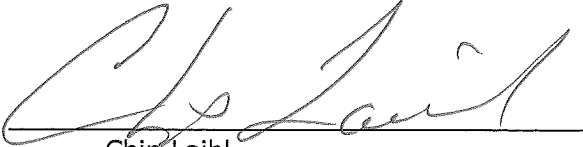
Mr. Taylor directed members' attention to Highlights and gave brief remarks on several news articles, with an emphasis on transportation articles. Mr. Taylor also introduced new staff member Sarah Holdstein, in the OCIR department. Mr. Taylor thanked Ms. Holdstein and Mr. Hadden for the legislative priority draft. Mr. Taylor also called members attention to the list of upcoming events, and reminded everyone that the next meeting will be at the SJRWMD in Palatka, and a map will be provided.

Next Meeting Date

The next Council Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida, 32177.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.



Chip Laibl
President



Brian Teeple
Chief Executive Officer