

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request 6

Date of Meeting: 3/13/01

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TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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SUBJECT: Ratification of Actions Taken at the Joint City/County Workshop on the Discussion of Blueprint 2000 Planning Issues

Statement of Issue:

This item seeks Board ratification of actions taken at the Joint City/County Commission Workshop on the Discussion of Blueprint 2000 Planning Issues held February 14, 2001.

Background:

On January 23 and 24, 2001, respectively, the County and City Commissions were provided updates on several issues related to the Blueprint 2000 joint project management structure. This update was intended to solicit input from each commission on the process for selection of Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) membership and other organizational issues to be agendaed for Joint Commission approval at the February 14, 2001 workshop.

On February 14, 2001, the Board and the City Commission conducted the joint workshop (Attachment #1) to discuss issues that were organizational in nature and actions needed to move the Blueprint 2000 project implementation forward.

Analysis:

During this workshop, the following actions were taken:

Issue: Selection of Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

Action: a motion passed unanimously to approve alternative 2, described in the January 23, 2001, Board agenda item (Attachment #2), in which names will be solicited from organizations represented on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and forwarded to each member of the Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency (Joint Commissions). Staff was directed to review the list of nominees upon receipt, and make recommendations for membership on the CAC prior to forwarding to commissioners.

Issue: The Joint Commissions discussed adding additional members to the CAC.

Action: A motion carried to amend the CAC to add a 10th member from the Civil Rights Community. Nominations are to be forwarded by either the NAACP, Southern Christian Leadership Coalition (SCLC), or Tallahassee Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (TIMA). Later in the meeting, this issue was again discussed and a motion to add an 11th member from TaxWatch was withdrawn in favor of adding representation from the disabled and elderly communities (11th and 12th CAC members). Staff was directed to bring forward recommendations on the latter two representatives regarding a nominating process that would ensure groups/organizations representing the disabled and elderly have ample opportunity to nominate members.

Issue: The Joint Commissions discussed whether three names would be required of all CAC organization nominations.

Action: The discussion as to whether three names would be required for submission of CAC nominations resulted in a vote to request a minimum of two nominees, and a maximum of three nominees from each organization. Organizations that are exceptions to this provision include the Economic Development Council and the Planning Commission, for which the bylaws specifically state that the representative from these entities will be their Chairmen, and the Capital City Chamber of Commerce as their representative will be appointed by the organization.

Issue: The Joint Commissions discussed amending the Bylaws to include the MPO voting structure.

Action: A motion was made to adopt the amended Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency bylaws, and passed unanimously. Amendments include:

Revision to Section B-4 (4), second sentence, stating that AAn affirmative vote shall consist of a majority of the total quorum present, based on the MPO voting structure, except as specified in Section D (1) of these bylaws.@

Revision to Section B-5, By Law Amendments stating: AThe Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the total quorum present of the Intergovernmental Agency, based on the MPO voting structure, except as specified in Section D (1) of these bylaws.@

Revision to Section B-6, Voting Procedure stating that AExcept as provided in Section D (1), an affirmative vote shall consist of a majority of the total quorum present, based on the MPO voting structure, on issues before the Agency.@

Revision to Section D (2), Specific Policies stating that AContracts, change orders, etc. which exceed the authority of the Intergovernmental Management Committee shall be approved by a majority vote of the total quorum present of the Intergovernmental Agency, based on the MPO voting structure, except as specified in Section D (1) of these bylaws.@

Staff was also requested to clarify significant versus major program changes to issues which require action beyond management committee=s authority, as referenced in Section D (1) of the bylaws.

Issue: Approval of the Staff Director job description.

Action: A motion to delete the six years of professional and administrative experience in public works from the Staff Director job description failed. A substitute motion to approve the job description, as recommended by staff, passed.

Issue: Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Action: The floor was opened for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Agency. A motion was made and seconded for the nomination of Commissioner Dan Winchester, as well as a motion and second for Commissioner John Paul Bailey. However, due to the fact that both commissioners wanted to serve as Chairman, the Mayor moved that the City Manager and County Administrator administer a straw vote to decide which nominee would serve as Chairman.

Issue: Remaining Issues from the Joint City/County Commission Workshop.

Action: There was no action taken on the issues regarding the housing of the Staff Director, the legal assistance to be provided to the City, and the City fund accounting process. These issues will be agendaed for the next meeting.

Options:

1. Ratify actions taken at the Joint City/County Workshop on the Discussion of Blueprint 2000 Planning Issues held on February 14, 2001.
2. Do not ratify actions taken at the Joint City/County Workshop on the Discussion of Blueprint 2000 Planning Issues held on February 14, 2001.
3. Provide other direction to staff.

Recommendation:

Option 1.

Attachments:

1. Joint Workshop: Discussion of Blueprint 2000 Planning Issues

2. [January 23, 2001 agenda item: Update on sales tax extension program issues](#)