

**TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY BLUEPRINT 2000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGENCY MINUTES**

**September 17, 2001
Commission Chambers, City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

City

Commissioner John Paul Bailey
Commissioner Charles Billings
Commissioner Debbie Lightsey
Mayor Scott Maddox
Commissioner Steve Meisburg

County

Commissioner Ed DePuy
Commissioner Bill Proctor
Commissioner Tony Grippa
Commissioner Bob Rackleff
Commissioner Jane Sauls
Commissioner Cliff Thael
Commissioner Dan Winchester, Chairman

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Anita Favors, City Manager
Mr. Parwez Alam, County Manager
Mr. Michael Wright, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Dinah Hart, Interim Blueprint 2000 Staff Director
Mr. Jim English, City Attorney
Mr. John Buss, City Stormwater
Mr. Bruce Barrett, Director of MPO
Ms. Theresa Heiker, County Stormwater Engineering

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Winchester at 5:04 p.m.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

III. CONSENT ITEMS

There was a motion to approve all consent items except for Item 3 by Commissioner Thael and seconded. The motion passed.

1. Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve July 9, 2001 Minutes as submitted.

2. Future Meeting Dates

Recommended Action: Approve the Intergovernmental Agency meeting on November 19 immediately following the scheduled 3:00 p.m. MPO meeting.

3. Clarification of Reference to “Significant Changes” in Bylaws

Recommended Action: Approve language as recommended by staff.

Ms. Dinah Hart discussed the changes made in the Bylaws regarding the supermajority vote. She read the changes made by staff to define this type of vote. There was a discussion and Commissioner Lightsey moved to approve and it was seconded. The vote was taken and passed in favor of the staff recommendation.

4. Process for review of requests for Blueprint 2000 funding

Recommended Action: Approve process for review of requests for Blueprint 2000 funding.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS PULLED

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Appointment of Members to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Recommended Action: Appoint nominees to the twelve memberships on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

There was a motion by Commission Bailey and seconded to approve appointment of all members with the exception of No. 12. The motion passed.

Commissioner Bailey made a motion that Dr. J. R. Harding be the representative for the disabled community. This was seconded for discussion. There were discussions regarding Mr. Carl McCoy and Dr. Harding. Mayor Maddox suggested that since both of these men serve on several committees, that they may work this out among themselves. This motion was seconded and approved.

6. Discussion of Strategies for Blueprint 2000 Project Implementation

Recommended Action: Provide input and direction to staff on the proposed implementation plan and authorize staff to proceed with the requested tasks/activities.

Dinah Hart discussed the spreadsheet developed by the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department. This Draft Implementation Plan followed the Commissioners’

instructions before the Referendum when the voters were told the PD&E and planning stages of these projects would begin as soon as possible. This draft concentrates on the roadway improvements due to the lead time involved. Ms. Hart asked for input on this Draft Implementation Plan.

Commissioner Lightsey made a motion to authorize staff to commence with the PD&E studies and to delay discussion to another time. Commissioner Thaeil seconded the motion and it was passed.

7. Discussion of Water Quality Program Funding
Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff.

Commissioner Winchester explained that this item concerned the \$50 million set-aside to be funded by the sales tax extension. The question concerns what types of projects would be eligible. The money designated for water quality in the Blueprint 2000 plan is the only funding not designated for specific projects except for the Frenchtown Watershed Drainage Project. The funding is to be split fifty/fifty between the City and County; \$10 million for the City to spend in Frenchtown on the Watershed Project and \$5 million to be spent on County retrofit projects are the only projects previously identified. He asked that this agency provide staff direction.

Commissioner Winchester read the options provided on Attachment I, which was a memorandum from P.A. to County Commissioners: (1) Establishment of specific criteria for project eligibility for this funding; (2) Development of a full-scale Water Resources Plan to identify priorities for this funding; (3) Each jurisdiction independently performs studies, establish criteria, put together their plans based on the unique water quality issues facing each jurisdiction under this option. Each jurisdiction would provide their own programs to be approved by the Intergovernmental Agency, as well as modifications. The staff recommendation was to approve Option (3).

Ms. Henree Martin proposed that the City and County find an unbiased Water Quality Consultant to work out a proposed plan with the City and County staff to be submitted jointly for mutual agreement by all the parties.

Chairman Winchester approved brief public comments on this issue. Mr. David Guthrie from Killlearn Lakes described stormwater problems in his property and water going into his house that is not in a flood zone area. Another homeowner in Killlearn Lakes also expressed his stormwater concerns.

Commissioner Grippa moved for approval of Option 1, seconded by Commissioner DePuy.

Mayor Maddox explained that the City of Tallahassee has had a stormwater fee since 1987 and in spite of that, there is still flooding. He stated that is why the Sales Tax Extension had so much backing so there would be money to spend on Stormwater.

He felt one person should overlook the City and County lists to make sure these lists are integrated.

Commissioner Lightsey favored separate City/County project lists but recommended a review group that reflects the Intergovernmental Agency and shows which of those projects will serve the purposes and fit the guidelines of the Blueprint Plan. She pointed out the County does not have a Water Quality Program whereas the City does.

Commissioner DePuy asked Stormwater Engineering staff if the County could take \$25 million and use it for water quality. Ms. Theresa Heiker responded yes. Commissioner DePuy explained when he seconded Commissioner Grippa's motion, it meant taking care of the current flooding problems but also addressing long-term problems.

Commissioner Grippa explained that he was in favor of the County and City identifying their problems and then coordinating this from thereon.

Commissioner Bailey stated that stormwater and water quality issues did not mean two different things.

Commissioner Rackleff felt \$25 million was not going to solve the problem. He spoke about the underfunded Stormwater Program and not enough money in the City or County. He stated that housing developments should not be allowed in flood zone areas.

Commissioner Sauls supported moving this forward as a high priority. She suggested the County prepare its list and stated it was not acceptable to have people get to their homes via boats.

Commissioner Proctor stated that the stormwater fees were needed. He said that the County needs to have a fee to match the City fees.

Mayor Maddox said that equalized fees were needed and the City and County will discuss this issue.

Commissioner Lightsey agreed that the dollar amounts should be agreed upon.

Mayor Maddox moved to investigate a third party expert to look at the City/County project lists and make a recommendation as far as effectiveness and integration for consistency with the Blueprint Plan. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thaeil.

Ms. Favors, City Manager, summarized the actions of the meeting stating there had been introduction of new information, some priorities had changed, there were issues to be dealt with, and a short-term and long-term plan had been proposed.

The vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Lightsey proposed that the City and County discuss their priorities regarding changes in funding for this plan, and changes stated regarding the difference in water quality and flooding relief program as policy issues.

Chairman Winchester discussed total maximum daily loads (TMDL) regarding the water quality issue pertaining to tributaries going through a delisting process which Blueprint 2000 pledged to protect. His concern was the lakes involved – Lake Jackson, Lake Munson and Lake Lafayette and he requested information regarding this was critical. He asked that staff and both Commissions obtain information about this issue.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 8. Implementation of Intergovernmental Agency Technical Coordinating Committee Review Process**
- 9. Update on Citizen Communications**
- 10. Update on Staff Director position.**
- 11. Update on Supplemental Funding for Blueprint 2000 Projects.**

The Staff Director position for Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency was discussed and Ms. Favors and Mr. Parwez Alam indicated that interviews were scheduled for next week and expectation to fill this position was by mid-October. Commissioner Lightsey stated she was more concerned with hiring a quality person for this position rather than with the amount of time involved to accomplish this.

- 12. Status of Blueprint 2000 Roadway Design Standards.**

VII. UNAGENDAED BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.