

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

**Tallahassee, Florida
February 14, 2001**

JOINT CITY-COUNTY SALES TAX PROJECTS WORKSHOP

The City Commission met in special session on February 14, 2001, in the City Hall Commission Chamber with Commissioners Maddox, Meisburg, Lightsey, Bailey and Billings; and County Commissioners Winchester, Thael, Sauls and Maloy present. Also present were City Manager Favors, City Attorney English, Interim City Treasurer-Clerk Herndon, and County Administrator Alam.

Mayor Maddox called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

Review Of Agenda

City Manager Favors presented the agenda and reviewed the recommended actions, noting that direction was requested from the Joint Commission on the following issues in order for staff to move forward with implementation of the Joint Project Management Structure:

1. Approval of selection process for Citizens Advisory Committee
2. Decision on addition of 10th and 11th Committee members – representatives from the civil rights community and Tax Watch
3. Decision on whether three (3) nominees are required to be provided by the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) and the Big Bend Environmental Forum (and any additional membership slots, if applicable) for consideration and selection by the Joint Commission
4. Adoption of Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency bylaws
5. Approval of City Manager's and County Administrator's recommendations:
 - Housing of Staff Director
 - Legal assistance to be provided by City on an interim basis
 - City accounting process to be utilized

County Administrator Alam concurred with the issues as presented by City Manager Favors.

Approval Of Selection Process For Citizens Advisory Committee

City Administrative Services Manager Dinah Hart noted that information on the nomination process had been provided to the County Commission on January 23rd and the City Commission on January 24th, and both Commissions had expressed a preference for Alternative 2, which was to have the names forwarded to the City Manager and the County Administrator, who would forward the names on to the Commission members for subsequent action at an Intergovernmental Agency Meeting.

County Commissioner Thael ascertained that this alternative did not include the representation of the civil rights community, as that was a separate issue to be addressed.

Mayor Maddox confirmed the consensus of the Joint Commission was to stay with the approval of the Alternative 2 selection process for the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Decision on Proposal to Add 10th and 11th Committee Member

County staff Vince Long presented the second issue, which was whether or not to add the 10th and 11th members, the civil rights representative as well as the representative from Tax Watch, as had been brought up at the County Commission meeting on January 23rd.

Mayor Maddox discussed the City Commission's concern with including representatives of these two constituencies without also including representatives of other constituencies. He advised that he also had a concern with including a representative of Tax Watch because that was an independent organization, which could be disbanded or could change its focus.

Commissioner Billings concurred with the Mayor's concern with regard to Tax Watch and stated that there could also be a concern with the amorphousness of representing the civil rights community. He noted that some of them could also be in the position of accepting funds from either the County or the City.

County Administrator Alam inquired if this discussion could be continued after the arrival of County Commissioners Grippa and County Commissioner Proctor, since they had brought this issue up at the County Commission's meeting. Mayor Maddox responded that the discussion could be delayed until the arrival of one of those County Commissioners.

County Commissioner Proctor entered the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

County Commissioner Thael expressed concurrence with Commissioner Billings' comment about the amorphousness of identifying civil rights community, but stated that he continued to support the designation of a highly recognized civil rights institution. He recommended **seeking the appointment of the President of the NAACP, or his or her designee, as the representative of the civil rights community, and offered a motion to that effect.**

County Commissioner Proctor seconded the motion.

Commissioner Billings **offered a substitute motion to substitute the President of NAACP-SCLC as the representative of the civil rights community.** County Commissioners Thael and Proctor **amended their motion accordingly.**

After brief discussion, which clarified that the substitute language was to have the President of the NAACP or the SCLC serve on the Committee, County Commissioner Thael **withdrew the amendment to his motion, leaving the original motion on the floor.**

County Commissioner Rackleff entered the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

County Commissioner Proctor discussed his support for allowing the civil rights community to nominate a representative to serve on this Committee, and County Commissioner Thael stated that he could support the inclusion of such language in the intent of his motion as a good compromise.

County Commissioner Proctor inquired as to City Commissioner Billings' acceptance of this compromise suggestion, and City Commissioner Billings responded in the affirmative, indicating his understanding that this would be a rotating appointment and include representation of all the community's civil rights groups, Rainbow Coalition, SCLC, Urban League, etc. He pointed out that all of the Commissioners were elected and responsible for representing the citizens, including all members of the civil rights community, while he acknowledged that it was important to have someone with credibility from the civil rights community on this Committee.

County Commissioner Thael stated that it would be difficult to implement the compromise as defined by City Commissioner Billings because of the extensive number of civil rights groups that would

be involved. He opined that the civil rights group being represented on this Committee should be limited to those people who would be greatly impacted by expenditure of these sales tax dollars.

Mayor Maddox pointed out that the President of the NAACP would be eligible for appointment to this Committee under the criteria that had just been approved. He expressed his intent to vote against the motion because he believed diverse representatives would be appointed to this Committee through the existing structure.

The vote of the Joint Commission was as follows:

AYE: County Commissioners Thael, Proctor, Winchester, Sauls, Rackleff and Maloy, and City Commissioner Billings

NAY: City Commissioners Maddox, Meisburg, Lightsey and Bailey

ABSENT: County Commissioner Grippa

On a show of hands, Mayor Maddox announced the passage of the motion.

At the request of Mayor Maddox, County Commissioner Thael clarified that the motion just passed was to have the two main civil rights organizations in Tallahassee, the SCLC and the NAACP, get together and select a person to serve on this Committee for a term of appointment, at which time they would either re-appoint that person or make a new appointment to serve on the Committee. Brief discussion continued in this regard.

City Commissioner Billings discussed his expectation that these groups would select an individual to represent all of the different civil rights groups without being compelled to name their own organization president. County Commissioner Thael stated that would be his expectation as well.

Voting Process

City Commissioner Lightsey called for clarification of the voting procedure, that is, whether the MPO weighted vote was being used, or whether a separate vote count of the City and County Commissions was being used, noting that this would be relevant to the previous vote as well as all subsequent votes taken on the issues before this Joint Commission. She stated her assumption that the Joint Commission was not yet convened as the Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency and one of the issues she desired to bring up was the voting process for meeting as that new entity, noting that she understood the County had a position on that issue while the City had not yet taken a position in that regard.

County staff Vince Long clarified that the only time a super majority vote was needed was for a substantive change in the Blueprint 2000 projects.

City Commissioner Lightsey expressed her interest was in whether the vote was weighted, or whether one entity dominated by more numbers.

Ms. Hart recalled a discussion at a previous meeting not to use the MPO voting structure.

City Commissioner Lightsey stated that she did not recall having a discussion that this would be a co-mingled vote, and City Commissioner Bailey stated that he did not recall such discussion.

County Commissioner Grippa entered the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Brief discussion focused on a quorum being based on a majority of the City Commission and a majority of the County Commission being present, as presented in the proposed bylaws. City Manager Favours clarified the recommended voting procedure, quoting section B-6 of the proposed bylaws, "... a

simple majority of the total quorum present shall represent an affirmative vote on issues before the Agency.”

Adoption of Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency Bylaws

At this point, Mayor Maddox called for adoption of the bylaws, which would be followed by meeting as the joint Agency to make any changes.

Referring to section D(1) of the proposed bylaws, County Commissioner Proctor expressed concern with there being no definition for determining “significant changes” to the Blueprint 2000 projects. He also proposed adding a subsection (3) to the Specific Policy, section D, stating that the County by a simple majority can change the 10-10 split without the supermajority vote that was provided in section D(1), and the City by a majority vote could change its 10-10 split without invoking the section D(1) process as well.

Commissioner Lightsey opined that County Commissioner Proctor’s proposed subsection D(3) would “kill” the intergovernmental agency.

Mayor Maddox questioned if County Commissioner Proctor desired to make his suggestion in the form of a motion to amend the proposed bylaws.

Responding to the opinion that his suggestion would “kill” the intergovernmental agency, County Commissioner Proctor opined that the County Commission ought to be able to make the decision, by a simple majority vote, on the County’s 10% portion of the sales tax revenues that were not clearly earmarked, and he clarified that this would not apply to the 80% portion of the Blueprint 2000 projects funding.

County Commissioner Rackleff questioned if County Commissioner Proctor desired to make a motion.

County Commissioner Proctor **moved to adopt a subsection (3), under section D, Specific Policies, which was proposed to say that the County by a simple majority could change its portion, or a 10% split, without a super majority as required in section D(1).**

County Administrator Alam interjected clarification that the Intergovernmental Agency, under the proposed bylaws, was only dealing with the 80% split of the sales tax revenues and the remaining 10%/10% split was a City Commission and a County Commission decision. County Commissioner Proctor then **withdrew his motion.**

Mayor Maddox inquired if anyone had a motion on section B-6 of the proposed bylaws, on voting rocedure.

Commissioner Meisburg stated that this Agency would not constitute a partnership that was fair unless the voting was weighted, as done by the MPO.

County Commission Grippa discussed his agreement that there ought to be a weighted vote on the side of the County, weighing the County Commission’s votes greater, because everyone living in the City was represented by three County Commissioners and every City Commissioner whereas everyone living in the unincorporated area of the County were only represented by three County Commissioners. He stated that, unless some serious Constitutional issues were going to be addressed, he would suggest that any weighting consideration would be towards the County.

City Commissioner Lightsey stated that she had not supported that notion years earlier when she heard it from former County Commissioner Marjorie Turnbull, who had stated that there were only

two people at any of these joint meetings who represented everyone, and stated she did not intend to engage in that discussion at this time.

Commissioner Lightsey suggested that, in all respects, the intent was to pull together an equal partnership and that was how the citizens had voted on the sales tax extension issue, including the 10-10-80 split and the list of projects prepared by both governments on their 10% plus the 80% in a collaborative effort. She stated that the Commissioners could not back away from the principles that they had sold to the public and on which the public had based its vote, and she opined that the votes should be of equal weight on both sides, as was done by the MPO. Commissioner Lightsey acknowledged that the supermajority had precedent because, as had been discussed in the past, once the list of projects was adopted, and once there was a work plan approved by the MPO, the Commissions could not make changes without a supermajority vote.

Commissioner Meisburg pointed out the MPO had gone through the same discussion before concluding to have a weighted vote and he could not conceive of the City Commission supporting any other voting process.

County Commissioner Thaelle opined that the argument to use the MPO voting process as a model had some merit, but suggested that this was a different scenario based on the County Commission making the decision to place this issue on the ballot.

County Commissioner Grippa left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Continuing with his discussion, County Commissioner Thaelle pointed out the City Commission had the ability to change the City Charter and add a couple more Commissioners while the County Commission did not have that ability as it was not a charter government. He stated that, with that in mind, he supported the voting procedure language as presented in the section B-6 of the proposed bylaws.

Discussion continued and, noting that he was getting a little insulted, Mayor Maddox pointed out the Legislature recognized that the city municipalities throughout the state had home rule within their boundaries, and the Legislature further recognized that in sales tax monies there was a formula on the split set by state that makes cities equal partners with the county. He pointed out the City Commission had unanimously fought in a straightforward manner for the sales tax extension, along with the citizens of the community, and it was unfair to say the City was not an equal partner.

County Commissioner Grippa returned to the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Mayor Maddox urged the Commissions to move forward with some equitable voting process and maintain unity on this issue.

Stating his agreement with Mayor Maddox, County Commissioner Rackleff opined that the weighted voting of the MPO had worked well and stated that this was an equal partnership issue. He **moved to amend the proposed bylaws to adopt the MPO method of voting.**

City Commissioner Billings seconded the motion.

County Commissioner Sauls indicated her support for the motion and suggested that it would be an injustice to the citizens to do anything other than approve the MPO weighted voting process so that this would be an equal partnership with equal votes.

County Commissioner Grippa opined that this might be a good argument for consolidation of the City and County governments, and reiterated his prior argument for a weighted vote on the side of the

County. He stated his intent to stay with County Commissioner Thael's position and not adopt the MPO voting procedure.

County Commissioner Winchester urged support for the MPO voting process as it had served the community well in the past. He stated that his "rule of thumb" was "if it ain't broke don't fix it".

County Commissioner Thael accepted County Commissioner Winchester's suggestion and urged the County Commission to approve the MPO voting process so that there would be a consensus position on that issue.

The vote of the Joint Commission, on the motion to use the MPO formula voting procedure as a joint body, was as follows:

AYE: City Commissioners Maddox, Meisburg, Lightsey, Bailey and Billings, and
County Commissioners Winchester, Thael, Sauls, Rackleff and Maloy
NAY: County Commissioners Grippa and Proctor

Mayor Maddox announced the passage of the motion with two dissenting votes.

City Commissioner Billings ascertained, for the record, that the action taken related to section B-6 of the proposed bylaws, and did not relate to significant changes to the Blueprint 2000 projects, which would be approved by a supermajority vote of the members of each body.

Mayor Maddox called for a motion on the proposed bylaws as amended.

County Commissioner Thael interjected to suggest that the language of section B-4(4) be amended to reflect the action just taken and **Mayor Maddox so directed, indicating that the language of section B-4(4) as well as any other language on voting procedures, except section D(1), should be appropriately corrected.**

Responding to an inquiry by County Commissioner Grippa as to when the time would be appropriate to discuss adding a representative from Tax Watch, Mayor Maddox advised that although a vote had been taken on that issue prior to County Commissioner Grippa's arrival, there could be some discussion, after the adoption of the bylaws, on whether to take another vote on that issue as the Intergovernmental Agency.

Noting that section B-4(2) suggested holding the Intergovernmental Agency meetings in the City Commission Chamber in conjunction with a scheduled MPO meeting, County Commissioner Proctor expressed the opinion that the meetings should be held at 6:00 p.m. and not in conjunction with the MPO meetings.

Mayor Maddox inquired if there was any further discussion on the proposed bylaws.

Commissioner Billings ascertained from County staff Vince Long that the major program changes referenced in section B-4(1) referred to any changes that were outside the authority of the City Manager and County Administrator, and he requested that this clarification be included in the bylaws.

County Commissioners Grippa and Maloy, and City Commissioner Billings left the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

County Commissioner Proctor ascertained from County Administrator Alam that the Planning Department maintained the list of "neighborhoods of record", referenced in section B-4(6), and he requested that he be provided with a copy of that list.

Mayor Maddox called for a **motion for approval of the bylaws as amended reflecting the change in the voting procedures under section B-6 and B-4(4), and any other area except for the supermajority vote specified in section D(1), along with clarification of “major program changes”**. Commissioner Lightsey **so moved** and upon being duly seconded, **the vote was unanimous in favor thereof**.

CONVENED AS BLUEPRINT 2000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

Mayor Maddox confirmed the consensus of the Commissions to meet jointly as the Intergovernmental Agency under the adopted voting procedures and bylaws just adopted.

City Commissioner Meisburg left the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Confirmation of Selection Process for Citizens Advisory Committee

Mayor Maddox questioned the desire of the Agency relative to **confirming the prior vote of the Joint Commission on the selection process for the Citizens Advisory Committee**.

After brief discussion, **the consensus of the Intergovernmental Agency was to confirm the Joint Commission’s prior vote on this issue pending a calculation by Director of Planning Wendy Grey to ensure that the MPO voting formula would not change the action taken**.

Nomination Process for Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee

City Commissioner Lightsey stated that with regard to the nomination process for members of the Citizens Advisory Committee, she would like staff to comment on equity concerns with regard to having an equitable process for the nominations so that all of the members would be on a “level playing field”.

City Commissioners Meisburg and Billings, and County Commissioner Grippa returned to the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Ms. Hart advised that the intent, when set up in the interlocal agreement, was that the Chair of the Planning Commission would be the appropriate representative and the initial seven members were position specific, and there was no intent for the last two members, that were added at the last meeting, to be position specific.

City Commissioner Lightsey confirmed with Ms. Hart that no one on the Committee would be held to a higher standard.

Ms. Hart noted that the EECC had also been asked for three names.

Mayor Maddox suggested asking all of the groups to provide three names of nominees to the Committee so that every group was treated the same.

City Commissioner Lightsey **so moved** and County Commissioner Grippa seconded the motion.

Commissioner Meisburg ascertained that the consensus of the joint Agency was for the staff to present the nominees with a staff recommendation.

Mayor Maddox restated the motion on the floor, that “every group that has representatives on the advisory committee will provide three (3) names of qualified people; staff will make a recommendation as to which of the three will come before this body for appointment, and that they all be treated the same.”

City Commissioner Lightsey briefly discussed making sure there was a level playing field and she **amended her motion to "... up to three (3) names"**

Responding to an attempt by County Commissioner Thael to make an "on point" comment, County Commissioner Grippa noted "for the record" that there was no such thing "on point" in Robert's Rules of Order. Brief discussion continued in this regard.

Mayor Maddox clarified that if the motion was that all groups being represented on the Advisory Committee would be asked to provide up to three (3) names from their group for the staff to make a recommendation for appointment by the joint Agency, that would not apply for appointments by specific job classifications.

City Commissioner Lightsey opined that it would be difficult to select from a list of three (3) nominees without offending anyone while it was important for the joint Agency to have some flexibility.

City Manager Favors explained that part of the reason for recommending three (3) nominees was to give the joint Agency more flexibility.

Commissioner Meisburg suggested going with minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3).

County Administrator Alam interjected that an alternative would be to leave it to the groups being represented to recommend one (1) nominee.

Mayor Maddox stated that he preferred to have some entity other than the representative groups make that decision.

County Commissioner Rackleff discussed the purpose of an advisory committee as a process for getting a relatively unfiltered view of public opinion and he **moved to ask these representative groups to name their own representative**. County Commissioner Thael seconded the motion.

Mayor Maddox ascertained that the motion just made was to do away with the recommendation that up to three names be provided by the groups and just ask the groups to make an appointment.

County Commissioner Grippa interjected that, as a point of order, there was a motion on the table by Commissioner Lightsey which he had seconded.

Commissioner Lightsey clarified that, in her view, the Commission was working on her motion to make it a "level playing field" so that everyone that came from a group, as opposed to a position-specific person, use the same process, and she was attempting to refine the motion by determining whether to asked two (2) names or three (3) names. She expressed concern that some of the groups might have difficulty in finding three people who were willing to serve on this Committee, and stated her desire to have more than one name from which to choose.

At the request of Mayor Maddox to clarify the motion, Commissioner Lightsey **moved that named groups which were going to have representation on this Committee provide a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) names, which would be presented to the joint Agency with staff recommendations, for the joint Agency to make appointments to this Committee**.

County Commissioner Grippa seconded the motion.

County Commissioner Maloy left the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

County Commissioner Winchester noted that Ms. Kathy Archibald and Ms. Nancy Linnan, representatives of the EECC, were present and he questioned if they could comment on this issue.

County Commissioner Grippa suggested that if public testimony was taken, it should not be limited to two individuals. Mayor Maddox inquired as to the desire of the joint Agency in this regard.

County Commissioner Winchester clarified that the issue was whether to take input from these two individuals as representatives of the committee that had made the Blueprint 2000 recommendations.

City Commissioner Meisburg pointed out the meeting should be advertised if full public comment was taken.

Commissioner Lightsey clarified that there were four representative groups that fell into the category that was under discussion, and because Ms. Archibald and her organization were responsible for putting forward the names nominated from these four groups, she should be allowed to speak. She added that opening the floor for all public comment would present a public notice problem.

There being no objection, Mayor Maddox invited Ms. Kathy Archibald to comment as the representative of the EECC.

Ms. Archibald appeared before the Commission and clarified that the EECC was prepared to recommend three (3) names for each of the classification positions on this Committee. She suggested that the joint Agency either request three (3) names for every position, including the EECC and including the Planning Commission, or have the representative of each of those organizations individually provide a name because the chairpersons of those groups were subject to change each year. She opined that either option was workable.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYE: City Commissioners Maddox, Meisburg, Lightsey, Bailey and Billings, and
County Commissioners Winchester, Sauls, Maloy and Grippa
NAY: County Commissioners Rackleff, Thael and Proctor
ABSENT: County Commissioner Maloy

Mayor Maddox affirmed the passage of the motion.

County Commissioner Grippa ascertained that the appointee would serve as representative of the group.

Commissioner Lightsey expressed the opinion that the position-specific appointments should be made to the position-specific designee or that person's designee, i.e., the Chair of ... or the Chair's designee, so as to avoid problems of having a quorum. She stated that there was more potential for quorum problems with a larger group and the more specific appointments.

County Commissioner Maloy returned to the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

County Commissioner Grippa discussed the County's position that a member representative of Tax Watch should be included, as that group had been involved throughout the process. He added that he would like to see a representative of the disabled community on this committee as there currently was no ADA representative. He **moved to include a representative of the disabled community and a representative of Tax Watch.**

City Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion.

City Commissioner Lightsey advised that she would not support the motion based on her objection to including additional members to this "ever-expanding group" and suggested that a

representative from a national or Statewide auditing association would be preferable to including a representative from Tax Watch, which she would not support. She suggested that some of this representation, such as the disabled community, could be incorporated in one person, i.e., planners, neighborhood association people, or the Planning Commission Chairperson. City Commissioner Lightsey also pointed out that the elected officials served as representatives of the community, which included representation of the disabled constituency.

County Commissioner Proctor stated that the civil rights community needed a representative at the table and opined that the purpose of this intergovernmental process was to correct a measure had not been inclusive enough from the start. In doing so, he suggested that representatives should be included from the civil rights community, Tax Watch, and any other person who would make a good representative of this community. County Commissioner Proctor suggested that, under the civil rights banner, the Tallahassee Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (TIMA) should be consulted as well as the SCLC or NAACP, and he urged the Commissioners to allow these representatives on the Committee.

County Commissioner Rackleff stated that he like the idea of including a representative from the disabled community and suggested stopping the Committee membership at 12.

County Commissioner Grippa stated that although he may not have supported this tax, he planned on spending it in the appropriate way. He also pointed out that the local governments were dealing with the ADA, and urged support for his motion to add a representative of Tax Watch and a representative of the disabled community.

County Commissioner Proctor offered an amendment to accept the NAACP representation. Mayor Maddox clarified that action had already been taken.

Mayor Maddox confirmed that the motion on the floor was to include a representative of Tax Watch and a representative of the disabled community.

City Commissioner Meisburg stated that another big segment of the community had been left out, the elderly, and left-handed people, and County Commissioner Grippa expressed hope that City Commissioner Meisburg was not attempting to compare the elderly with left-handed people.

City Commissioner Meisburg pointed out that part of the reason for having groups submit three names was to give the staff an opportunity to address all these issues in its recommendation. He opined that this was far better than continually adding groups.

County Commissioner Winchester suggested that guidelines be written such that the recommendations from the various groups include membership from Tax Watch and the disabled community, and County Commissioner Grippa indicated he could support that suggestion. Noting that he could support that direction as being consistent with the intent of the motion by City Commissioner Lightsey and City Commissioner Meisburg, and the current membership as planned, County Commissioner Winchester called for a substitute motion to that effect.

County Commissioner Thael expressed support for the motion, based on his perception that inclusion was better and was appropriate. He urged the Commissioners to move forward with the agenda and to have more productive meetings in the future.

City Commissioner Billings discussed his preference for including a representative of the disabled community but not Tax Watch, noting that Tax Watch had accepted some federal funds through grants, etc.

County Commissioner Grippa **moved to withdraw Tax Watch from his motion, and include representatives of the disabled community and the AARP, representing the elderly community.** City Commissioner Bailey seconded the amendment.

Discussion continued and Mayor Maddox indicated his concurrence with an earlier statement made by City Commissioner Bailey predicting that this process would get unmanageable. He indicated his preference was for all groups to have a voice and bring their expertise to the Committee, but that this would make it unwieldy.

City Manager Favors requested clarification of the motion in terms of the disabled and elderly groups to be contacted.

County Commissioner Grippa **re-stated his motion adding representational organizations of the disabled community and the elderly community, with the staff to recommend which organizations.**

City Commissioner Lightsey discussed her perception that the City and the County ought to take their separate positions before bringing their positions to these joint meetings to work out the differences. Brief discussion continued in this regard.

County Commissioner Thael called for a vote on the motion on the floor.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- AYE:** City Commissioners Maddox, Meisburg, Lightsey, Bailey and Billings, and County Commissioners Winchester, Sauls, Rackleff, Thael, Proctor and Grippa
- NAY:** None
- ABSENT:** County Commissioner Maloy

Decision on Proposal to Add 10th and 11th Committee Member
Continued

County Commissioner Proctor **offered a motion to add TIMA to the civil rights community representation by SCLC and NAACP, which would make recommendations on the civil rights representation on the Citizens Advisory Committee.** City Commissioner Billings seconded the motion and **the vote of the Intergovernmental Agency was unanimous in favor thereof.**

Staff Director Position Description

City Manager Favors announced an update on the Staff Director position for the Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency, as presented in Attachment 1 to the agenda item.

City Commissioner Meisburg suggested that there be some citizen involvement in the selection of the person filling this position.

County Commissioner Thael noted that the issue of Blueprint 2000 and its implementation was the result of hundreds of hours of collaboration between technical people from the business side, the infrastructure Capital Improvement Program (CIP) side, and the environmental ecology side, to develop a model for community development that was respected around the state, in his opinion, the job description leaned too heavily on the background of engineering and public works. He discussed his preference for giving more flexibility and a broader opportunity for the City Manager and County Administrator to recruit from people with a broader field, and he **moved to delete the requirement for six (6) years experience in public works.**

County Commissioner Winchester seconded the motion.

City Commissioner Bailey briefly discussed the City Commission's position that this should not be part of the necessary qualifications for the job.

County Commissioner Grippa **offered a substitute motion to adopt the staff's recommendation as is.**

County Commissioner Sauls asked the City Manager to comment on this issue.

City Manager Favors advised that she and the County Administrator had worked with the EECC, taking into consideration the Commissions' directives to select someone who would move forward on the planning of these projects early in the project, which would require some significant construction experience and background. She stated that the City Commission had discussed the need for some balance in the two top people in this organization, the staff director and another person, and she recommended leaving the language in at this point.

Commissioner Lightsey seconded the substitute motion.

Mayor Maddox asked City Attorney English to provide a report on Robert's Rules of Order pertaining to whether to take action on a substitute motion prior to the motion.

Commissioner Lightsey stated that she had provoked a discussion by the City Commission similar to County Commissioner Thael's motion, and she had lost. Because she lost in that discussion, she would support the staff's recommendation.

County Commissioner Thael interjected that he failed to understand why a vote taken at the City Commission level bound a City Commissioner to that position in this Intergovernmental Agency setting.

County Commissioner Proctor expressed empathy with County Commissioner Thael on this point and stated that he also did not support stating a preference to applicants holding a Florida Professional Engineer registration. He discussed his perception that there would be more than one person moving these projects forward over the next 19 years.

The vote on the substitute motion to approve the staff's recommendation was as follows:

AYE: City Commissioners Maddox, Meisburg, Lightsey, Bailey and Billings, and
County Commissioners Winchester, Sauls, Rackleff, Proctor and Grippa
NAY: County Commissioner Thael
ABSENT: County Commissioner Maloy

County Commissioner Maloy returned to the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Chair/Vice Chair of the Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency

Mayor Maddox opened the floor for nominations to Chair the Intergovernmental Agency.

County Commissioner Thael **moved to appoint County Commissioner Dan Winchester to serve as Chair** and the motion was duly seconded.

County Commissioner Grippa **nominated City Commissioner Bailey for Chairman** and City Commissioner Billings seconded the motion.

County Commissioner Winchester suggested that there be a Chair/Vice Chair with the two switching roles after one year.

City Commissioner Bailey pointed out that inasmuch as he currently served as Chair of the MPO, he would be dealing with many of the same issues as Chair of this Intergovernmental Agency.

County Commissioner Winchester indicated he like to spread duties around and preferred alternating the roles such that the Chair of the County Commission would serve the first year and the City's representative the second year.

After brief discussion, Mayor Maddox **concluded that the consensus of the joint Agency was that the County Administrator and the City Manager would take a straw vote on County Commissioner Winchester and City Commissioner Bailey, with the winner to serve as Chair and the loser to serve as Vice Chair the first year, and vice versa the second year.**

Commissioner Lightsey opined that being Chair of the MPO was too big a job to take on chairing this joint Agency at the same time.

There being no further business before the Joint Commission, meeting as the Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

GARY HERNDON
INTERIM CITY TREASURER-CLERK