

**MINUTES OF THE
COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION COUNCIL
May 11, 2016
Richmond Hill City Center, Richmond Hill, GA
10:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Thomas Ratcliffe called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Invocation was provided by Dan Coty, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reggie Loper, Wyck Newberry, Walter Gibson, Tom Ratcliffe, Sean Register, Jimmy Starline, Phil Phillips, David Boland, Craig Root, Dan Coty, Graylan Quarterman, Herb Jones, Harold Fowler, Shaw McVeigh, Jason Coley, Chap Bennett, Priscilla D. Thomas, Chris Blaine, Preston Dees, Rosa Romeo and Jan Moore.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eddie DeLoach, Jimmy Burnsed, Ken Lee, Donald Lovette, Dwight Gordon, Dale Provenzano, Julie Martin, Allen Brown, Pat Parker, John Morrissey, Allen Amason, Kelly Spratt, Ray Howard, Hugh Hodge, Charles Frasier, and Gwendolyn Davis.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Dorothy Glisson, Screven County and Ron Elliott, Fort Stewart.

GUESTS: CSM Walter Tagalicud and Dina McKain, Fort Stewart; Stephanie-Dammen Morrell, Hussey, Gay & Bell; Nathaniel Thomas; Jennifer Fordham, DCA; Ayana Middleton and Eddis Duncan, Ashleigh Place; Mayor Daisy Pray, Walthourville; Jessica Brown, UGA Marine Extension GA SeaGrant; and Joe Parker, Freelance Reporter.

STAFF PRESENT: Allen Burns, Executive Director; Dionne Lovett, Aging Services Director; Hunter Key, GIS Manager; Bill Compton Senior Planner/Grant Specialist; Meizi Wolven, Grant Specialist; and Colletta Harper, Administrative Services Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 9th meeting. Mr. Shaw McVeigh noted that on page two a “0” needed to be added to make the number \$100,000. The minutes were approved as amended.

Motion: Commissioner Walter Gibson
Second: Shaw McVeigh
Vote: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF DHS AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION: *(See Attachment 1, attached herein and made a part of these minutes.)* A motion was made to approve the resolution as presented

Motion: Shaw McVeigh
Second: Commissioner Priscila D. Thomas
Vote: Unanimous

PRESENTATIONS

Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) – Commissioner Lynne Riley provided a PowerPoint overview of the DOR. *(See Attachment 2, attached herein and made a part of these minutes.)* The DOR has 11 regional offices and has the responsibilities of tax administration, alcohol & tobacco, and motor vehicle tag & title. The budget for FY17 is \$43.7 billion. The department is pushing for a paperless system which will be more cost-effective. The GA Tax Center is a secure website that allows taxpayers to file returns and pay taxes electronically; they can also register to be notified when their tax return has been received to defend against fraud filings or identity theft. Any unclaimed property is turned over to the state after seven years and the state holds it until it is claimed; visit the unclaimed property program section on their website. The DOR has formed three advisory

groups in 2016 and Commissioner Walter Gibson serves on the Local Government Advisory Group. The advisory groups serve to maintain an open dialogue between all taxpayers and the department – they want to know how they can better serve the tax payers. Their priority projects are Fraud and DRIVES (Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System) Project: modernizing MVD and DDS technology where systems will interface with county tag offices. A brief Q & A followed the presentation.

Great Promise Partnership – *(See Attachment 3, attached herein and made a part of these minutes.)* Mr. Mike Beatty, President & CEO, explained that the Partnership provides students who are at risk of dropping out of high school extra support as they work to earn their diploma. Over 1,000 students are engaged in this program and 200 are graduating this year. This year the Partnership has a 92% success rate, working with 100 companies. One third of the students goes into the military, 1/3 goes to college, and another 1/3 will start work full time. The challenge is that they need a bigger presence as there are a lot of kids that drop out of school. School systems identify students who would benefit from this partnership and then partner companies interview them for jobs. A short video the “April faces of Manufacturing – Bealieu” was shown which highlighted the benefits of the partnership for the students and company. Mr. Beatty encouraged anyone interested in this partnership to please give him a call.

Fort Stewart – Command Sergeant Major Walter A. Tagalicud, originally from Orlando, Florida, stated he works hand in hand with the Commander and their mission is a state of readiness. Currently 11 countries are served and units must be ready to deploy at a moment’s notice. Fort Stewart also has the “Soldier for Life” program where they help soldiers find employment after exiting the military. CSM Tagalicud stated that Commander Reagan hopes to attend a future meeting when his schedule will allow and expressed appreciation for getting the opportunity to introduce himself and meet everyone.

Coastal Orthoimagery Update – *(See Attachment 4, attached herein and made a part of these minutes.)* Mr. Hunter Key, GIS Manager, provided a PowerPoint update of the project. By making this a collaborative project jurisdictions will see a cost reduction in services. Eight of our 10 jurisdictions have expressed interest and some of our sister city regions are expressing interest as well. The project is still on track and in the next few months memorandums of understanding will be sent out. Jurisdictions that want to participate can choose what products they are interested in receiving. When working with NOAA, payment is required upfront and will be due around the Summer of 2017 with the flight taking place in January 2018. Data will be delivered between March – May 2018. The next CRC URISA meeting workshop will be on May 26th.

OTHER BUSINESS

GARC Update – CRC GARC Representative David Boland reported that he attended the GARC Economic Development Conference May 1-3 at Lake Lanier Islands. During the conference, Christopher Nunn, Deputy Commissioner, Community Development & Finance Dept., DCA, spoke to the group and recognized the CRC for the GEO Design work, which has been spearheaded by our GIS Manager Hunter Key. No other RC was recognized during his speech and that speaks well of our RC.

Project Status Reports - *(See Attachments 5, 6, 7, and 8 attached herein and made a part of these minutes.)* Transportation – within \$5,000 of our target; Shaw McVeigh noted we had a net increase in transportation; Burns commented Lena was very disappointed that she wasn’t going to be here to hear that. Planning – write up on the GEO Design summit – had good attendance. Aging – still has a waiting list.

CADDA Report: No questions were raised regarding the CADDA report. *(See Attachment 9, attached herein and made a part of these minutes.)*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Beth Kersey returned to work part-time on Monday; she was in an automobile accident 15 months ago and lost her left arm and has had numerous surgeries and still has more to come; but it is good to have her back.
- Attended a meeting arranged by Sean Register with the DNR Commissioner in Brunswick to discuss making improvements that would facilitate sailing.
- Our Darien tenant, Coastal Reserves, a distributor for restaurants, is wanting to add 10,000 sf to our building. We will be working with the Budget & Finance Committee on a proposal and will bring it to the Council for approval.
- As a result of the moratorium on pipeline drilling, Kinder Morgan has pulled out of the region and our Brunswick building is vacant. Will be getting a recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee on whether we should try to sell or lease the building.
- Several attended the Celebration of Life for Reverend Dees on April 23rd. He was a great ally for the Aging services. Mr. Farran Fullilove was elected Chairman and Mr. David Brantley was elected Vice-Chairman of the Aging Services Advisory Council. We have several vacancies on the Aging Council, so if you receive a letter, please make sure to make an appointment.
- The GARC approved the third ESRI agreement which is for GIS software. This joint agreement with the RCs and ESRI saves money on the purchase of software. We are the only state that has a unified effort.
- DRIs – please remember to notify the CRC of a DRI before you log it on to the DCA website. Once you log it onto their website, the clock starts running.
- Congressman Buddy Carter toured our Tools for Life Lab. We are the only AAA in the state to have this, and other RCs were attending a training session at the time; simultaneously, we were notified by AIRS that our Tools for Life Lab is the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award. Aging Services Director Dionne Lovett explained that having this lab provides our Gateway Counselors an opportunity to offer an alternative, a piece of equipment, to assist a client who is on the waiting list. Two AAA staff members will be attending the conference in St. Louis and will receive the award.

Announcements

Mr. Sean Register stated that Richmond Hill has a senior apartment complex, Ashleigh Place, for those 55+ and introduced Ms. Ayana Middleton and Ms. Eddis Duncan, the ladies that run the complex. Ms. Dionne Lovett also recognized that Ms. Duncan is also a volunteer for our evidence-based programs.

Executive Director Burns announced that we have a new non-public appointment for Liberty County, Mr. Charles Frasier; who sends his regrets he was unable to attend this meeting, but will be here next month.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m., with lunch following.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at the Richmond Hill City Center at 10:00 a.m.**