

**NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
COUNCIL MEETING
ATHENS HOLIDAY INN
NOVEMBER 19, 2015
NOON**

THREE DAY MINUTES

Members Present:

Blechinger, Linda
Denson, Nancy
Eisenman, Emily
Bullard, Ed
Houston, Lamar
Plott, Roy
Trammell, Gene
Dove, Anthony
Gandy, Roy
Ainslie, Andy
Perriman, Fred
Bentley, David
Ellis, Keith
Roseberry, Jerry
Turner, Frank
Davis, Melvin
Ivie, Charles
Pittard, Billy
Boggs, Ronnie
Chambers, Joyce
Fordyce, Cary

Members Absent:

Graham, Pat
Bartlett, Wayne
Lyon, Tommy
Guest, Larry
Palmer, Bill
Brock, Phil
Duvall, Valerie
Crow, Tom
Fenn, Josh
Dyer, Dave
Blackmon, Jody
Harden, Amrey
Johnson, Jesse
Little, Kevin
Thompson, Greg
Roberts, Roy

Associate Members Present:

Horton, Harold
Seymour, Joel
Pitts, Flemmie

Guests Present:

Michael Roberts
Bob Schwartz
Jon Herschell
Dodd Ferrelle
Amy Turner
Andrew Seavers
Nancy Bobbitt
Cheryl Smith
Chuck Williams
Josh Finley
Ray McEwen
Barrie Dunlap
Jim Tiel

Staff Present:

Jim Dove, Executive Director
Mott Beck Executive Assistant
Evans Brinson, Comptroller
Burke Walker, Planning & Government Services Director
John Devine, Senior Planner

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Frank Turner called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He welcomed members, guests, and staff. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. **Such a motion was made by Mayor Roy Plott and seconded by Mayor Nancy Denson. The motion carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit & Finance: The report was given by Mr. Lamar Houston. **A motion to accept the report as given was made by Mr. Houston and seconded by Commissioner Andy Ainslie. The motion carried unanimously.** On another matter, Mr. Houston advised that there were three new policies to present to the Council. Staff has been performing the functions specified in each of the policies all along; however, having them written will formalize the process. The policies are as follows:

1. **Conflict of Interest or Business Disclosure Policy** – Prohibits RC employees or their families from doing business with the RC.
2. **Review of Executive Director Travel** – Prescribes the periodic review of the Executive Director Travel by the Chairman of the Audit & Finance Committee.
3. **Use of RC Credit Card and Gasoline Credit Card** – Specifies how the RC credit cards are to be used and who is responsible for their safekeeping.

A motion to adopt the three aforementioned policies was made by Mr. Houston and seconded by Commissioner Gene Trammell. The motion carried unanimously.

Program of Work: The report was given by Commissioner Billy Pittard. **A motion to approve the Program of Work items for inclusion in the FY2016 Program of Work was made by Commissioner Pittard and seconded by Mr. David Bentley. The motion carried unanimously.**

Planning & Government Services – Required no action.

The rest of the meeting consisted of the County reports, Executive Director's report, staff report, and guest speaker's report. No action was required for any of these. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha J. Beck
Executive Assistant