

# Minutes Policy Committee June 3, 2015 10:30 AM

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### Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

### Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Davenport asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committees. Aries Little and Krystal Harris joined meeting via phone. After roll call Mr. Davenport told the committee that Mr. Slaughter was there. Mr. Davenport noted that he decided to make this meeting a hybrid for himself and Mr. Slaughter because this was Mr. Slaughter's first meeting and his (Mr. Davenport's) last meeting, Mr. Davenport noted Mr. Slaughter was free to speak on the topics discussed (in case of any questions) and that he (Mr. Davenport) will be reflecting Mr. Slaughter's vote.

### Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Davenport asked for a motion to approve the minutes from 4 March 2015. Mayor Gayle motioned to adopt the minutes. Mayor Cain seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous. The minutes were approved as written.

### Agenda Item #4- Old Business

### A. FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget- Resolution 2015-5 Action: Reaffirm Recommendation/ Vote for Adoption

Mr. Hull reminded the committee of their previous meeting and the decision to table the UPWP budget tables. Mr. Hull begins to explain the budget tables to the committee and its relation to the Congressional authorization of federal transportation funds through July 31, 2015. Mr. Hull explained the options available for the committee to vote on: Option A- truck traffic study funded by Federal MPO funds and the transit study funded by Federal Transit Administration 5307 funds (option was tabled in March), Option B- neither a truck traffic study nor a transit study will be performed, funding for truck traffic study only, funding for truck traffic study is spread out and transit study funding is zeroed out. Option C shows budget for transit study only, funding for truck traffic study is spread throughout budget; however it does include a request for funds to conduct transit study. Option D-truck traffic study only. A motion was made by Mayor Gayle to adopt option A. Mr. Hanson seconded that motion, then Mr. Hanson asked Mr. Hull the intention of the study. Mr. Hull said it's a possibility but it depends on the specific information that needs to be gathered. A conversation concerning the matter ensued. Next, the committee voted on moving forward with Option A, the vote was as follows: Yes- Mr. Lee, Mayor Gayle, Mr. Hanson, Mayor Cain; No- Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Davenport; Abstain-Mr. McQueen, Mr. Leonard; 4:2:2. The motion carried.

Mr. Leonard asked Mr. Slaughter and other county representatives if this is a commitment for their portion of the local match. Mr. Pritchard responded that this request for funds would have to be submitted for the budget which the Commission is hearing on Tuesday, currently it is not in the budget. Mr. Slaughter responded that we are still a part of this, we just had our say as far as the way we felt as to where this was headed and where the money would be spent. We are still a part of the MPO we will abide by the vote and will support that. We just wanted our position to be known. We felt it was bad money being thrown at studies we had already done in the past. I believe in 100% looking at a bypass for Valdosta, but for a transit study, there has been no action taken in the past by local governments. "My rational behind my vote is we will abide by it [indistinguishable audio]". Mr Hanson indicated in the City

of Valdosta budget preparations they had not included these studies either, but were going to adjust the budget accordingly. Mr. Hull agreed to send the city and county manager the final budget numbers.

### Agenda Item #5- New Business

A. Citizens Advisory Committee Elections; Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary Action: Elect Officers for FY2016

Does not apply to PC

# **B.** Policy Committee Elections; Chair, Vice-Chair Action: Elect Officers for FY2016

Mayor Gayle recommended himself for chairman and suggested Mr. Schindler for Vice-Chairman of the PC for FY16. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Pritchard. Mr. Cain seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

# C. FY2016 FTA 5307 Transit Planning Application-Resolution 2015-8 (only necessary if transit planning work element approved in UPWP) Action: Recommendation / Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull presented the Transit Planning Resolution to the committee. He noted that in order to move forward with the Transit Planning Application to conduct the Transit Study, the resolution had to be approved. A motion was made by Mr. Leonard to approve the resolution; Mayor Gayle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

# D. 2040 Transportation Vision Plan Release for Public Comment Action: Recommendation/ Vote to Release

Mr. Hull explained that there were sections in the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan that would be updated according to GDOT's suggestions of clarifying the possible solutions to written goals and the plans/methods to achieve these goals. Mr. Hanson made a motion to release the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan for public comment; Mr. Davenport seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

# E. FY 15-18 TIP Project Update: Exit 18, Oak St. Ext., Five Points Action: Discussion Only

The committee and Mr. Hull discussed possible problems of reconstructing these areas and addressed the safety issues that would be resolved through reconstructing these areas. The ranking of the TIP project list was questioned. Mr. Hull noted that the final ranking will be the one that the PC adopts in September.

# Agenda Item #6– Staff Update

Mr. Leonard's retiring. Jason Davenport's last meeting.

# Agenda Item #7 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

Mr. Slaughter commended Mr. Davenport's service. Mayor Gayle commended the PC.

# Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Wednesday; September 2, 2015-10:30 am. @ SGRC office.

<u>Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment</u> Mr. Hanson made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Davenport seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.