

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION**

October 25, 2010

The Robert C. Gibbons Conference Room
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Caroline:** David M. “Maxie” Rozell, Jr., Robert J. Popowicz (1st Vice Chairman); **Fredericksburg:** Mary Katherine Greenlaw (2nd Vice Chairman), George C. Solley; **King George:** Dale W. Sisson (Chairman), Joseph W. Grzeika; **Spotsylvania:** Jerry I. Logan (Secretary), Benjamin T. Pitts; **Stafford:** Mark Dudenhefer, Susan B. Stimpson (Treasurer).

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: Anthony Romanello, County Administrator, Stafford County.

INVITED GUESTS: Michael D. Aukamp, CPA, Dunham, Aukamp & Rhodes, PLC.

STAFF: Robert H. Wilson, Executive Director; Lloyd P. Robinson, Director of Transportation Planning; Kevin F. Byrnes, Director of Regional Planning; Diana Utz, GWRideConnect Director; Andy Waple, Principal Regional Planner; David J-H. Lee, Principal Regional Planner; Jane Wills, Regional Mobility Coordinator; Marti Donley, Senior Regional Planner; Laurel Hammig, Senior Regional Planner; Danny Reese, Regional Planner.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Sisson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Wilson asked that the agenda be amended to replace item 10g, “Amendments to the Approved Fiscal Year 2011 Commission Budget,” with “Resolution No. 11-16, Rescheduling the November Commission Meeting.” Ms. Stimpson made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve the meeting agenda, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2010: Mr. Rozell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Popowicz to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: No comments were offered from the public.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Aukamp made a presentation to the Commission on the Fiscal Year 2010 audit and answered questions posed by the members. In response to the audit’s principal finding that the Commission’s net assets declined in FY 2010, Mr. Wilson informed the members that he will make a presentation at the November Commission meeting that will attempt to explain the Commission’s financial issues and put forth a set of recommendations to address them.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Wilson turned the floor over to Mr. Byrnes, who briefed the members on an upcoming regional redistricting workshop principally intended for local government staff members who will be involved in legislative redistricting. He added that in addition to the Commission, the workshop was being co-sponsored by the University of Mary Washington, the Northern Neck Planning District Commission and the Rappahannock-Rapidan

Regional Commission. Mr. Wilson then directed the members to the summary of the recent Regional Communications Interoperability Working Group meeting and offered to answer any questions. None were posed to him.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 11-08, Establishment of 2011 Joint Meeting Schedule

Messrs. Popowicz and Grzeika suggested that the Commission review the policy of holding Commission meetings immediately before Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) meetings. Mr. Dudenhefer pointed out that six of the ten members attend both meetings and that holding those meetings on separate days would be inconvenient to those members. Mr. Pitts suggested beginning Commission meetings at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. to provide more time to discuss Commission business. There was consensus to implement that recommendation. Mr. Dudenhefer then made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Stimpson to approve Resolution No. 11-08. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 11-09, Canceling the Commission Meeting of December 20, 2010

After a brief discussion, this item was deferred until the November meeting.

Resolution No. 11-10, Supporting the State Fair of Virginia's Application for a USDA Community Facilities Loan and Grant

After a brief explanation by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Rozell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve Resolution No. 11-10. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 11-11, Contract Award Authorization for Consulting Services for the Update of the Regional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan

Mr. Byrnes provided a brief explanation of the need to update the current plan and the anticipated planning process. Questions were raised concerning the fiscal implications associated with that process, which were answered by Messrs. Wilson and Byrnes to the members' satisfaction. It was suggested by Ms. Stimpson that going forward, proposed Commission actions include a summary addressing budgetary concerns, funding source and other implications, similar to the information provided to the Stafford County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Rozell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Solley to approve Resolution No. 11-11. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 11-12, Renewal of Park-and-Ride Lot Leases

Ms. Utz provided a brief summary of the current leases at the Fredericksburg Field House in Spotsylvania and the Chatham Square Shopping Center in Stafford and indicated that those lots had been highly used over the past year. Mr. Dudenhefer then made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve Resolution No. 11-12. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 11-13, Amendments to the Procurement Policy of the George Washington Regional Commission

After a brief explanation by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Solley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Popowicz to approve Resolution No. 11-13. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 11-16, Rescheduling the Meeting of the George Washington Regional Commission from November 15, 2010 to November 22, 2010

After a brief discussion, Ms. Greenlaw made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Solley to approve Resolution No. 11-16. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 11-15, Endorsement of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Among the Commission, FAMPO and the George Washington Toll Road Authority (GWTRA)

Mr. Robinson provided the members with an overview of the MOU requested by members of the GWTRA. After a brief discussion, Ms. Greenlaw made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve Resolution No. 11-15. The motion was approved, with Messrs. Grzeika and Sisson voting in opposition.

Upcoming Regional Elected Officials' Dinner Meeting

As a result of a conflict with a scheduled meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors, Mr. Wilson requested guidance from the members on whether to move forward with scheduling a regional elected officials' dinner meeting on November 30, 2010. There was consensus to not hold that dinner meeting.

Summary of Executive Committee Meeting of October 18, 2010

Mr. Sisson briefed the members on the topics discussed at the October Executive Committee meeting and what he hoped to accomplish at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Wilson directed the members' attention to the correspondence contained in the meeting packet and offered to answer questions, although none were posed to him. He added that he would include relevant correspondence in future meeting packets.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

(Draft minutes prepared by Laurel Hammig, Senior Regional Planner)