

(I) TO OFFICIALS IN STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES;

(II) TO FEDERAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AND

(III) TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, IN ORDER TO FOSTER PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE FUNCTIONS OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANNING, AND IN ORDER TO STIMULATE PUBLIC INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ORDERLY, INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION; AND

(18) EXECUTE ANY INSTRUMENTS AND PERFORM ANY ACTS OR THINGS NECESSARY, CONVENIENT, OR DESIRABLE FOR ITS PURPOSES OR TO CARRY OUT THE POWERS EXPRESSLY GIVEN IN THIS ARTICLE.

2-203.

(A) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS AND SHALL PUBLISH RULES AND ESTABLISH COMMITTEES TO CARRY ON ITS WORK.

(B) THE COMMITTEES MAY HAVE AS MEMBERS PERSONS OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND OTHER THAN ELECTED OFFICIALS.

2-204.

(A) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR WHO IS QUALIFIED BY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AND SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNCIL.

(2) THE DIRECTOR IS THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLANNING OFFICER AND REGULAR TECHNICAL ADVISOR OF THE COUNCIL AND SHALL APPOINT AND REMOVE THE STAFF OF THE COUNCIL.

(B) THE DIRECTOR MAY MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL PLANNING AGENCIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNCIL WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC OFFICIALS, FOR TEMPORARY TRANSFER OR JOINT USE OF STAFF EMPLOYEES AND MAY CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL OR CONSULTANT SERVICES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE AGENCIES.

2-205.

(A) (1) THE COUNCIL MAY RECEIVE STATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT ITS ACTIVITIES.

(2) (I) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ITS PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMS AND OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR, TOGETHER WITH SUPPORTING SCHEDULES TO SHOW THAT THE BUDGET IS FINANCED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS.