

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 – 10:00 A.M.
County Administration Building
Jack Durrance Auditorium
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Commission met for a Policy Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Hutch Hutchinson presiding; Vice Chair Ken Cornell Commissioners Mike Byerly, Chuck Chestnut, and Lee Pinkoson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Lee Niblock, Assistant County Manager Jim Harriot, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Michelle Lieberman, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised live on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion

1. Applying County Wetland Policies Countywide Discussion
Fiscal Consideration: No Fiscal Considerations at this time. Board discussion item.
Recommended Action: Receive direction from the Board of County Commissioners

Environmental Protection Department Director Chris Bird and Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, EPD Stephen Hofstetter , Commissioner Cornell , Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Hutchinson , EPD Director Chris Bird, Chair Hutchinson, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved the following:

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1. To direct the County Attorney to fully work out and provide in writing a potential county wide water quality code that would not jeopardize the current legislative protections for agricultural lands in the unincorporated county.
2. Direct staff to provide additional background information on the demonstrated effects on wetland protections of the current code from 1993.
3. Staff is to provide a draft countywide water quality code for the Board to consider with an overlay of the map with State and County currently protected properties. Staff is also to provide information on the amount of agriculture and wetlands annexed and the time it was annexed by a municipality.
4. Once the initial information is available the Chair will provide a letter to the municipalities and schedule a Joint Board meeting in the evening to allow the municipalities and public to respond to how the County policies would affect the municipalities.
5. Staff is to provide a history of which water basins are impaired and which bodies are threatened.

Kali Blount , Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Pinkoson, EPD Director Chris Bird, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Hutchinson, EPD Stephen Hofstetter , Commissioner Pinkoson, and Chair Hutchinson presented comments.

The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Pinkoson voting “Nay”.

2. State of Municipal Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs)

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Accept and discuss Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA) annual reports

Economic Development Coordinator Edgar Campa-Palafox presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Hutchinson, Edgar Campa-Palafox and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

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By consensus the Board directed staff to request additional information from the City of Alachua CRA request details of what types of projects have been done in regards to the third bullet point.

Item Summary

As required by Florida Statute 163.356(c), each Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) in the state of Florida is required to create a report that includes:

- Complete financial statement of the CRA's assets, liabilities, income and operating expenses
- Amount of tax increment funds collected
- Record of CRA activities for the fiscal year

This agenda item provides the latest annual reports from the following CRAs in Alachua County: City of Alachua, City of Gainesville, City of Hawthorne, and City of High Springs.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Kali Blount who presented comments to the Board.

3. City of High Springs Community Redevelopment Plan

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear presentation by City of High Springs CRA, and discuss Redevelopment Plan approval, modification or rejection.

Economic Development Coordinator Edgar Campa-Palafox presented the above item.

County Manager Niblock, High Springs CRA Executive Director Amanda Rodriguez, Commissioner Byerly, CRA Executive Director Rodriguez, Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, CRA Executive Director Rodriguez, Commissioner Byerly, Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, Edgar Campa-Palafox, Chair Hutchison, CRA Executive Director Rodriguez, Commissioner Pinkoson, OMB Director Tommy Crosby, CRA Executive Director Rodriguez, Commissioner Cornell, Attorney Michelle Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, OMB Director Tommy Crosby, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Hutchison, CRA Executive Director Rodriguez, Commissioner Chestnut Commissioner Cornell, Chair Hutchison, and Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres presented comments.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved the following:

1. To approve the CRA plan for 2 years.
2. That the Fire Suppression Initiative be a loan program.
3. The CRA returns substantially reducing the administrative cost.

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The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved the following:

1. To approve the CRA plan for 2 years.
2. Reduce the operations and administrative cost to 50% by the time of its next approval.
3. That the Fire Suppression Initiative be a loan program.
4. That capital projects emphasize public infrastructure and services.

The motion carried 5-0

COMMISSION RECESSED AT: 12:44 P.M.

COMMISSION RECONVENED: 12:57 P.M.

5. OrgCode Consulting, Inc. Report on Ending Homelessness in Alachua County
Fiscal Consideration: No fiscal impact at this time
Recommended Action: Hear the presentation, review the work plan, and provide policy direction to staff.

Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck and City of Gainesville Administrative Services Director Betty Baker presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, CSS Director Tuck, North Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry President Theresa Lowe, Chair Hutchison, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

By consensus the Board requested a chart to the process for how the HUD funds will flow in the new funding system.

Chair Hutchison, Assistant City of Gainesville Manager Fred Murray, CSS Director Tuck, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Hutchison, Assistant Manager Murray CSS Director Tuck, Teresa Lowe, Assistant City Manager Fred Murray, Chair Byerly, Betty Baker, County Manager Niblock, Teresa Lowe, Commissioner Chestnut, Teresa Lowe, Assistant City Manager Fred Murray, Commissioner Chestnut, CSS Director Tuck, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Hutchison, Assistant City Manager Fred Murray, CSS Director Tuck, Commissioner Byerly, Assistant City Manager Murray, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

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By consensus the Board requested to have a matrix of where the County is, all the providers and how they are funding, and an aspirational matrix of how the paradigm shift changes the new math.

Commissioner Chestnut, Assistant City Manager Murray, Commissioner Chestnut, CSS Director Tuck, Chair Hutchison, Assistant City Manager Murray, Chair Hutchison, Betty Baker, Chair Hutchison, Teresa Lowe, CSS Director Tuck, Chair Hutchinson, Teresa Lowe, Kali Blount, and CSS Director Tuck presented comments.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested that Mr. Blount submit his questions by email so that answers can be provided.

4. Perpetual Contract Policy Discussion

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Have the Evergreen Contract Policy Discussion

Chair Hutchinson presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck, County Manager Lee Niblock, Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck, Commissioner Byerly, Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck, Chair Hutchinson, Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck, Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Niblock, Chair Hutchinson, County Manager Niblock, and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

County Manager Niblock stated that he would bring back a recommendation for the Board to consider that would place a significant portion of the funding in a two year cycle and the remaining funds would be awarded yearly maintaining the current process.

Public Comments

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Commission Comments

There were no comments offered.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.