

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – 5:01 P.M.
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met in special session.

PRESENT: Chair Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson, presiding, Vice-Chair Ken Cornell, Commissioners Mike Byerly, Charles S. "Chuck" Chestnut, IV, and Lee Pinkoson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda with the following additions:

2. Update on the fairgrounds swap,
3. Interstate 75 Relief Request,
4. Ballot Initiative Discussion on County Priorities,
5. Presentation on Countywide Visioning and Planning

The motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

1. FY17 Tentative Budget Presentation
Amount: N/A
Recommended Action: Receive Budget.

County Manager Lee Niblock presented the above item.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Joni Ellis and Donald Shepherd who presented comments to the Board.

2. Update on the Fairgrounds Swap
Amount: N/A

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Recommended Action: Hear the update.

Commissioner Cornell and Deputy County Manager James Harriott presented the above item.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Donald Shepherd who presented comments to the Board.

3. Interstate 75 Relief Request

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: N/A

Commissioner Byerly moved to request that the County Attorney prepare a written opinion that lists the relationship, if any, between the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan and any new transportation corridors that the Florida Department of Transportation might seek to build through unincorporated Alachua County. Include an analysis of the effect, if any, of expanding the MTPO boundary to encompass the entire County. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Chair Hutchinson recognized Deputy County Manager James Harriott who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Chestnut left the room at 6:08 P.M.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved:

1. To ask staff to inquire to FDOT as soon as possible about the relationship of the current I-75 relief process to the 2014 Freight Mobility Workshop and the Nature Coast Parkway.
2. To authorize staff to move ahead with an independent assessment of need that FDOT is putting forward for the I-75 relief project and be prepared to present it directly at the final Task Force meeting and to let the Board of County Commissioners know if staff needs additional resources to adequately perform that function.
3. To appoint Chair Hutchinson to serve as Commissioner Chestnut's backup if he cannot attend Task Force meetings.

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Chair Hutchinson recognized Donald Shepherd and Deputy County Manager James Harriott who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

Chair Hutchinson stated that Commissioner Chestnut left the meeting in order to attend the I-75 Relief Task Force Meeting.

4. Ballot Initiative Discussion on County Priorities

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Discuss and adopt the County project list for inclusion in the renewal of the Wild Spaces / Public Places Ballot Initiative.

Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles presented the above item.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved:

1. To adopt the County project list for inclusion in the renewal of the Wild Spaces / Public Places Ballot Initiative with the deletion of the \$14,000,000.00 item for the fairgrounds.
2. It is the Board of County Commissioners' intent that if these funds can be used to accelerate or reduce the costs of the fairgrounds project, they may be used for that purpose provided those funds be repaid into the Wild Spaces / Public Places Fund.

Commissioner Cornell requested that the motion include joint County/City projects.

Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion:

1. To adopt the County project list for inclusion in the renewal of the Wild Spaces / Public Places Ballot Initiative with the deletion of the \$14,000,000.00 item for the fairgrounds.
2. It is the Board of County Commissioners' intent that if these funds can be used to accelerate or reduce the costs of the fairgrounds project, they may be used for that purpose provided those funds be repaid into the Wild Spaces / Public Places Fund.
3. Joint County/City projects may be included for County funding.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Joni Ellis who presented comments to the Board.

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The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Pinkoson voting nay.

5. Presentation on Countywide Visioning and Planning

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Receive report on Countywide Vision and Conceptual Land Use Plan.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Principal Planner Ken Zeichner who presented comments to the Board.

County Manager Lee Niblock recommended that the Board hear this item at 12:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

Commissioner Byerly moved to agenda the item for 12:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 9, 2016. **The motion carried 4-0** with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no citizens present who wished to provide comments to the Board.

COMMISSION GENERAL AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

J.K. Irby, Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners