

Wednesday, February 16, 2017 – 10:30 A.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 Ken Cornell, Vice-Chair Lee Pinkoson, Commissioners Mike Byerly and Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson

ABSENT: Commissioner Charles S. "Chuck" Chestnut, IV

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Cornell opened the meeting at 10:33 A.M.

Approval of Agenda

1. Approve the agenda
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: A Motion to Approve the Agenda: (a) approves any amendments to the Agenda; and (b) adopts the Agenda.

Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Item for Discussion

2. Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) Ownership Reverter Resolution on Portion of Original Administration, Operations and Maintenance Site
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Staff recommends approval of the agreement, exchanging the County's interest in the Gainesville Regional Transit System former maintenance, administration and operations site for the City of Gainesville's interest in the Wacahoota property, with the terms as described in the staff report; authorizing the Chair to execute documents necessary to effectuate the agreement; and authorizing the County Attorney to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice.

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County Manager Lee Niblock presented the above item to the board.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Deputy County Manager Jim Harriott, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Michele Lieberman and County Manager Niblock presented comments to the board.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved the following:

1. To exchange the County's interest in the Gainesville Regional Transit System former maintenance, administration and operations site for the City of Gainesville's interest in the Wacahoota property, with the terms as described in the staff report; authorizing the Chair to execute documents necessary to effectuate the agreement; and authorizing the County Attorney to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice.
2. Request the County Manager have Growth Management and EPD reopen the discussions surrounding the future uses of this property in relation to the adjacent properties.
3. Direct staff to review the internal process for the registry of protected public places and prepare an application for the registry of protected public places which includes asking other county departments if there are additional uses for the property.

The motion carried 4-0.

Chair Cornell, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Hutchinson, County Attorney Lieberman and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Closing Comments

3. Closing comments from the public

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from the public.

There was no one from the public who wished to present comments to the board.

Commissioner Comments:

Chair Cornell stated that the Children's Services Council is beginning their work with regards to home visitation. They are having an open forum February 24, 2017. They requested a Commissioner be present from 2:00-5:00 P.M. and requested that Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton work to get the word out to the public regarding the event.

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Commissioner Pinkoson stated that he would attend the event on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson requested the Chair thank Assistant City Attorney David Schwarz for his suggestion of the land swap.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Pinkoson, and Commissioner Byerly expressed a desire to work with the City of Gainesville to reach similar compromises in area of conflict such as Fire Services and Gas Tax.

County Manger Niblock stated that a meeting has been set with the Mayor of Gainesville and the City Manager and the Chair and himself. He stated that would be an appropriate time to express the desire to work between two Commissions to reach compromises on areas of disagreement.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 A.M.

Jesse K. Irby, II, Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners

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