

Monday, March 6, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.  
Jack Durrance Auditorium  
County Administration Building  
12 Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Special Meeting.

**PRESENT:** Chair Ken Cornell, Vice-Chair Lee Pinkoson, Commissioners Mike Byerly and Chuck Chestnut

Mayor Lauren Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Helen Warren and City Commissioners Harvey M. Budd, Craig Carter, Todd Chase, Charles E. Goston, and Adrian Hayes-Santos

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M.

## WELCOME

## INTRODUCTION

1. Ken Cornell, Chair, Alachua County Commission  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** N/A
2. Lauren Poe, Mayor, City of Gainesville  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** N/A

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. Approve the agenda  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** A Motion to Approve the Agenda: (a) approve any amendments to the Agenda; and (b) adopt the Agenda

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**Commissioner Byerly moved** adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

Chair Cornell presented comments.

**City Commissioner Carter moved** adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 6-0.

City of Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe and City Commissioner District II Todd Chase presented comments.

**Commissioner Chestnut entered the room at 3:05 P.M.**

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

4. Gas tax  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Discuss local gas tax

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers presented the above item to the board.

City of Gainesville Public Works Teresa Scott, Finance Director for City of Gainesville April Shuping, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, Finance Director for City of Gainesville Shuping, City of Gainesville Commissioner Craig Carter, Commissioner Pinkoson, Finance Director for City of Gainesville Shuping, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Assistant City Manager Folkers, City Commissioner Chase, and Assistant City Manager Folkers presented comments.

Deputy County Manager Jim Harriett, City Commissioner Carter, Assistant County Manager Harriett, City Commissioner Warren, Assistant County Manager Jim Harriett, City Commissioner Warren, City Commissioner Harvey M. Budd, Chair Cornell, City Commissioner Budd, City Commissioner Santos, County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete, City Commissioner Chase, Chair Cornell, City Commissioner Chase, County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete, City Commissioner Carter, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete, Commissioner Byerly, County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

City Commissioner Chase presented comments to the board.

**City Commissioner Chase moved** to adopt the 45/45/10 gas tax split.

Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Carter, City of Gainesville Mayor Poe, City Public Works Director Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Finance Director Shuping,

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Mayor Poe, City Commissioner Santos, Commissioner Byerly, Finance Director for City of Gainesville Shuping, Commissioner Byerly, Finance Director for City of Gainesville Shuping, County Engineer Gavarrete, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete, Commissioner Pinkoson, City Commissioner Goston, Commissioner Pinkoson, City Commissioner Goston, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Cornell, Mayor Poe, City Commissioner Budd, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Lee Niblock, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Chase, Assistant County Manager Harriett, City CFO April Shuping, City Public Works Director Teresa Scott, City Commissioner Chase, Chair Cornell, City Commissioner Warren, Teresa Scott, City Commissioner Santos, City Commissioner Budd, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, and City Commissioner Chase presented comments.

**City Commissioner Chase moved the amended motion** to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract that has the net result of a 45-45-10 split over a ten year period.

County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, and City Mayor Poe presented comments.

**The motion carried 7-0.**

5. Wild Spaces Public Places discussion

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Discuss Wild Spaces Public Places

Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles and Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers presented the above item.

City Commissioner Carter, City Mayor Poe, Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Santos, City Commissioner Goston, Assistant City Manager Folkers, City Commissioner Warren,

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved** that the County agrees to the City of Gainesville Priority List eliminating Palm Point and item H. implementing the "352 Arts Initiative Countywide".

County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Carter, City Mayor Poe, Assistant City Manager Folker, and City Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** that the County Commission approves the City of Gainesville proposed Sweetwater Branch Recreational Trail and request that the City submit an additional list of projects that meet the two criteria that the County

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Commission formerly specified of Land Conservation/Connectivity for the remainder of the funding.

City Commissioner Santos, City Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

**Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion** that the City of Gainesville will pick one project from the list of City proposed projects and the County will pick one project from the list and the funding will be split between the two projects 50/50. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Chestnut and City Commissioner Santos presented comments.

**The motion failed 1-3 with Commissioner Byerly voting “Aye”.**

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved** to direct the County Manager to place the matter of projects of mutual interest on an upcoming meeting for the Board to consider. The motion carried 4-0.

**City Commissioner Santos moved** that the City Commission change their list by removing items C. “352 Road Map Implementation” and G. “Palm Point”. The motion carried 7-0.

## **COMMISSION GENERAL COMMENTS AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

6. Commission Comments  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Hear Commission Comments

Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton and City Communications Coordinator Bob Woods stated that there is a draft of an Interlocal Agreement to have local music played on Channel 12.

City of Gainesville Mayor Poe encouraged the citizens of the City of Gainesville to vote in the City election.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

7. Public comments  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Hear comments from the public.

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

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There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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