

Monday, December 11, 2017 – 1:00 P.M.  
Jack Durrance Auditorium  
County Administration Building  
12 Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for a Joint Meeting with the City of Gainesville.

**PRESENT:** Chair Lee Pinkoson, Vice-Chair Charles “Chuck” Chestnut, Commissioners Mike Byerly, Ken Cornell and Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd, Commissioners Helen Warren, Charles Goston, Harvey Ward, David Arreola, and Adrian Hayes-Santos

**ABSENT:** Mayor Lauren Poe

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Michelle Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Approval of Agenda

INTRODUCTION:

1. Lee Pinkoson, 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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**City Commissioner Wheeler moved** adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 5-0 with Commissioner Goston out of the room.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Byerly out of the room.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4. Empowerment Center FY 17/18 Funding  
**Fiscal Consideration:** Current funding of \$437,000 approved in the FY18 Adopted Budget. Approve transfer of additional \$100,000 for the anticipated increase. Total contract will be \$537,000.

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Total \$537,000

**Recommended Action:** Direct the County Manager to identify a source of additional funding for the FY 17/18 Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gainesville for the Empowerment Center.

Assistant City Manager Fred Murray and Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly entered at 1:05 p.m.

Commissioner Hutchinson, City Commissioner Harvey Ward, City Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Harvey Ward, Joe Jackson, Esq., City Commissioner Harvey Budd, Grace Market Place Director Jon DeCarmine, City Commissioner David Arreola, and Grace Market Place Director Jon DeCarmine presented comments.

City Commissioner Charles Goston entered at 2:02 p.m.

City Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos, Joe Jackson, Esq., and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** that the City and County each commit to an additional \$125,000.00 and enter into a 9 month contract with the current provider and to use the window of time to develop a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for other providers and to sort out the other remaining issues.

Commissioner Byerly, Chair Pinkoson, Assistant City Manager Fred Murray , Commissioner Chestnut, Grace Market Place Director Jon DeCarmine, Claudia Tuck, Assistant City Manager Fred Murray City Commissioner Goston, Grace Market Place

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Director Jon DeCarmine, Chair Pinkoson, and City Commissioner Warren presented comments.

**City Commissioner Warren moved** to support the current provider that both the City and County both provide with an additional \$225,000.00 each in addition to the \$437,000.00 in base funding for a 9 month contract and that the RFP process is continued to be pursued.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** that both the City and County support the current provider with an additional \$225,000.00 each in addition to the \$437,000.00 in base funding for a 9 month contract. The motion failed for lack of a second.

City Commissioner Harvey Ward and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

**City Commissioner Warren moved the amended motion** to request a 6 month extension with an additional \$125,000.00 from the City and County for the enhanced service. 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvey Ward

City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Byerly, and City Commissioner Harvey Ward presented comments.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** the following: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cornell

1. That the County is to provide 1/3 (\$75,000.00) from the County side to pay for the enhanced level of service described in the City's motion and 1/3 of the base funding (\$437,000.00) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2018.
2. That the City and County meet again in late February or early March to discuss alternative proposals that the City/County have developed including a proposal in which the City takes over operation of the facility.

City Commissioner Goston, Assistant City Manager Fred Murray, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner David Arreola, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Chestnut, City Commissioner Harvey Ward, City Commissioner Harvey Budd, and City Commissioner Warren presented comments.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Jim Konish, Mark Vinskie, Art Stockwell, Anthony Johnson, Bob Freeman, Joe Corker, Bruce Frendahl, Scott Hesch, and Peter Denim presented comments.

**City Commissioner Warren moved the amended motion** to request a 6 month extension with an additional \$125,000.00 from the City and County for the enhanced service. The motion carried 5-0.

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**The County motion failed 2-3 with Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Chestnut, and Commissioner Pinkoson voting “Nay”.**

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** to request a 6 month extension with an additional \$125,000.00 from the City and County for the enhanced service. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Byerly and Assistant City Manager Murray presented comments.

Chair Pinkoson stated that he would prefer the conversation with the alternate providers be that these are the services we want and let them provide a price.

Assistant City Manager Murray stated that he will provide a list of the services expected and request that the providers give an estimate of the cost.

City Commissioner Warren, City Commissioner Ward, Assistant City Manager Murray, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Chair Pinkoson requested that the criteria that Mr. Murray intends to send out to St. Francis and the Volunteers of America be provided to the Boards first.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** the following: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cornell

1. That the County is to provide 1/3 (\$75,000.00) from the County side to pay for the enhanced level of service described in the City's motion and 1/3 of the base funding (\$437,000.00) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2018.
2. That the City and County meet again in late February or early March to discuss alternative proposals that the City/County have developed including a proposal in which the City takes over operation of the facility.
3. Direct the coalition to develop criteria/procedures to place priority for services on residents of Alachua County and provide those details at the next joint meeting.

Commissioner Chestnut, City Commissioner Arreola, City Commissioner Warren, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Budd, City Commissioner Arreola, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Warren

**Commissioner Byerly withdrew the motion.**

City Commissioner Goston exited at 4:00 p.m.

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**City Commissioner Ward moved** to extend the contract to March 31, 2018 with an increase to the monthly rate of \$25,000.00 a month.

**County Commissioner Hutchinson moved** to extend the contract to March 31, 2018 with an increase to the monthly rate of \$25,000.00 a month.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cornell

Commissioner Byerly, Joe Jackson, Esq., Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton, Joe Jackson, Esq., and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

**The City Commission motion passed 5-0.**

**The County motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Chestnut and Pinkoson voting “Nay”.**

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to schedule the follow up meeting for some time in the beginning of February. The motion carried 5-0.

**City Commissioner Hayes Santos moved** to schedule the follow up meeting for the beginning of February. The motion carried 5-0.

5. City of Gainesville College Park/University Heights CRA District Discussion

**Fiscal Consideration:** No fiscal impact in FY2018.

**Recommended Action:** Recommendation # 1: Request the City of Gainesville consider sunsetting the College Park/University Heights CRA.

**Recommendation #2:** Request the City of Gainesville to consider adoption of a reduced funding scenario for the College Park/University Heights CRA.

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

Commissioner Pinkoson, Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Arreola, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Harvey Ward, Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. Public comments

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear public comments.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Eric Wilde and Trish Riley who presented comments to the Board.

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COMMISSION GENERAL COMMENTS AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION

7. City Commission comments  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Hear City Commission comments.
  
8. County Commission comments  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Hear County Commission comments.

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