

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 – 5:01 P.M.
Jack Durrance Auditorium Room
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Interim County Manager Michele Lieberman, Interim County Manager Sylvia Torres, Clerk Stephanie Sisney

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Approval of Public Hearing Agenda

1. Approve the agenda

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: A Motion to Approve the Agenda: (a) approve any amendments to the Public Hearing Agenda; and (b) adopt the Public Hearing Agenda.

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

Public Hearings

2. Ordinance Amending the County's Utility Installation Regulations

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Approve the ordinance amending Chapter 367 of the Alachua County Code of Ordinances.

County Engineer Ramone Gavarrete presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly and County Attorney Sylvia Torres presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 367 of the Alachua County Code of Ordinances with the amendments as read by the attorney.

Sarah Vespa, Assistant County Attorney Corbin Hansen, and County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete presented comments.

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Commissioner Byerly moved to table the item. The motion failed for lack of a second.

County Attorney Sylvia Torres advised the Board that should they wish to continue the matter it should be continued to a date and time certain due to the advertising requirements.

Commissioner Cornell moved the amended motion to continue this item to January 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments (The earlier of 5:30PM or at the conclusion of the agenda)

3. Public comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments.

Chair Pinkoson Ariel Lewis, Deputy County Manager Harriot, Debbie Menacker, County Engineer Ramone Gavarrete, Commissioner Hutchinson, Joanne White, Tamara Robins, Mr. Richardson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

The Board discussed the Legacy Park Project in the City of Alachua. The discussion focused on the funding and how the decision process regarding the funding was made.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that when the contract for Legacy Park comes back before the Board staff should have an alternative resending the previous decision of placing the money back into a competitive process. Staff should provide the Board with a history of the Legacy Project for the Board's review.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Tamara Robins who presented comments.

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

Closing Comments

4. Closing comments from the public

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from the public.

5. Closing comments from Commissioners

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from Commissioners.

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Commissioner Chestnut advised the Board that the MLK Kick Off event is tonight and encouraged members to attend.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.