

Tuesday, January 16, 2017 – 1:30 P.M.
Jack Durrance Auditorium Room
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for a 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 Attorney Sylvia Torres, Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Approval of Agenda

1. Approve the agenda

Fiscal Consideration:

Recommended Action: A Motion to Approve the Agenda: (a) approve any amendments to the Regular and Consent Agenda; (b) adopt the Regular Agenda; and (c) approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Pinkoson requested the following changes to the agenda:

Item #2 Confederate Soldier Statue Replacement Discussion be moved after Item #4 for discussion purposes.

ITEM MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA

Item #5 Letters of Support for City of Newberry Pollution Reduction Funding Request

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda as amended. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Byerly out.

(Approval of items on the Consent Agenda are generally considered to be routine matters and the motion to adopt the Agenda approves all items on the Consent Agenda and is the first action taken by the Board at the beginning of the meeting. There will be no discussion on these items unless requested. Anyone wishing to speak to an item on the Consent Agenda may come forward and request the item be moved to the Regular Agenda prior to the approval of the agenda.)

Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion

3. Update from the November 28, 2017 Meeting, Merger and Possible Annexation

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear the presentation.

Assistant County Manager Carl Smart and Deputy Fire Chief Harold Theus presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell stated that having the history of how the service times were selected and if it is still relevant would be very helpful for this discussion.

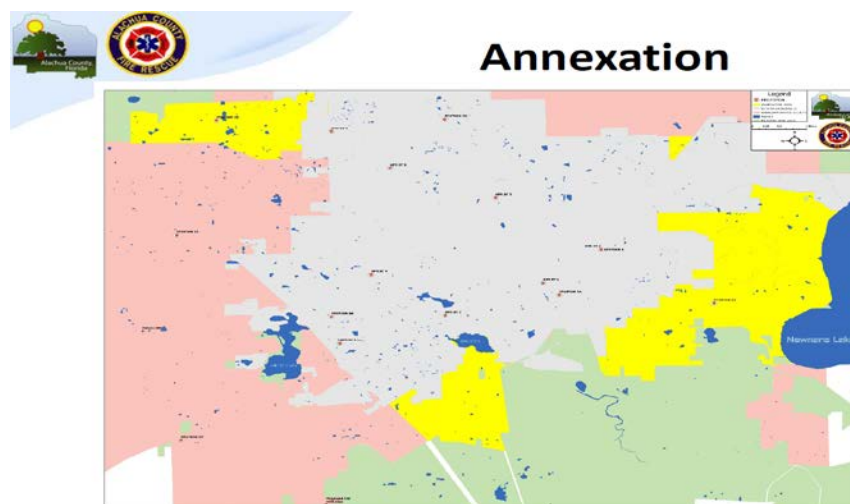
Commissioner Cornell moved to authorize a Chair letter to the City of Gainesville to determine if there is any interest in beginning discussions regarding a possible Countywide Fire Rescue model under a dependent or independent authority. The motion carried 5-0.

By consensus, the Board directed staff to provide data on how things would change in moving from 6 minutes to 8 minutes response times and added to the list of items the Board wishes to set aside to for discussion.

Potential Annexations

Deputy Fire Chief Harold Theus and City of Gainesville Commissioner Hayes-Santos presented the above item.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos advised the County that the City is undertaking a census to determine if portions of the County are interested in the annexation into the City of Gainesville. The yellow areas on the map below delineate the areas the City is interested in annexing. He stated that it will be a yearlong process.



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4. Update on Property Assessed Clean Energy finance (PACE) Special Assessments
Fiscal Consideration: Staff currently only monitors PACE programs. Any administrative oversight or prepost assessment review will require additional resources in addition to amendments to existing interlocal agreements.
Recommended Action: Hear presentation.

Strategic Initiatives Manager Sean McLendon presented the above item.

Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton, Deputy County Manager Harriot, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Tax Collector John Powers, Richard Bell, Esq., Robert Griscti, Esq., , Chair Pinkoson, Ygrene Director of Government Affairs, and Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell requested that Ygrene provide to the Board a written response as to how the three none issues are resolved.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Renovate America Florida Director of Market Development and Externa Affairs Mike Antheil, Commissioner Byerly, Deputy County Manager Harriot Aron Davie, and Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. That staff meet with any applicable citizens that have had complaints as well as the Tax Collector's Office and ask each of the related PACE providers to provide a written response as to how those issues have been resolved.
2. Direct staff to brief the Board within 30 days as to the findings as well any proposed suggestions for improving consumer protections.
3. Request a written response from each of the PACE providers as to whether or not the support the current proposed consumer protection legislation as well as staff's analysis of the legislation.
4. Staff to classify the types problems and repairs and the Board can discuss the issues and possible scope of services based on the responses.

Commissioner Byerly and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

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2. Confederate Soldier Statue Replacement Discussion

Fiscal Consideration: TBD depending upon direction of Commission.

Recommended Action: 1. Commission discussion on Confederate Soldier Statue replacement and funding; 2. Direct staff to advertise replacement art submittals through the Request for Proposals (RFP), or a similar process; 3. Direct staff to meet with Alachua County Cultural and Arts groups to discuss Art Tag proceeds and grants the County is now eligible for since designating itself as the Local Arts Agency.

Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles presented the above item.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to authorize the County Ordinance to clean up the code authorizing the Board as the Local Arts Agency. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Byerly moved to authorize staff to pursue grant opportunities for the art work.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Chris Rose who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to authorize the Public Defender Office authorization to precede with their art in public places projects.

Commissioner Chestnut, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson withdrew the motion.

Commissioner Byerly moved to refer to the County Manager for recommendations on the following:

1. To proceed with the empowerment of art review group as described and bring it to the Board as soon as it is ready.
2. The budget for the art will be discussed during the budget process.
3. The artist search is not restricted to local artist community.
4. A Public Hearing should be held in the evening at the next convenient date so those citizens can propose concepts for the art. The Board is not looking to

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recognize/honor individuals, specific political concepts, or historical events but more of a concept or idea that is uplifting for everyone.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Kali Blount, Faye Williams, Chris Rose, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Consent

5. Letters of Support for City of Newberry Pollution Reduction Funding Request
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Authorize the chair to sign the letters in support of City of Newberry's proposals.
6. Lease Agreement with the City of Alachua Indemnification Requested
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: The Board finds that accepting the duty to indemnify is in the best interest of Alachua County and the Board approves the Agreement between Alachua County and the City of Alachua.

ADDED ITEM:

Joint Meeting with the City and School Board

County Manager Lieberman stated that the County has received the topics of discussion proposed from the City Gainesville and the School Board. She encouraged the Board to provide any topics of discussion they may wish to discuss and any direction they would like to give to staff regarding the agenda.

City of Gainesville proposed topics:

1. Develop a community ID program for residents with limited access to government issued form of Identification.
2. Establish a task force to address any issues of immigrant or racial bullying.
3. Partnering with the Welcoming Gainesville and Alachua County nonprofits to develop an interdisciplinary plan that provides a path to institutionalize local welcoming efforts.

School Board proposed topic:

1. Gainesville Regional Utility

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By consensus, the Board stated that the one topic they wish to discuss is community ballot referendum. They further directed that the County Manager convey that the County Commission would like that each entity propose one item for discussion to make it a manageable meeting.

Closing Comments

7. Closing comments from the public

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from the public.

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

8. Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Commission Comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to direct the County Attorney draft for consideration Ordinance containing ballot language and other necessary details for an independent children services authority. The motion carried 5-0.

Feral Cat Populations

Commissioner Byerly requested that the Board agenda for discussion at an Evening Regular meeting the topic of a prohibition on the feeding of feral cats. He stated that there seems to be a consensus with most groups regarding the matter so he feels it is ready for discussion.

By consensus, the Board directed the County Manager to schedule the meeting as soon as reasonable based on the agenda workload.

Union County Moratorium

Commissioner Cornell informed the Board that the Union County Board is voting on whether to extend the Moratorium on mining and transmittal of the LDR for review this evening.

Inequality Study

Commissioner Cornell stated that he attended the presentation of the findings from the Inequality Study and he would like to have staff review it and incorporate it into the Evaluation and Appraisal Review Process for the Comprehensive Plan.

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Commissioner Cornell moved to direct the County Manager to incorporate the Bureau of Economics Business Research Study on interracial inequality in Alachua County presented on January 12, 2018 into the EAR process. The motion carried 5-0.

MLK Signage

Commissioner Cornell inquired if staff needs any direction to work with the appropriate entities for the MLK Signage on SR441.

Deputy County Manager Harriot stated that staff is already with the Department of Transportation on the matter and that no further guidance is required.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.