

Monday, March 12, 2018 – 3:00 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 Joint Meeting.

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

City of Gainesville:

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

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

ABSENT: County Commissioner Mike Byerly and City of Gainesville Commissioner Charles Goston

CALL TO ORDER

WELCOME

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 of Gainesville Mayor Poe requested that the Board of County Commissioners add a discussion of the Trunk Radio System (TRS) to the agenda for discussion.

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

City Commissioner Harvey Budd moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 6-0 with Commissioner Goston out of the room.

Trunk Radio Agreement

Chief Business Services Officer Lewis Walton presented the above item.

Alachua County Fire Chief Northcutt, City Commissioner Budd, Commissioner Hutchinson, Alachua County Deputy Chief Harold Theus, Gainesville Fire Chief Jeff Lane, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Chief Lane, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Budd, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chief Northcutt, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Chief Deputy Huckstep, and Mayor Poe presented comments.

City Commissioner Arreola moved to request a 15 year financial analysis of TRS Service and a notification to all of the users that analog service will be discontinued October 1, 2019. The motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Hutchinson

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4. CRA Discussion

Fiscal Consideration: Over \$5 Million of County Resources are committed annually to CRAs.

Recommended Action: Board discussion of CRA Agreement with the City of Gainesville.

City of Gainesville Manager Lyons and County Manager Lieberman presented the above item.

Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Cornell, Mayor Poe, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Warren, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Arreola, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Chair Pinkoson, and City Manager Lyons presented comments.

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City Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved to direct staff to comeback in a month to use this memo as a frame work for recommendations on the different options.

In an effort to provide discussion points for today's CRA item, the City Manager, Anthony Lyons and Interim County Manager, Michele Lieberman, worked together to provide the following list of items for both Boards to consider:

Options for Moving Forward

1. Independent Special District
2. "Tallahassee Model"
3. Current Model with Proposed Changes

Potential Topics of Discussion within the Options (If Applicable)

1. Level of Contributions
 - a. Equitable vs. Equal Contributions Discussion
2. Millage Rates Across All Districts
 - a. Stepped-down Approach to Match TIF Contributions
 - b. Reinvesting Dollars into Specific Initiatives/Areas within the City
3. Length of Term and Final Termination Date for each District
 - a. How to Determine Success for Final Termination of Each CRA District or Independent Special District
4. Debt which CRA May Incur and How to Handle Existing Debt
5. Process for Redevelopment Plan Approval
6. Process/Number of Meetings
7. Membership/Representation on Governing Board

The motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Cornell moved to direct staff to comeback in a month to use this memo as a frame work for recommendations on the different options.

City Commissioner Arreola stated that the County Owns a Police Substation directly across from the State Attorney's Office. He stated that it has been abandoned for a long time and the area receives heavy foot traffic. He would like to see the County as the Property Owner negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for the use of the property.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to refer to the County Manager the future use or disposition of the vacant police substation. The motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. Public comments
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear public comments.

COMMISSION GENERAL COMMENTS AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION

6. City Commission comments
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear City Commission comments.

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City Commissioner Ward stated that the City of Gainesville is working on a broadband study to determine to extend Broadband to Gainesville and the Metro Area. He would like to offer the County an opportunity to participate in the study and funding at a \$40,000.00 level.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to request the County Manager return to the Board with an item that would show the cost and the benefits and a potential funding source for the County to participate in the study up to \$40,000.00 funding level in this year's budget or the next year's budget. The motion carried 4-0.

7. County Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear County Commission comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the County Commission can extend the waiting period for the purchase of firearms to 5 days and how guns are handled on County owned property such as banning gun shows at the County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Hutchinson stated at the next meeting he would make a motion to request the County Attorney's Office present any legal concerns regarding the County Commission taking action on either of the proposals.

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