

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
Grace Knight Conference 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 Mike Byerly, Ken Cornell and Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

Approval of Agenda

1. 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

Commissioner Hutchinson moved adoption of the agenda with the amendment to hear Item #5 first. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Byerly and Chestnut out of the room.

Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion

5. Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Update Topic Area Discussion: Economic Opportunity and Affordable Housing

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff on the general strategies for preparing draft policy revisions for the Economic Opportunity and Affordable Housing topic areas, to be brought back as part of the next step in the Comprehensive Plan update process.

Senior Planner Ken Zeichner presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly entered at 10:04 A.M.

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3. Discussion on Residency Requirements for Executive Service Staff

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Commission Discussion on Residency Requirements for Executive Service Staff.

Commissioner Cornell presented the above item.

Commissioner Chestnut entered at 10:10 a.m.

Commissioner Cornell moved that staff return with a residency requirement policy going forward for all new executive service staff and schedule it for a hearing and the Board will decide what the next step will be.

County Manager Lieberman, County Attorney Torres, and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

County Manager Lieberman stated that staff will come back with a proposed policy and a list of all the employees that the policy would apply to on a going forward basis. She stated that the Board could decide at that time if the policy needs to apply to all the positions listed.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Pinkoson and Hutchinson voting “Nay”.

5. Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Update Topic Area Discussion: Economic Opportunity and Affordable Housing

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff on the general strategies for preparing draft policy revisions for the Economic Opportunity and Affordable Housing topic areas, to be brought back as part of the next step in the Comprehensive Plan update process.

Economic Opportunities

Planner Mike Castine presented the above item.

Chair Pinkoson stated that the information was not provided in an appropriate amount of time for the Board to review and provide comments on. He stated that the backup needs to be provided in time for the Board to review.

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Broadband Access

Interim Growth Management Director Missy Daniels presented the above item.

Commissioner Hutchinson, IT Director Kevin Smith, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, and Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

Affordable Housing

Senior Planner Ivey Bell presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Senior Planner Zeichner Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Chestnut, Housing Manager Stephen Weeks, and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

Inclusionary Housing

Planner Ivey Bell presented the above item.

Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Lieberman Deputy County Manager Harriot Commissioner Chestnut, County Manager Lieberman, County Attorney Torres

Commissioner Hutchinson exited 12:45 p.m.

Commissioner Byerly moved the following:

1. Alachua County refocuses its housing policy on these two objectives:
 - a. To provide assistance to people with extremely and very low income to prevent them from becoming homeless.
 - b. To ensure that those in the extremely and very low income brackets have housing opportunities dispersed throughout the community.
2. Revise and condense with in statutory constraints if possible the housing element around the two objectives listed above including the definition section.
3. Request that staff provide the Board with information regarding the supply and dispersal of low and extremely low income opportunities in the County as a means of the Commission deciding if it wishes to proceed forward with an inclusionary housing Ordinance. Staff is to determine if there are any peer

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communities around the State that the County can learn from in implementing such policies.

4. Staff to comeback and provide recommendations for recommendation #3:

Develop strategies for use of escheated (tax defaulted) properties to maintain, create, or expand affordable housing

5. Staff is to move forward with staff recommendation #5:

Expansion of Cottage Neighborhoods concept.

6. Eliminate the following:

- Staff recommendation #6 Assistance for rehabilitation of existing affordable housing stock to facilitate resale.
- Policy 1.1.2

Gary Hankins, Commissioner Hutchinson, Pam Davis, Jason Robinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Chestnut, Eric Drummond, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Chestnut, and Senior Planner Ivey Bell presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Hutchinson out of the room.

Deputy County Manager Harriot and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved that staff provide the best information the County has of the effects of the County environmental protections and any other factors that staff feels are appropriate such as storm water on the cost of the average building lot in the unincorporated area.

Deputy County Manager Harriot presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Hutchinson out of the room.

Local Food Economy

Senior Planner Kathleen Pagan presented the above item.

Principal Planner Ken Zeichner presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved staff recommendations to develop policies for the Local Food Economy in the Comprehensive Plan. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Hutchinson out of the room.

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2. Discussion on Providing County Resources to Private Organizations

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Commission Discussion on Providing County Resources to Private Organizations.

Commissioner Byerly presented the above item.

County Manager Lieberman, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Byerly, and Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

4. ~~Policy discussion on past special assessments and apply same standards as applied in High Springs (year 2000) and Newberry roads~~

~~**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A~~

~~**Recommended Action:** Discussion Topic. Staff will be available to answer questions.~~

Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved to re-agenda Item #4 to be Item #1 on Thursday May 4, 2018 meeting. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Hutchinson out of the room.

6. Public Comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments

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

7. Commission Comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Commission Comments

Commissioner Byerly stated that he would like to discuss in the future the County Incentive Grant that the County has shared with the City of Gainesville for several years. He stated that with how recent funding issues have played out he feels the County should no longer split the grant with the City of Gainesville and commit the money to County priorities.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.