

Monday, May 14, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.
Newberry City Hall
25440 West Newberry Road
Newberry, Florida

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

Mayor Jordan Marlowe, Commissioners Rick Coleman, Monty Farnsworth, Joy Glanzer, Matt Hersom and Tim Marden

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy County Manager James Harriot, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey.

The meeting was videotaped and aired on the City of Newberry Channel.

Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

WELCOME INTRODUCTION:

1. Jordan Marlowe, Mayor, City of Newberry
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: N/A
2. Lee Pinkoson, Chair, Alachua County Commission
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.

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4. Road ChipSeal Project in Newberry Area

Fiscal Consideration:

Recommended Action:

County Engineer Ramone Gavarrete presented the above item.

5. Update on Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Discussion

Fiscal Consideration: Estimated County contribution to the CRA over a thirty year period would be \$1,545,626.

Recommended Action: Hear update on Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Discussion.

Deputy County Manager Harriot presented the above item.

Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Hutchinson, Mayor Marlowe, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Chair Pinkoson, City Commissioner Farnsworth, City Commissioner Marden, City Commissioner Glanzer, and Mayor Marlowe presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to direct the County Manager and County Attorney to work with their counterparts in Newberry to draft an agreement for both Commissions that includes the terms of transferring county roads to municipalities in return for specified improvements. Included in the analysis should be who/when to trigger the transfer, the standards which shall be used for the improvements, and the sources of funds.

Commissioner Byerly, Vicky Gaultney, Chair Pinkoson, Debra Campbell, City Manager Mike New, Naim Erched, Mayor Marlowe, and Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

City Commissioner Glanzer moved to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to work with their counterparts in the County to draft an agreement for both Commissions that includes the terms of transferring county roads to municipalities in return for specified improvements. Included in the analysis should be who/when to trigger the transfer, the standards which shall be used for the improvements, and the sources of funds. The motion carried 5-0.

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6. City of Newberry: Fire Station/Alachua County Fire Rescue Ambulances

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear presentation from the City of Newberry Fire Chief.

City of Newberry Fire Chief Ben Buckner and Alachua County Fire Chief Bill Northcutt presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Fire Chief Northcutt, City Commissioner Farnsworth, City Commissioner Marden, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Hersom, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Glanzer, County Manager Lieberman, City Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Mayor Marlowe, Debra Campbell, Vicky Gaultney, and Naim Erched presented comments.

ADDED ITEM:

Newberry Community Redevelopment Agency

City of Newberry Planning and Economic Development Director Byran Thomas presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to move forward with the City of Newberry to Implement the CRA as presented and bring it before the Board by June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Mayor Marlowe, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, City Commissioner Marden, Mayor Marlowe, and City Commissioner Hersom presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Law Enforcement Contract

City Manager Mike New presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly and Mayor Marlowe presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved that County staff compare what the MSTU would have generated within the City of Newberry versus what the City pays per the contract. The motion carried 5-0.

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City Commissioner Farnsworth and City Commissioner Coleman presented comments.

7. Alachua County Trails Planning

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear a presentation on Alachua County's work on planning for trails in the County and the role Newberry plays in that network.

Senior Transportation Planner Chris Dawson presented the above item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. Public comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear public comments.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Peggy Lloyd who presented comments to the Board.

COMMISSION GENERAL COMMENTS AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION

9. County Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear County Commission comments.

Commissioner Cornell stated that the support that the City of Newberry has shown for the fallen Gilchrist County Officers has been incredible. He stated that driving to the vigil and seeing the streets lined with citizens paying their respects to the officers was incredible.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that there seems to be various groups that are concerned for the continued operation of the Canterbury Equestrian Center in Newberry. He inquired if there was any interest from the City of Newberry in the operation of the center if it were purchased by a government entity. He stated that it may be a discussion for the County Commission to discuss hosting the Youth Fair at the Canterbury Equestrian Center instead of at the new County Fairgrounds.

Mayor Marlowe stated that all his conversations with the for profit group that operates the center is that they wish to continue the operation but are looking for any support to make it a more profitable center.

City Commissioner Marden stated that he has not had any discussions regarding the equestrian center. He stated that the Youth Fair being held there has some interests but not the County Fair. He stated that there are also some logistical problems

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with having the Youth Fair there and it may also isolate the residents on the eastern portion of the County.

City Commissioner Coleman each County Commissioners to place the single member districts on the ballot and give the citizens an opportunity to vote on the matter.

City Commissioner Farnsworth stated that he appreciated the county coming to discuss issues with the City of Newberry and hopes the two entities can continue to work together.

City Commissioner Marden stated that he is pleased with the collaborative efforts between the City and County and looks for it to continue.

Mayor Marlowe stated that the County's new management has been a pleasure to work with which is a stark change to the previous management. He stated that he appreciates the collaborative attitude of the County staff.

Chair Pinkoson stated that the County did vote to change the Gas Tax Distribution which benefited the City of Newberry. He advised the City that the County has heard objections from other municipalities regarding the matter. He stated that the City of Newberry stated that they would continue to work through the League of Cities with the other municipalities and that he would like the City to honor that commitment.

10. City Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear City Commission comments.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 P.M.