

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 – 5:00 P.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, Commissioners Mike Byerly, Ken Cornell and Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson

City of Gainesville:

Mayor Lauren Poe, City Commissioners Harvey Ward, David Arreola, Helen Warren, Adrian Hayes-Santos, Gigi Simmons and Gail Johnson

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

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Charles “Chuck” Chestnut

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.

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda with the amendments:

- Addition of the discussion regarding the July 9, 2018 Joint Planning Discussion.
- Allow one citizen to speak first regarding an arrest incident.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved adoption of the agenda with the following amendments:

- Addition of the discussion regarding the July 9, 2018 Joint Planning Discussion.
- Allow Public Comment period as the first matter of business which will end at 5:30 P.M.

The motion carried 4-0.

City Commissioner Warren moved adoption of the agenda with the following amendments:

- Addition of the discussion regarding the July 9, 2018 Joint Planning Discussion.
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The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. Public comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear public comments.

Scott Hesch, Elizabeth Hawk, Ms. Baker, Keyon Young, Ms. Baker, Kevin Johnson, Ronald Nutter, Tom Wells, and Tina Walker presented comments.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4. City/County Discussion on Alternatives to Reduce Homelessness

Fiscal Consideration: Alternatives to Reduce Homelessness

Funding budget will be determined by the BoCC as part of the development of the Housing Focused Plan.

Recommended Action: The County Commission:

- 1) Discuss with the City Commission approaches to reducing homelessness; and
- 2) Direct County staff to work with City staff to develop a specific housing focused proposal that would move Gainesville and Alachua County to the Housing Focused Approach as approved by the County Commissioners at their May 22, 2018 Meeting, and to bring

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back this proposal for review by the City and County Commissions in Fall 2018.

Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, Assistant City Manager Fred Murray, and Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Warren, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Arreola, Mayor Poe, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly

Commissioner Byerly moved the following:

1. A specific budget ~~paired with a residency requirement~~ to have a fully implemented/realized housing first model. Staff should provide a realistic cost structure as well as financing options such as Housing Bonds.
2. An element should be a form of government owned and operated housing. Provide an Inventory analysis housing options. (low income housing, Hotels available for sale, apartments, etc.)
3. A landlord program that would make if financially attractive for landlords to rent to the clientele.
4. Develop a substantially improved in quality model of emergency housing. (Examples: Dry pads for tents, staff patrolling, improved hygiene conditions, etc.)
5. Authorize County and City staff to continue to work in a cooperative manner on housing first proposals.
6. That both the City and County through the legislative agendas request that the Sadowski Trust Funds not be used for unintended causes. Further, request that the State Legislature mandate that the 67 Counties equitably address funding for the homelessness issue.
7. Chair/Mayor Letters requesting that UF Health/Veterans Affairs Hospital/North Florida Regional/University of Florida President appoint a member to provide information, attends meetings, and be a part of the solution.

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8. ~~Continue to explore the option of the County Operating Grace Market Place as a social service and the City work to maintain low income housing stock.~~
Staff is to report back with the requested information by the end of the year.
9. Staff review proposal for an Ordinance regarding multiple sources of income, victims of domestic violence, and veterans. Staffs from both the City and County should attend the United Way Seminar on housing.
10. Staff to provide comparisons with peer counties and cities regarding spending on rapid rehousing models.
11. Staff to develop a draft of a residency policy. Staff is to investigate any legal issues and develop a residency standard that can pass legal challenges.

The motion carried 5-0.

(The City divided the motion to voting on Item #11 separately.)

City Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved the following:

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The motion carried 7-0.

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The motion carried 6-1 with City Commissioner Arreola voting “Nay”.

City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, By the end of City Commissioner Ward, Assistant City Manager Murray, and Commissioner Byerlypresented comments.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Barbara Berry, Kali Blount, Pam Davis, Mona Gilday, Ken Armstrong, Telford Cartwright, Michael Blessing, Joe Jackson, Kimber Tuck, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

ADDED ITEM:

The Boards discussed the scheduling of a Joint Meeting to discuss the proposed Joint Planning Agreement.

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By consensus both Boards agreed to schedule the Joint Planning Agreement discussion for July 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the County's Grace Knight Conference Room.

COMMISSION GENERAL COMMENTS AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION

6. City Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear City Commission comments.

City Commissioner Arreola presented comments regarding the residency requirement for Homeless Services and encouraged each Commissioner to give the matter consideration.

City Commissioner Ward thanked everybody for the participation in the meeting and stated that this has been one of the most productive meetings in some time.

City Commissioner Johnson expressed her concerns regarding the arrest of Keyon Young.

City Commissioner Simmons expressed her concerns regarding the arrest of Keyon Young.

Commissioner Byerly encouraged each Commissioner to wait for the facts to come out regarding the Keyon Young arrest before taking a position on the matter.

City Commissioner Warren stated that many discussions will need to be had regarding bias in society in order to resolve the matter.

Mayor Poe stated that Gainesville Police Department Chief Jones has been implementing a de-escalation policy and will request that Chief Jones give a presentation to the Board regarding the program.

Mayor Poe informed the County that he signed the final agreement today regarding the emergency response agreement. The changes are being made to the software to implement the new call model and he thinks it will be operational by Friday.

Chair Pinkoson stated that State Attorney Bill Cervone gave a presentation to the Board regarding the diversion programs with in the State Attorney's Office and that it has been quite successful and the City may wish to request the presentation be made to them as well.

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City Commissioner Hayes Santos moved to request that State Attorney Bill Cervone give the presentation on diversion programs to the City Commission. The motion carried 7-0.

7. County Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear County Commission comments.

Commissioner Byerly stated that the City recently had two successful annexations and inquired if it is still the policy to pursue annexations on the eastside as well as the west side of the county.

Commissioner Hutchinson encouraged the City Commissioner to ask for a breakdown of the law enforcement agencies in terms of the type of arrest coming in.

Commissioner Cornell stated that he is committed to working on the issue of bias in society. He thanked the City for signing the mutual aid agreement and that he feels lives will be saved as a result.

Chair Pinkoson encouraged Commissioners to wait for the facts on the Keyon Young arrest. He stated that as far as the inequities in the County he feels the Children Services Initiative will go a long way to resolve the issue in the County by preparing children for school.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.