

Monday, August 6, 2018 – 3:00 P.M.
BoCC Joint Meeting
Gainesville City Hall Auditorium
200 E University Ave
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

City of Gainesville:

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

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles and Deputy Clerk Stephanie Sisney

ABSENT: City Commissioner Gail Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 3:12 P.M.

WELCOME INTRODUCTION:

1. Lee Pinkoson, Chair, Alachua County Commission
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: N/A

Vice-Chair Chestnut provided comments about the Fairgrounds and asked that when reaching Item 5 there should be a break an hour into the discussion to allow the public to speak on the Item if they need to leave.

2. Lauren Poe, Mayor, City of Gainesville
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: N/A

City of Gainesville Lauren Poe presented comments.

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 to approve the agenda as modified allowing the public time to speak on Item 5: Alachua County Fairgrounds Discussion. The motion carried 5-0.

City Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos moved the agenda as modified.

City Commissioner Arreola asked to add a discussion about the SW 62nd BLVD project added to the agenda.

Mayor Lauren Poe and City Attorney Nicolle Shalley provided comments.

Public Comments:

Armando Grundy presented comments to the Boards.

Mayor Poe, Chair Pinkoson and Mayor Poe presented comments.

City Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved the amended motion to wave the City rule to allow for City Commission comment. This motion failed for a lack of a second.

City Attorney Shalley presented comments.

The motion carried 5-1 with City Commissioner Arreola voting "Nay".

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4. Zero Waste Strategy: A Community Partnership

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear the presentation.

Assistant City Manager Dann Hoffman recognized Solid Wastes and Resource Recovery Director Sally Palmi, Strategic Initiatives Manager Sean McClendon, City of Gainesville Public Works Director Phil Mann and City of Gainesville Solid Waste Manager Steve Joplin.

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Mayor Poe stated he would need to leave the meeting at 5:30 P.M. due to a prior engagement.

Solid Wastes and Resource Recovery Director Manager Sally Palmi presented the above item to the Boards.

Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Solid Wastes and Resource Recovery Director Palmi, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Simmons, Solid Wastes and Resource Recovery Director Palmi, City Commissioner Areola, Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Without objection Commissioner Cornell asked Staff for examples of other Counties in Florida that have implemented this idea and what they learned, what they adopted

City Commissioner Ward, Mayor Poe, Chair Pinkoson, City Commissioner Simmons, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos,

City Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved the following:

1. Direct Staff to work on a Joint Ordinance for poly-styrene and a plastic bag ban and bring it back in the Fall of 2018.
2. Direct Staff to work with Commissioners to hold other workshops in the meantime to make sure the Community is engaged.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Warren and City Commissioner Ward provided comments.

Public Comments:

Kali Blount, Tonya Howick, David Morris, Armando Grundy and Gina Hopkins presented comments to the Boards.

Mayor Poe presented comments.

The motion carried 4-2 with City Commissioners Simmons and Poe voting "Nay".

5. Alachua County Fairgrounds Discussion

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Discuss relocation of Alachua County Fairgrounds.

Deputy County Manager Jim Harriott presented the above item to the Board.

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City Commissioner Warren, Chair Pinkoson, City Commissioner Ward, Remedial Project Manager Rusty Kessel, Chair Pinkoson, Beazer East, Inc. Mitchell Brouman, City Commissioner Ward, Remedial Project Manager Kessel, Chair Pinkoson, Beazer East, Inc. Brouman, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Assistant City Manager Hoffman, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Assistant City Manager Hoffman, Mayor Poe, Vice Chair Chestnut, County Manager Michele Lieberman and Vice Chair Chestnut provided comments.

Public Comments:

Patricia Lee, Robert Pearce, Candice Chambers, Mike Sylvester, Kayla Sausnow, Kathleen Pagan, Sharon Woodruff, Armando Grundy, Cynthia Chestnut, Rodney Long, Doris Edwards, Sherwin Henry, Deidra Bryan, Yuen Thompson, Susan Fountain, Mike Powell, Barbara Ruth and Evelyn Fox presented comments to the Boards.

Mayor Poe and City Commissioner Arreola left the meeting at 5:39 P.M.

City Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Byerly, Deputy County Manager Harriott, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Warren, City Commissioner Simmons, Chair Pinkoson and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. Direct that County Staff work with City Staff and the consultant on the specific Civic Center option for the Beazer Cabot Koper site.
2. Develop alternative options for a potential event Civic Center in East Gainesville and specifically on the Waldo Road corridor. These options would include potential site plan options as well as potential funding opportunities in partnering with the City of Gainesville.
3. Return back to present this information to the Joint Boards within 90-120 days.
4. Request the City and County Manager to work on a fundraising plan for soliciting private funds and continue to seek public funding from the City, State and Federal agencies.

Commissioner Byerly, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

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Public Comments:

Darry Lloyd, Patricia Lee, Cynthia Chestnut, Unnamed Citizen, Kayla Sausnow, Edward Thompson, Chair Pinkoson, Vice Chair Chestnut, Rodney Long, Commissioner Cornell, Unnamed Citizen, Evelyn Fox and Cynthia Ross provided comments to the Boards.

Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Warren, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell and City Commissioner Warren presented comments.

The motion carried 3-2 with Chair Pinkoson and Commissioner Byerly voting "Nay".

City Commissioner Ward left the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Unnamed Citizen presented comments to the Boards.

COMMISSION GENERAL COMMENTS AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION

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

Commissioner Hayes-Santos presented comments to the Board regarding 62nd Boulevard and if the County has an update to give the City of Gainesville.

Assistant County Manager Harriott and Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

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8. County Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear County Commission comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson discussed the GRU Office Building and using space available for the County to potentially partner with the City to put planning staff, environmental staff or others in that building.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to request the County Manager to meet with the City Manager and the GRU Director to see what availabilities there are for office space in the GRU building. The motion carried 5-0.

Assistant City Manager Hoffman discussed 62nd Boulevard, stating that the City has until September 1st, 2018 to make a decision as to whether or not the City will identify the additional funding. A memo will be forwarded to the County Commission to provide backup and communications the City of Gainesville has had with the State.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Deputy Manager Harriott, Commissioner Byerly and City Commissioner Hayes-Santos provided comments.

There being no further business before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.