

Tuesday, September 4, 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, and 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 Cornell moved** adoption of the agenda as amended. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion

2. Southwest 62nd Blvd Project County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) Funding

**Fiscal Consideration:** FDOT has offered a linked funding program which will fund both construction of the SW 62nd Blvd Project and the design and right of way acquisition phases of the NW 23rd Avenue Project. This funding program requires the Board to change its previous direction to FDOT regarding the CIGP funding.

**Recommended Action:** Discuss the direction you would like to give to FDOT regarding the use of CIGP funds on SW 62nd Blvd.

Deputy County Manager Harriot presented the above item.

**Commissioner Chestnut moved** to appropriate the funds from the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) to the SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Blvd Project should the City of Gainesville agree to accept the maintenance of SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Blvd. The motion carried

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Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, and City of Gainesville Commissioner Arreola presented comments.

**The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Byerly and Hutchinson voting “Nay”.**

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to authorize a Chair Letter to our State Representatives requesting they work to classify this road under the Intermodal Strategic Highway System or the Strategic Intermodal System. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Byerly voting “Nay”.

5. Discussion on Proposed Purchase of Serenola Forest

**Fiscal Consideration:** Purchase Price: \$3,225,000.00; \$29,054.05 per acre;

- \$3,000,000 from Alachua County,
- \$225,000 from ACT

Estimated Due Diligence Cost: \$35,000.00, split proportionally between the County and ACT. The County's portion would be funded through Wild Spaces Public Places (Fund 021). If the Florida Communities Trust grant is received, a portion of the County's contribution will be reimbursed.

**Recommended Action:** Discuss Proposed Purchase of Serenola Forest

County Manager Lieberman and Parks and Conservation Lands Director Charlie Houser presented the above item.

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

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** to direct staff to continue to work towards the purchase of Serenola Forrest in cooperation with the County's partners.

Parks and Conservation Lands Director Charlie Houser, Director of Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) Tom Kay Tom Guyer, Rick Keller, Pat Harden, Bruce Blackwell, Jerne Shapiro, Debbie Seagle, Commissioner Byerly, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

**The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Byerly voting “Nay”.**

6. Consideration to fund 7.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions and equipment for Stormwater Maintenance

**Fiscal Consideration:** No changes need to be made to the FY19 budget at this time. FY18 carryforward will be used to fund the balance of the need along with an internal loan to purchase equipment. 3 additional FTE will need to be approved.

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**Recommended Action:** Move Approval for Option 3; Seven (7) Stormwater Maintenance FTE's (3 additional) and Equipment as Presented.

County Manager Lieberman, Deputy County Manager Harriot, and County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** approval of Option 3; Seven (7) Stormwater Maintenance FTE's and Equipment as Presented and it be first funded through the existing \$15.00 Stormwater assessment.

Commissioner Byerly, Deputy County Manager Harriot, Commissioner Pinkoson, and Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

4. Strategies for Affordable Housing from Affordable Housing Workgroup

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Receive the presentation and report, and provide direction to staff on affordable housing strategies to include in drafting policy updates to the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Senior Planner Ivey Bell and Housing Programs Manager Stephen Weeks presented the above item.

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

**Commissioner Cornell moved** the following:

1. Direct staff to draft policy updates for the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Considering certain strategies that address extremely low income levels specifically Strategies:
  1. Program for landlords to improve energy efficiency
  2. Use of escheated/acquired property
  3. Preserve & Expand Subsidized Rental Housing Supply
  4. Incentive to rehab older homes
  5. Continuum of Needs
    - a. Homeless
    - b. Renters
  9. Repurpose existing structures/development

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10. Concept plan review
  13. Impact fee reduction for accessory dwellings  
(The County is focused on extremely low income in regards to this strategy)
  14. Cohousing
    - a. Alternative models
    - b. Intentional communities
2. In addition direct staff to work with the City of Gainesville to expand looking at specific strategies to address affordable housing for renters these would include but not be limited to universal landlord licensing, renter bill of rights, required disclosures, and amending the County Ordinance to prohibit discriminate based on income sources and immigration status.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Interim Growth Management Director Missy Daniels, Sheila Payne, Mona Gil de Gibaja, Pat Abitt, Reina Saco, Esq., Scott Winzeler, Eric Drummond, Jason Robinson, and Gerry Dedenbach presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

3. Nuisance Abatement Discussion

**Fiscal Consideration:** At this time Staff does not anticipate any direct fiscal impacts. Should the Board decide to take action to adopt a nuisance abatement code there may be budgetary impacts related to enforcement of the Code.

**Recommended Action:** Hear a presentation on Nuisance Abatement and provide additional direction to Staff

Code Enforcement Supervisor Harold Horne presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and County Manager Michele Lieberman presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly exited at 12:52 P.M.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** to direct staff to comeback with a special assessment district and other changes to the code necessary to implement the district. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Byerly out of the room.

Closing Comments

7. Public comments

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear Public Comments

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Chuck Clark and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

8. Commission comments

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear Commission comments

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the Child Day Care Center in the SWAG district has an inadequate retention pond. He stated that staff had a solution for the issue but he would like to know the status of the situation.

Deputy County Manager Harriot stated that he believes a drainage pipe was run under the road to the retention pond across the street and that the sidewalk has been completed. He stated he would confirm the status of the project and provide the Board an update by email.

Commissioner Pinkoson thanked everyone for the support they provided him and his family with the passing of his father.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 P.M.