

Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 10:00 AM
Special Budget Meeting
Grace Knight Conference Room
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

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

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Clerk Tierra McClendon

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chestnut at 10:01 A.M.

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 the approval of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Wheeler absent.

Commissioner Cornell suggested that the Board break for a recess at 2:30 P.M.

Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion

2. Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Update: Review of Draft Revisions to Various Elements of the Plan Relating to the Greenways Master Plan, Recreation, Solid Waste, Fire, Energy, Local Foods, Intergovernmental Coordination, Community Health, Equity and Economic Opportunity
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Provide input and direction on the draft revisions to the Comprehensive Plan for consideration at public hearings in early 2019.

Principal Planner Ken Zeichner presented comments.

Commissioner Wheeler entered the room at 10:04 A.M.

Commissioner Byerly and Missy Daniels presented comments.

Fire

Senior Planner Ben Chumley and Interim Deputy Chief Harold Theus presented the above item.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Senior Planner Chumley, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. Approval of Staff's recommendation as follows:

Staff Recommendation

- The goal of 6 minute response time in the urban cluster should remain
- Remove ISO rating of 6 for Urban Cluster
- The goal of 12 minute response time in the rural area should remain
- New Fire Rescue Master Plan study should be conducted in FY20

2. Direct Staff to return back to the Board with an email regarding the level of services for High springs, Newberry, Lacrosse, Micanopy, and the City of Gainesville's Fire Departments that are in the Comprehensive Plans.
3. Direct Staff to meet with the Chief of the City of Gainesville about making the Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and City of Gainesville Regarding Automatic Aid For Fire and EMS Services a long term agreement and to bring it back to the Board within 60 days.

Commissioner Byerly, Interim Deputy Chief Harold Theus and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Public Comment

Robert Sullivan presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Interim Deputy Chief Harold Theus, Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

Greenways Master Plan

Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hays and EPD Stephen Hofstetter presented the above item.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hays, Deputy County Manager Jim Harriot, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hays, Commissioner Byerly, EPD Hofstetter, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Wheeler, EPD Stephen Hofstetter and Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hays presented comments.

Recreation

Senior Planner Ivy Bell presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, Missy Daniels and Senior Planner Ivy Bell presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved the following:

1. Request that Staff reconsider the Recreation Master Plan with regard to the Open Space Ordinance and consider that it is providing recreational opportunities which might be considered as pocket/neighborhood parks and come back to the Board with how that affects the level of service standards and whether or not the standards are being met.
2. Approval of proposed changes recommended by Staff as follows:

RECREATION

Draft Changes to Comprehensive Plan

- New Policies 1.1.9, 1.1.10 and 1.1.11 to address the update of the Countywide Recreation Master Plan and subsequent update of level of service standards;
- Revision to Policy 1.3.2 to include reference to Greenways Master Plan;
- Revision to Policy 1.7.3 to include Sustainable Landscaping;
- New definitions
 - Greenways Master Plan & Sustainable Landscaping

RECREATION

Draft Changes to Comprehensive Plan

- Update schedule of capital improvements for recreation facilities in Capital Improvements Element Table 3 to cover the period from FY 2019 to FY 2023.
- Additional recreation projects are expected to be identified and funded in the future out of the approx. \$75,000,000 available to Alachua County from the Wild Spaces Public Places voter-approved sales tax revenues.

Commissioner Wheeler, Senior Planner Ivy Bell and Parks & Conservation Lands Director Charlie Houser presented comments.

Public Comment

Christine Young presented comments.

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Commissioner Wheeler, Parks & Conservation Lands Director Charlie Houser, Commissioner Cornell, Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hays and Deputy County Manager Jim Harriot presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to agenda the reconstruction of County Road 2082 for a later discussion.

Commissioner Cornell withdrew the motion due to there being a current motion on the floor.

Deputy Manager Harriot and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Cornell moved to direct Staff to send an email to the Board regarding the status of County Road 2082 and whether or not Staff should halt and reconsider the current construction of County Road 2082.

Deputy County Manager Jim Harriot, Commissioner Byerly and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hays presented comments.

Solid Waste

Planner Mike Castine presented the above item.

County Manager Lieberman, Acting Waste Collections Manager Patrick Irby, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, County Attorney Torres, EPD Chris Bird, Commissioner Hutchinson, County Manager Lieberman, Planner Mike Castine, EPD Chris Bird, Commissioner Wheeler, Chair Chestnut, Acting Waste Collections Manager Patrick Irby, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Wheeler, EPD Chris Bird and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved to approve Staff's draft changes to the Comprehensive Plan as follows:

SOLID WASTE

Draft Changes to Comprehensive Plan:

- Revise Solid Waste LOS to 0.8 tons per person per year (Policy 1.1.1); and corresponding CIE Policy 1.2.4.c
- Maintain prohibition of incineration in County Solid Waste System. Clarify that combustion or thermal decomposition of certain vegetative material is allowed, and clarify that combustion or thermal decomposition for hazardous waste or other material is allowed as mandated by Federal law (Policy 1.2.5)
- Revise methodology for calculating diversion rate to reference FDEP methodology (Policy 1.5.2)
- Revise compliance rate for mandatory commercial recycling program (Policy 1.5.4)

County Manager Lieberman and Growth Management Interim Director Missy Daniels presented comments.

Public Comment

Mark Goldstein, EPAC David Morris, George Papadi and Carolyn Koko presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson left the room at 1:44 P.M.

EPAC David Morris, County Attorney Torres, Planner Mike Castine and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved to direct Staff to come back with proposed provisions to the Solid Waste element that would adopt all of the other items with the exception of 1.2.5 and return to the Board with language which would explicitly, to the extent legally available, prohibit the combustion of plastics by public or private sources in Alachua County.

Acting Waste Collections Manager Patrick Irby, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, County Attorney Torres, Acting Waste Collections Manager Patrick Irby and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved the amended motion as follows:

1. To accept all of the proposed revisions to the solid waste element of the Comprehensive Plan with the exception of policy 1.2.5 and direct Staff to come back to the Board with language which would explicitly prohibit the combustion of plastics to the full extent of the law by either public or private entities in the unincorporated area of Alachua County.

2. To direct Staff to consider the potential approval that policy 1.2.5 is displayed as follows:

Due to the toxic nature of incinerator and mass burn facilities, no such facility will not be included in the County solid waste system. This policy does not prohibit the combustion or thermal decomposition of vegetative yard trash, vegetative biomass and vegetative storm debris. This policy does not prohibit the combustion or thermal decomposition of hazardous waste or other materials for which there is no alternative method of disposal as mandated by Federal Law.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Public Comment

Mark Goldstein, EPAC David Morris, Deputy County Manager Jim Harriot, Commissioner Cornell and George Papadi presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Planner Mike Castine presented comments.

Intergovernmental Coordination

Senior Planner Ben Chumley presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. Staff's recommendation with the exception of 4.1.3.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Draft Changes to Comprehensive Plan:

- Replace references to Alachua County Boundary Adjustment Act (BAA) with references to State annexation statute Ch. 171 and general language on coordination with municipalities; also delete Reserve Areas Map (Intergov. Obj. 1.1 and 4.1), and policies).
- Add Policy 4.1.3 providing for use of "Interlocal Service Boundary Agreements" to jointly address annexation and service delivery issues in accordance with Ch. 171, Part II, F.S.
- Revise Policy 5.1.7 to add solid waste collection, planning, zoning, code enforcement, and social services to list of services for which the County will utilize interlocal agreements with municipalities, where appropriate.
- Add Policy 5.1.8 to provide for coordination with municipalities in assessing opportunities for consolidation of County and City public services.
- Replace references to Countywide Visioning and Planning Committee with general references to coordination with municipalities (Intergov. Policy 8.1.1).

2. Direct Staff to recommend a policy that would express the County Commission's desire to reinstate the policy framework that exists in the boundary adjustment.

Chair Chestnut, Principal Planner Ken Zeichner, County Attorney Torres and Senior Planner Ben Chumley presented comments.

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The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Hutchinson out of the room.
Chair Chestnut presented comments.

Closing Comments

3. Public comments
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments

Item not addressed.

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

Item not addressed.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 P.M.