

Monday, December 10, 2018 – 3:00 P.M.  
Jack Durrance Auditorium  
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

City of Gainesville:

Mayor Lauren Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos, City Commissioners Harvey Ward, Helen Warren, Gigi Simmons, and Gail Johnson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Interim County Manager Michele Lieberman, Deputy County Manager Harriott, Interim County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Clerk Tierra McClendon

**ABSENT:** City Commissioner David Arreola

**CALL TO ORDER**  
**WELCOME**  
**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Charles "Chuck" Chestnut, IV, 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 Byerly moved** adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 4-0.

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**City Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved** adoption of the agenda as amended. The motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Hutchinson entered at 3:03 p.m.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

5. CRA Discussion  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Discuss related items.

City Mayor Poe, CRA Director Sarah Vidal-Finn, Commissioner Cornell, City Attorney Nicolle M. Shalley, County Manager Lieberman, County Attorney Torres, CRA Director Sarah Vidal-Finn, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Chair Chestnut stated that the motion would be divided for the purposes of voting.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** the following:

1. To accept the City's proposal as a starting point for discussion between the City and the County as to the future operation of a CRA or some alternative.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

2. That the Board recommits itself to the Interlocal Agreement previously approved with the City that commits to discussions.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

3. That the County embrace and request a legislative solution be sought through Senator Clemons this year so that the County can have representation on the CRA Board.

**The motion failed 1-4 with Commissioners Cornell, Chestnut, Hutchinson and Wheeler voting "Nay".**

City Commissioner Ward, City Manager Anthony Lyons, Commissioner Byerly, City Mayor Poe, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Mayor Poe, City Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Byerly, Robert Mounts, Samuel Mutch, Kali Blount, Elizabeth Whitaker, and City Commissioner Hayes-Santos presented comments.

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**City Commissioner Ward moved** that the Board recommits itself to the Interlocal Agreement previously approved with the County that commits to discussions. The motion carried 6-0.

City Commissioner Warren, City Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

4. Reducing Homelessness in the City of Gainesville and Alachua County

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear staff presentation and discuss related items.

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

Commissioner Byerly Executive Director of the Gainesville Housing Authority Pamela Davis, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos Assistant City Manager Fred Murray, City Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Byerly

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Wheeler, City Commissioner Warren, Assistant City Manager Fred Murray, GRACE Operations Director Jon DeCarmine, City Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Ward, Chair Chestnut, Assistant City Manager Fred Murray, Mayor Poe, City Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Marihelen, Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, Assistant City Manager Fred Murray, Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, City of Gainesville John Wachtel, Assistant City Manager Murray, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Warren, Assistant City Manager Murray, City Commissioners Simmons, Mayor Poe, Chair Chestnut, City Commissioner Johnson, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, GRACE Operations Director DeCarmine, Mayor Poe, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Assistant County Manager Smart, Mona Gil de Gibaja, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Warren, Kimber Tuck, Scott Hesch, Carolyn KoKo, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

**City Commissioner Santos** moved the following:

1. Request staff to return with more specific financial information regarding funding sources for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing, funding options, City/County share.
2. Staff review Government owned options such as funding for the program and how would it be run. The focus should be on placing these in High Opportunity Areas. Housing bonds/Low Income Housing Tax Incentives should be considered as funding sources for these projects.

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3. Refer Landlord Incentive Program to the City's Rental Housing Sub Committee and for staff to bring back a vetted version of the program to the next Joint Meeting.
4. Provide a Dignity transition plan coordinated with GRACE that contains the following:
  - Increase staffing and fiscal impact of such.
  - Detail implementation analysis
  - Fiscal Impact analysis
  - Displacement Analysis
  - Plan for those who do not intend to move into GRACE or return to their home.
  - Fencing and public art discussion.
5. Report back from the UF Health Homelessness meeting and report back at the next Joint Meeting.
6. Staff is encouraged to report back with components of this requests as they are ready rather than waiting for the entire request being completed.

City Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Simmons

**City Motion carried 6-0.**

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**The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Wheeler out of the room.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Chair Chestnut recognized Jon DeCarmine, Michael Blessings, and Scoot Hesch who presented comments.

## **COMMISSION GENERAL COMMENTS AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

7. City Commission comments  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Hear City Commission comments.  
City Commissioner Ward has reached out to RTS staff and Mr. DeCarmine regarding the RTS issues with GRACE Marketplace and staff is working on the matter.
8. County Commission comments  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Hear County Commission comments.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**ADJOURN**  
**NOTATION OF RECORD**

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9. 2019 Joint Meeting Dates: Alachua County and the City of Gainesville  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** No action necessary.