

Tuesday, August 23, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
Archer Community Center
16671 SW137th Avenue,
Archer, FL 32618

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Joint Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Ken Cornell; Vice Chair Marihelen Wheeler, Commissioner Mary Alford, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, and Commissioner Anna Prizzia

City Mayor Iris Bailey, City Vice Mayor Joan White, City Commissioner Melanie Wells, City Commissioner Kathy Penny, City Commissioner Fletcher Hope

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

City Manager Charles Hammond, City Attorney Clay Martin, and Deputy Clerk Deanna Alltop

ABSENT: Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV

Call To Order 6:00pm

Welcome

Introduction

Mayor Iris Bailey, City of Archer

Chair Ken Cornell, Alachua County Commission

Adoption of the Agenda

City Commissioner White moved adoption of the agenda.

City Commissioner Wells 2nd

The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Alford moved adoption of the Agenda.

Commissioner Prizzia 2nd

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

Items For Discussion

1. City of Archer Items for Discussion 21-0797

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Have a discussion.

1. What is your individual opinion regardless of the City of Gainesville's weighted MTPO decisions for the Archer Road (1.1 mi.) 4 – Lane Widening between Tower Road (SW 75th), west to SW 91st Please note – Parker Road (SW 122nd St.) Explosive growth is here now!

City Commissioner Fletcher Hope stated that Archer Road is in need of improvements due to the explosive growth in the area. Concerned about the safety because of Parker Road, the new elementary school. City Commissioner Hope stated that the MTPO has refused to approve 4 lanes for the 1.1 mi section between Tower Road and SW 91st. That refusal is holding up the State plan to 4 lane Archer Road all the way to Archer which is desperately needed.

2. Do you personally have record proof of the proposed AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE to be received by the county municipalities in ANY OTHER STATE OF FLORIDA "SOLAR FARM" projects; ie – record of proof of the AD VALOREM TAX gain from a county receiving net REVENUE TAX annually from any other current solar project? If, so send it to me at fhope@cityofarcher.com.

City Manager Lieberman stated that those records are not something that the County would have. She stated that County Tax Collector's Office should be able to provide the tax information for projects that are within Alachua County.

Growth Management Director Missy Daniels provided some tax receipts for a project in the County. She stated that she cannot provide information on who paid the taxes but stated that the City could work with the Tax Collector/Property Appraiser to obtain more details.

Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Prizzia, and Chair Cornell all presented comments.

3. Why would the City of Gainesville GRU not seek viable North and East Alachua County site locations for any such "Solar Farm" projects? There is such a current emphasis to "develop economic growth" in East Gainesville/Alachua County and "restrict/slowdown" the continuing affordable home development growth for Archer, FL.?

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Commissioner Chestnut entered 6:18 P.M.

City Mayor Bailey inquired why other locations are not be pursued besides locations by the City of Archer.

Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Prizzia, City Commissioner Fletcher Hope, Commissioner Alford, City Vice Mayor Joan White, and County Attorney Sylvia Torres all presented comments.

2. Potential Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) Extension with Housing and Infrastructure 21-0252

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Discussion the Potential Extension of Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) Surtax with Inclusion of Housing and Infrastructure Projects

Chair Cornell presented the above item.

Commissioner Wheeler, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, City Mayor Iris Bailey, City Commissioner Fletcher Hope, City Commissioner Melanie Wells, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, and City Vice Mayor Joan White all presented comments.

3. Residential Rental Unit Permit and Inspection Program 21-0493

Fiscal Consideration:

At the previous meeting, the Commissioners determined they would likely pursue this in-house. For the unincorporated area, this would potentially involve 4 FTE Codes Officers and 1 FTE Licensing clerk/staff assistant at a first year cost including salary, benefits, vehicles and necessary equipment of \$454,000 and a second year cost of \$345,000. This number may be higher if other municipalities are included. This program is not yet in place in Alachua County, this program is not in the budget, and as such, this program can be discussed during the FY22 budget development process. The permit fees would have to be at a level to cover all costs associated with the program. For 7,000 units, the fee would be between \$50 to \$65 per permit. This fee would need to be added to the fee schedule and adjusted as necessary to cover the cost of the program.

Recommended Action: Receive the presentation; provide direction to staff concerning inclusion of other municipalities

Chair Cornell and Growth Management Director Missy Daniels presented the above item.

Commissioner Alford, Vice Mayor Joan White, Kathy Penny, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Prizzia, City Commissioner Fletcher Hope and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

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Public Comment:

Chair Cornell recognized Joy Glanzer, Robert Duseski, and Darlene Pifalo who presented comments.

Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

County Commission Comment

Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Wheeler, and Chair Cornell all expressed appreciation to the City of Archer for hosting the meeting this evening.

Chair Cornell stated that the City may want to have a meeting with Public Works Director Gavarrete to try and identify in kind services that the County could provide to assist the City with the decrease in the Gas Tax distribution.

City Commission Comment

Mayor Bailey expressed appreciation for the Board traveling to the City of Archer to discuss matter of concern. She further appreciation for the Commissions support of the School Board.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourn at 7:35 P.M.