

Monday, September 20, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.
John R. "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 Ken Cornell; Vice Chair Marihelen Wheeler, Commissioner Mary Alford, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, and Commissioner Anna Prizzia

Mayor Lauren Poe, Mayor –Commissioner Pro Tem Gail Johnson, City Commissioner Reina Saco, City Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker, City Commissioner Harvey Ward, City Commissioner David Arreola, City Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos

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

City Manager Lee Feldman, City Attorney Nicole Shalley, and City Clerk Omichele Gainey

Call To Order

Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.

Welcome

Introduction

Mayor Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville

Chair Ken Cornell, Alachua County Commission

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Alford moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Prizzia 2nd

The motion carried 5-0.

City Commissioner Ward moved to adopt the agenda in the order of the County Agenda with the addition of one item of City business at the end.

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City Commissioner Hayes-Santos 2nd

The motion carried 6-0 with City Commissioner Gail Johnson not in the room.

City Commissioner Gail Johnson entered the room at 3:13 P.M.

Items For Discussion

1. UF Health Shands Presentation on East Side Clinic \$2 million from American Relief Plan Funds or other funding sources identified by staff and returned to the Board for consideration 21-0831

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear presentation and provide direction to staff

UF Health CEO Edward Jimenez and Dr. Marvin Dewar presented the above item.

Commissioner Alford, City Commissioner Saco, City Commissioner Duncan-Walker, City Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Prizzia, City Commissioner Arreola, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Lauren Poe, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Cornell, City Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Arreola, and City Commissioner Hayes-Santos presented comments.

City Commissioner Arreola moved to direct the County/City Managers to work together to develop a term sheet for the eastside medical facility. The minimum operating times and a long term commitment should be considered in the term sheet. Other healthcare partners which includes safety net providers should be invited to present their ideas and term sheets.

City Commissioner Ward 2nd

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Prizzia moved to direct the County/City Managers to work together to develop a term sheet for the eastside medical facility. The minimum operating times and a long term commitment should be considered in the term sheet. Other healthcare partners which includes safety net providers should be invited to present their ideas and term sheets. Commissioner Alford 2nd motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

(The intent of the motion is that the term sheet discussion for the UF facility will begin immediately independent of the discussions with other providers.

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Public Comment

Chair Cornell recognized Kali Blount, Armando Gundy-Gomez, Anthony Johnson, Candice King, Diane Dimperio, and Chanae Jackson presented comments.

Commissioner Alford and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

2. Potential Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) Extension with Housing and Infrastructure 21-0858

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.

City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Lauren Poe, and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

Public Comment

Chair Cornell recognized Anthony Johnson, Armando Gundy-Gomez, Kali Blount, and Donald Sheppard who presented comments.

Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

County Commission Comment

Commissioner Wheeler stated that the Tourist Development Council met last week and the hoteliers were very happy and stated that the hotels for booked to capacity. She stated this should bring needed economic activity to the County and if the infrastructure sales tax were implemented the guest would be providing needed revenue for infrastructure.

Commissioner Alford stated that a plant of the month program has been started and that collard greens is the plant of the month. She encouraged everyone to participate in the program and become more self-sufficient and participate in a community activity.

Commissioner Prizzia stated that the Commission is aware of the incident that occurred at the Jail. However, there is currently a full investigation of the matter under way and once the facts of the situation are known the Board will take the matter up.

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Chair Cornell advised both Boards that the County has extended the local State of Emergency for one week. He also thanked City Commissioner Gail Johnson for her service to the community and wished her well with future endeavors.

City Commission Comment

City Commissioner Arreola thanked the County for the support today and looked forward to partnership to provide healthcare on the eastside.

City of Gainesville Item of Business

210390 Special City Commission Meeting for Land Use and Re-Zoning for Property at NW 43rd St / NW 23rd St (Former St. Michael's Property) (NB)

City Commissioner Arreola moved to agenda this matter for 6:00 p.m. on September 29, 2021.

City Commissioner Saco 2nd

The motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Johnson voting "Nay".

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourn at 5:24 P.M.