

Monday, February 3, 2020 – 3:00 P.M.
BOC Joint Meeting
Gainesville City Hall
200 E University Ave.
Gainesville, FL. 32601

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

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

PRESENT CITY: Mayor Lauren Poe, Commissioner Harvey Ward, Commissioner Helen Warren, Commissioner Gail Johnson, Commissioner David Arreola and Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos.

ABSENT: Commissioner Helen Warren and Commissioner Gigi Simmons

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres and Minutes Clerk Loretta Adams

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lauren Poe called meeting to order 3:33 P.M.

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION:

1. Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson, 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.

Mayor Pro-Temp Ward moved approval of the Agenda. **Motion carries** 4-0 with Commissioners Warren and Simmons absent.

Commissioner Cornell moved approval of the Agenda. **Motion carries** 5-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4. Redefining the Role/Mission of the Joint Water Policy Committee **20-0090**

Fiscal Consideration: None

Recommended Action: Direct City and County staff to return to their respective Boards with any instruments necessary to establish a Joint City/County Climate and Water Policy Committee.

Chair Hutchinson presented above item.

Commissioner Ward moved to direct the City Attorney to bring back language for us to expand the role of the Water Policy Committee for other environmental concerns.

Commissioner Byerly moved to direct the County Attorney to bring back language for us to expand the role of the Water Policy Committee for other environmental concerns.

Mayor Poe provided comment.

City Motion carries 4-0 with Commissioners Arreola, Warren and Simmons absent.

County Motion carries 5-0 with the Alachua County Board of Commissioners.

5. Discussion of Race and Equity Policies **20-0040**

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Have a discussion regarding race and equity policies.

City Commissioner Arreola entered meeting 3:12 P.M.

Commissioner Gail Johnson presented the above item.

Mayor Poe, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Cornell, James Harriott Deputy County Manager and Chair Hutchinson presented comment.

Jess Larson, Kristine Larson and Anthony Johnson presented comment.

6. Truth and Reconciliation Update and Process Overview **20-0091**

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Review website, action plan and presentation.

Chair Hutchinson and Commissioner Chestnut presented comment.

Commissioner Chestnut announced that there will be a Memorial Service this Friday, February 7, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church to pay respects to victims of Lynching in Alachua County. Upcoming Truth and Reconciliation Community Remembrance Project Workshop on Monday, February 17th at 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. at the Alachua County Senior Recreation Center on N.W. 34th Blvd., Gainesville and all municipalities are invited to come and be a part of the Truth and Reconciliation process.

Carl Smart Assistant County Manager is the liaison person for Alachua County remembrance project and the EJI (Equal Justice Initiative) out of Montgomery. Carl Smart provided comment.

Commissioner Cornell, Kathleen Pagan Comprehensive Planner and staff liaison to the County Historical Commissioner and Jacquelyn Chung Equal Opportunity Manager of Alachua County presented comments.

Project Leader with Alachua County's Information and Telecommunications services Joel Laguerre presented information on the truth.alachuacounty.us website. This website will serve as an online resource for documents, images, recordings and community efforts related with the Truth and Reconciliation project.

Commissioner Chestnut recognized City Commissioner Johnson for being a part of the Steering Committee for the Remembrance project.

City Commissioner Arreola moved to have the City clerk work with the county commissioner on scheduling some of those community forums to get discussions underway.

Motion carries 5-0 with City Commissioner Simmons and Warren absent.

City Commissioner Johnson and Chair Hutchinson presented comment.

Jim Konish, Gabe Kaimowitz, School Board Member Tina Certain, Bruce Marlon and Ray Washington presented comments.

Recessed at 4:30 P.M.

Vice Chair Byerly left the meeting 4:32 P.M.

Reconvened at 4:35 P.M.

Anthony Johnson presented comment.

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Commissioner Cornell, Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, Chair Hutchinson, City Commissioner Ward advised that the City has a board meeting scheduled on the February 17, 2020, which conflicts with the County meeting so the City Commission will not be present and Mayor Lauren Poe presented comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Hesch, Gabe Kalmowitz, Anthony Johnson and Donald Shepard presented comments.

COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS AND INFORMATION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ken Cornell inquired on process of determining the project list for CRA Money, Lee Fieldman City Manager advised that the funds raised in the individual districts will have to be spent in those districts and that the project list is currently being developed.

With there being no further business before the Board the meeting was
ADJOURNED 4:54 P.M.