

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – 10:00 A.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 Special Meeting.

**PRESENT:** Chair Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson; Vice Chair Mike Byerly, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, Commissioner Ken Cornell, and Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy County Manager James Harriot and Clerk of Court J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq., Chief Financial Officer Todd Hutchinson, Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Commissioner Cornell moved** adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Byerly out of the room.

### **Items for Discussion**

1. Commission Discussion on COVID 19 20-0421

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Have a discussion on COVID 19 following the Governor's Order 20-123.

Commissioner Byerly entered at 10:02 a.m.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Hutchinson, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Wheeler, County Attorney Torres, Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Hutchinson, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to eliminate the mandatory face covering requirement and the associated fees and fines related to this requirement. This should be a trial period and the data will be followed if the positive rate reaches 4% positive, the status of the hospitals and health facilities is affected, and other factors the Health Department believes the County should be aware of the Board may revise measures based on that monitoring.

Health Department Director Paul Myers, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Wheeler, and County Attorney Torres presented comments.

Public Comments via Phone

Mary Alford, Citizen, Kristen Young, Matthew Hurst, Citizen, Ashley, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, City of Gainesville Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Citizen, Mary, Citizen, Teresa Mercado, Citizen, Susan Bottcher, Citizen, Citizen, Wes Wheeler, Citizen, Citizen, Mary Craig, Citizen, Citizen, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Chair Hutchinson, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

**The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Hutchinson Nay.**

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to reinstate the 1 per 500 sq. feet occupancy limit for commercial establishments. Restaurants will follow the Governor's standards.

Commissioner Wheeler, Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Chestnut, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Public Comments via Telephone

Citizen, Kristen Young, Citizen, Debra Sorky, Citizen, Citizen, Matthew Hurst, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, Citizen, and a Citizen presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Wheeler

**The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Cornell and Commissioner Chestnut voting Nay.**

Bowling Alleys, Tattoo Parlors, Piercings

County Attorney Torres advised that there is nothing in the Governor's order which closes these establishments.

Assistant County Attorney Swain presented comments.

**Commissioner Wheeler moved** that bowling alleys and billiard halls to be allowed to open and removed from the prohibited list. Guidance will

be provided to staff regarding tattoo parlors and piercing establishments that they are not prohibited subject to the occupancy standards. Gyms can operate following the Governor's occupancy standards.

Commissioner Byerly, Chair Hutchinson, County Attorney Torres, and County Attorney Torres presented comments.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to call the question. The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Hutchinson and Byerly voting Nay.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

#### Vacation Rentals

County Attorney Torres advised that the County has the option to petition the State to open vacation rentals based on certain standards. She requested input from the Board if the County wishes to petition the State.

By consensus, the Board directed staff to prepare a letter and a set of standards to bring back to the Board at the next meeting.

#### 2. Unified Land Development Code Update: Best Practices Report 20-0379

**Fiscal Consideration:** NA

**Recommended Action:** Accept the Report and provide any specific further direction on the Unified Land Development Code Update.

Kimley Horn Project Manager Brian Teeple presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Hutchinson, Growth Management Director Missy Daniels,

#### **Closing Comments**

Public Comment

Commission Comment

State of Florida Covid Website Chair Hutchinson

#### **Adjourn**