

Friday, May 29, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

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

City of Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe, Commissioner Reina Saco, Commissioner Gail Johnson, Commissioner Gigi Simmons, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward, City Commissioner David Arreola, Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos

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

Call To Order

Welcome

Introduction

Mayor Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville

Chair Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County Commission

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

City Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 6-0 with City Commissioner Arreola out of the room.

Items For Discussion

1. Alachua County Sheriff's Office/Gainesville Joint Aviation Unit [20-0406](#)

Fiscal Consideration: TBD

Recommended Action: Have a discussion on a joint aviation unit.

County Manager Lieberman, City Manager Feldman, Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, Colonel David Huckstep, Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, County Manager Lieberman, City Mayor Poe, City Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Byerly, Col. Huckstep, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, City Commissioner Simmons, Sheriff Darnell, Assistant County Manager Crosby, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Saco, Sheriff Darnell, GPD Police Chief Jones, City Commissioner Johnson, City Manager Lieberman, City Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Col. Huckstep, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Hutchinson, County Manager Lieberman, Assistant County Manager Crosby, and Chair Hutchinson presented comments.

County Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. Direct County staff work with the Sheriff and the City of Gainesville staff to bring back a couple of options for the budget
 - a. Maintain the status quo with a three year capital plan that gives the option of one helicopter or two.
 - b. Lower level of service if the personnel from GPD are not provided during the year.
2. The options are to be brought back during the budget cycle.

2nd Chestnut

Mayor Poe presented comments.

City Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved the following:

1. Request the County to look at changing the aviation unit from an enhanced level of service to a base level service.
2. That City staff look at a more equitable funding formula for the aviation unit for City consideration.
- 3.

Public Comments via telephone

Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Anthony Johnson, and a Citizen presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

The City motion carried 6-1 with City Commissioner Arreola voting “Nay”.

Mayor Poe requested that City Manager Feldman share information as quickly as possible so that both sides can make informed decisions.

2. Radio System [20-0439](#)

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Have a discussion on the radio system.

Alachua County Fire Chief Harold Theus presented the above item.

GRU Chief Business Services Officer Lewis Walton, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, GRU Lewis Walton, GRU General Manager Ed Bielarski, Assistant County Manager Crosby, County Fire Chief Theus, City Manager Feldman, GRU General Manager Bielarski, Lewis Walton, County Fire Chief Theus, Commissioner Byerly, Assistant County Attorney Dave Forziano, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, Lewis Walton, City Fire Chief Lane, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, GRU Chief Business Services Officer Walton, Assistant County Attorney Forziano, Assistant County Manager Crosby, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Lieberman, GRU General Manager Bielarski, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, City Manager Feldman, Assistant County Attorney Forziano, and Assistant County Manager Crosby presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. Direct staff to pursue the ½ cent sales tax referendum
2. Engage Attorney Kenneth Artin to design an entity, to request that any conflicts are waived and to bring back funding and operating recommendations of a direct support organization for the Joint Board to consider.
3. Move forward with Phase 3 with the consultant
4. Negotiate a one year extension with GRUcom and provide the General Fund, MSTU, and Fire Assessment Budgetary impacts during budget deliberations.

2nd Wheeler

The motion carried 5-0.

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(City Commissioner Arreola requested that the motion be divided for the purposes of voting.)

City Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved the following:

1. Authorize staff to negotiate a short term extension with full cost recovery user fee.

The motion carried 6-1 with City Commissioner Simmons voting “Nay”.

2. Authorize staff to negotiate how a dependent authority would serve the needs of the citizens of Gainesville.

2nd Saco

The motion failed 3-4 with City Commissioners Simmons, Johnson, Ward, and Arreola voting “Nay”.

Col. Huckstep, Lewis Walton, Commissioner Cornell, Mayor Poe, City Attorney Shalley, Commissioner Byerly, Assistant County Attorney Forziano, County Manager Lieberman, City Commissioner Ward, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and City Attorney Shalley presented comments.

Public Comments via telephone

Anthony Johnson, Nathan Skop, and a Citizen presented comments.

Commissioner Wheeler exited the meeting at 2:08 P.M.

3. Enforcement of State and County Emergency Orders [20-0444](#)

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Discuss enforcement of state and county emergency orders.

County Attorney Bob Swain presented the above item.

City Mayor Poe, Assistant County Attorney Swain, City Commissioner Johnson, City of Gainesville Equal Opportunity Director Teneeshia Marshall, City of Gainesville Equity Specialist Ben Howort, City of Gainesville Equal Opportunity Director Marshall, City Commissioner Johnson, City Commissioner Arreola, Mayor Poe, City Commissioner Arreola, Chair Hutchinson, and Mayor Poe presented comments.

Mayor Poe exited at 2:36 p.m.

Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

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Public Comment

A Citizen, Chair Hutchinson, CJ Morris, Nathan Skop, and a Citizen presented comments.

Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

County/City Commission Comments

Commissioner Cornell welcomed City Commissioner Saco and stated that he looked forward to working with her in the future.

Commissioner Byerly welcomed City Commissioner Saco.

City Commissioner Ward stated that Palm Beach County is not a standard he would like to see in Alachua County. He expressed concerns regarding the reopening and encouraged caution.

City Commissioner Saco thanked everyone for the warm welcomes. She stated that the City efforts to support immigrants is not wrong and she supports the City's efforts.

City Commissioner Arreola stated that at 5:00 p.m. today the Mayor along with City Police Chief Jones and the City's commitment to community policing. He further stated that a march will take place on Saturday at Depot Park.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 P.M.