

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

September 23, 2019

3:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER**AGENDA STATEMENT**

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ROLL CALL**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

[190323.](#)

Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid with Alachua County for Fire and EMS Services (B)

This item requests the Commission approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Alachua County and City of Gainesville Regarding Automatic Aid for Fire and EMS Services.

Explanation: The City of Gainesville and Alachua County entered into the Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and City of Gainesville Regarding Automatic Aid for Fire and EMS Services on June 13th, 2018. That agreement expires September 30th, 2019.

On September 10th, 2019, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a new interlocal agreement for Fire and EMS automatic aid and on September 12th, 2019 the City's General Policy Committee heard a presentation and referred the draft agreement to the Joint City/County Commission scheduled for September 23rd, 2019.

Fiscal Note: The proposed cost per unit response is \$869.92.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission authorize the Mayor or designee to execute the Interlocal Agreement Between Alachua County and City of Gainesville Regarding Automatic Aid for Fire and EMS Services subject

to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

[190323A Automatic Aid 2019 Presentation_20190912](#)

[190323B Draft Automatic Aid Agreement_20190912](#)

[190323 Automatic Aid Agreement for Fire and EMS_20190923.pdf](#)

[190408.](#)

Funding Concept for GRACE Marketplace, Closing Dignity Village, and Rapid Rehousing & Permanent Supportive Housing (B)

Explanation: The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the County's funding concept for a new approach to funding the following programs: 1) GRACE Marketplace, 2) Closing Dignity Village, and 3) Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing.

Since 2014, the City and County have shared equally in the operational costs of providing a low-barrier emergency shelter and a one-stop homeless service center at GRACE Marketplace. Currently, those costs are almost \$1.5 Million per year (almost \$750,000 per year for each commission). Previously, both the City and County Commissions have stated their desire to develop and implement a plan to close Dignity Village in an orderly and controlled manner. As such, both Commissions have endorsed the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry's (ACCHH) Plan to Close Dignity Village. The City has been primarily responsible for the direct costs and management of Dignity Village.

In the County's new funding proposal, each jurisdiction would increase its funding allocation by \$250,000 for homeless services in each of the next three fiscal years. This new funding allocation formula divides the services provided into the following two categories: 1) Low-Barrier Emergency Shelter Services and a one-stop homeless service center at GRACE Marketplace; and 2) Supportive Housing Services (Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing).

According to the County's September 11, 2019, letter to the City, the County's funding commitment of \$1,000,000 for GRACE Marketplace and Dignity Village Closure in FY 2019-20 is contingent upon the City agreeing to commit \$1,250,000 for GRACE Marketplace in FY2020-21. The County also proposes to fund \$100,000 for Supportive Housing Services in FY 2019-20. The attached charts summarize the new proposed funding allocation over the next three years (FY2019-20 to FY2022-23), for the County and the City, respectively. The new funding proposal shifts the responsibility for homeless services, with the City having full funding obligation and management of the GRACE Marketplace; and the County assuming responsibilities for the funding and management of Supportive Housing Services.

Fiscal Note: Under the new funding approach, City/County support in FY 2020-21, for

operations at GRACE Marketplace would be \$1,250,000 from the City and \$250,000 from the County for a total of \$1,500,000. Also part of the new funding approach is County funding \$900,000 towards Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing, subject to annual appropriation.

The proposed Budget agreed upon at the Joint City/County Commission in May 2019 included funding for the closure of Dignity Village over a two year period, at a total budget of \$741,883. The funding needed in FY 2019-20 is \$509,000 of which the City has committed \$254,500; and the County is proposing to allocate \$250,000. Further discussion by the City and County Commissions is needed to determine the additional funding required in the amount of \$232,883 in FY 2020-21.

RECOMMENDATION

The City and County Commissions discuss and provide staff direction with respect to funding and homeless services as follows: 1) Continued funding for Grace Marketplace for FY2020-21 (contingent on an agreement to fund services for FY2021 and beyond); 2) City and County Homeless services funding for FY 2021 and beyond; and 3) Plan and funding request for the closure of Dignity Village.

[190408A New Funding Proposal Chart 20190923](#)

[190408B Mayor Letter to BoCC 20190923](#)

[190408C Chair Letter to Mayor 20190923](#)

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8th and Waldo Corridor Update (NB)

Explanation: At a June 3, 2019 joint meeting, the City Commission and Board of County Commissioners discussed the future development of Cabot Koppers and the 8th and Waldo Corridor. Prior to the June meeting, this was discussed by the Joint City Commission and Board of County Commissioners on March 25, 2019, via Legistar item 180526 Conceptual Master Plan for the Area Immediately West of the Intersection of NE 8th Avenue and Waldo Road (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) discuss and take action as deemed necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

