

RESOLUTION NO. 040417
PASSED September 13, 2004

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, URGING
THE ELECTORATE TO GO TO THE POLLS ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004, AND VOTE ON
THE RECREATION REFERENDUM OF ALACHUA
COUNTY; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WEREAS, a Recreation Coordinating Committee (RCC), consisting of one commissioner from each municipality, one County Commissioner, one member of the School Board of Alachua County, one appointee of the Healthy Communities Initiative and the members of the Alachua County Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee, was created and identified needed recreation projects in Alachua County and made recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the RCC presented the Recreation Coordinating Committee Recommendations and Report to the Board of County Commissioners on June 22, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the RCC recommends that a seven year half-cent sales tax be utilized to fund the projects; and

WHEREAS, the RCC recommends that eighty percent of the generated funds from such a sales tax to be used to meet countywide capital deficiencies in parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the RCC recommends that twenty percent of the generated funds from the sales tax be put into an Operation and Maintenance Trust Fund to offer assistance in the operation and maintenance of new or modified recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the RCC recommends that the implementation of these recommendations would add to our community's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, this issue represents an unmet need of the citizens of Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 212.055(2), Florida Statutes, the "Local Option Infrastructure Sales Surtax," authorizes Alachua County to impose an infrastructure surtax upon most taxable transactions occurring within Alachua County that are taxable under Chapter 212, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, monies received from the surtax authorized by Subsection 212.055(2) Florida Statutes, may be used by Alachua County, the School Board and the municipalities within the County to construct, reconstruct, operate and maintain the parks and recreation facilities within Alachua County;

WHEREAS, The City Commission has demonstrated its commitment to improve public recreation and parks by significantly increasing funding for recreation programs and capital projects for parks; and

WHEREAS, despite this effort both existing and projected revenues are not sufficient to address the backlog of recreation and parks projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Commission urges the citizens of the City of Gainesville to evaluate and consider the Recreation Referendum, and to exercise their constitutional right to vote on the Recreation Referendum on November 2, 2004.

Section 2. The City Commission authorizes the City Manager to undertake an informational campaign to inform the electorate about the Recreation Referendum, and to expend public monies as allocated by the City Commission for this project.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of September, 2004.

CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

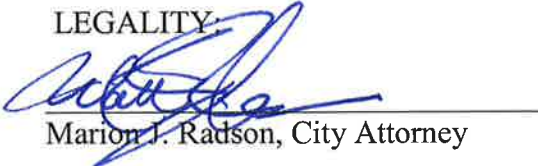


PEGEEN HANRAHAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Kurt Lannon, Clerk of the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:


Marion J. Radson, City Attorney

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