

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 30, 2002

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Tom Bussing (At-Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Warren Nielsen (At-Large)

Commissioner Chuck Chestnut (District 1)

Commissioner Edward Braddy (District 2)

Commissioner Tony Domenech (District 3)

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CALL TO ORDER - 6:01 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present: Tony Domenech, Edward Braddy, Chuck Chestnut, Warren Nielsen and Tom Bussing

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Domenech moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded to adopt the agenda.

(VOTE: 5-0, MOTION CARRIED)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**002570 Report of the Safe Space Task Force (B)**

Chair Bussing recognized Co-Chair of the Safe Space Work Group of the ACCHH, Inc., Joe Jackson who gave a presentation.

City of Gainesville Community Development Director Tom Saunders gave a presentation.

RECESS: 6:47 PM

RECONVENE: 6:57 PM

Chair Bussing recognized the following citizens who spoke to the matter:

- 1. Mark Sexton*
- 2. Giovanna Holbrook*
- 3. Ray Bennett*
- 4. Nathan Collier*
- 5. Pam Duey*
- 6. Andrea Costello*
- 7. Ann Orlando*
- 8. Miriam Welly Elliott*
- 9. Judy Raymond*
- 10. Barbara Howe*
- 11. Janie S. Williams*
- 12. Todd Cooper*
- 13. Ken McGurn*
- 14. Linda McGurn*
- 15. Robert Sturm*
- 16. Don Ahrens*
- 17. Jay Moseley*
- 18. Joseph Antonelli*

19. Monte Bart
20. Vivian Filer
21. Alison Cooper
22. Gary Anglin
23. John Skelly
24. Doris Edwards
25. Sarah Poll
26. Arupa Freeman
27. Ed Clark
28. Joe or Cindy Montalto
29. Laura McConnell
30. Ana-Yolanda Blanco Wohl
31. Jay Reeves
32. Donna Summerall
33. Bob Murphy
34. Jon DeCarmine
35. Angela Pate
36. Reverend Gordon Tremane
37. Debbie Martinez
38. Gwen Gadaire
39. Elizabeth McCulloch

RECESS: 8:44 PM

RECONVENE: 9:03 PM

Chair Bussing recognized Interfaith Hospitality Network Executive Donna Lawson who spoke to the matter.

FIRST MOTION:

*Commissioner Braddy moved and Commissioner Chestnut seconded to direct staff to: 1) Contact Ms. Holbrook regarding her offer of land; 2) report back at the earliest possible regular meeting about it's possible acquisition; and 3) include anything regarding zoning and land use that the Commission needs to be aware of.
(VOTE: 5-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

SECOND MOTION:

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Nielsen moved and Commissioner Chestnut seconded to direct the City Manager or designee to: 1) Work with the Interfaith Hospitality Network, The Alachua County Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, and other groups; and 2) after they have proposed their strategies, to develop a plan where the City can help with transportation and security issues with respect to emergency shelters for the homeless this winter.
(VOTE: 5-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

City of Gainesville Community Development Director Tom Saunders made comments.

Citizen comment to the second motion:

Chair Bussing recognized Citizens Vivian Filer, Arupa Freeman, Angela Pate, Todd Cooper, Doris Edwards, Ray Bennett, Joe Jackson, Debbie Martinez and Sarah Poll

who spoke to the matter.

NOTE: Mayor Bussing passed the gavel to Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Nielsen in order to second the following motion (third motion).

THIRD MOTION:

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Nielsen moved and Mayor Bussing seconded to authorize staff to initiate a petition to the Plan Board for a modest increase in the number of beds in residences for destitute people (five (5) people for the St. Francis House).

(VOTE: 3-2, Commissioner's Domenech and Chestnut - No, MOTION CARRIED)

City of Gainesville Community Development Director Tom Saunders made comments.

Citizen comment to the third motion:

Chair Pro Tem Nielsen recognized Executive Director of the St. Francis House Jim Boggs, Todd Cooper, Joe Antonelli, Joe Jackson, Jay Moseley, Debbie Martinez, Sarah Poll and Ken McGurn who spoke to the matter.

WAIVER OF RULES:

Commissioner Domenech moved and Commissioner Chestnut seconded to waive the rules to extend the meeting to 11:15 PM.

(VOTE: 5-0, MOTION CARRIED)

NOTE: Chair Bussing re-assumed the gavel.

RECOMMENDATION *Hear comments from the Safe Space Work Group of the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry and from the public, and take appropriate action.*

Approved, as shown above

ADJOURNMENT - 11:16 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission