RESOLUTION NO. 030225

PASSED August 11, 2003

A Resolution of the City Commission of Gainesville, Florida relating to the development, redevelopment, infill and reuse of the N.W. 13th Street Business Corridor; and providing directions to the Clerk; and providing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, insuring a diverse economic base for our local economy is the goal of this commission as stated in the City's Goals and Objectives; and

WHEREAS, policies of the City's comprehensive plan encourage neighborhood centers, activity centers and community-serving facilities to locate toward the center of the City, away from peripheral areas; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment and infill of existing commercial centers along urban corridors contributes to the development, redevelopment and infill of existing core areas and encourages compact development; and

WHEREAS, policies of the City's comprehensive plan support the redevelopment and reuse of vacated commercial areas and buildings; and

WHEREAS, policies of the City's comprehensive plan support land use pattern that promote transportation choice; and

WHEREAS, policies of the City's comprehensive plan support land use patterns that decrease the length of trips; and

WHEREAS, local business can and does prosper alongside major retail anchors across our nation; and

WHEREAS, large retailers can be a welcome and positive member of the Gainesville and Alachua County community; and

WHEREAS, a Goal and Objective of this City Commission is to work with community development and redevelopment organizations to grow new business, expand and retain existing businesses and attract new business to the City; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment and expansion of the former Gainesville Mall Area can enhance local businesses in the area and strengthen the vitality of the entire corridor; and

WHEREAS, a diverse coalition of business, environmental, and community interests seeks to promote the redevelopment and expansion of existing commercial properties in N.W. 13th Street corridor in furtherance of above goals; and

WHEREAS, support to the community by the City Commission in this endeavor is consistent with the City's Goals and Objectives and with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

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

Section 1. The City Commission supports these efforts and encourages all citizens and interest groups to work together to realize the achievement of these goals; and

Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Gainesville encourages citizens and interest groups to participate in the process by attending meetings and communicating with the City, the business community, and all affected persons.

Section 3. The City Commission of the City of Gainesville directs the City Manager to work with citizens and community interest groups to take whatever action is appropriate to further the achievement of those goals.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Commission is directed to broadly distribute copies of this Resolution to interested citizens, businesses and retailers.

Section 5. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of August, 2003.

Thomas D. Bussing, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kurt Lapnon,

Clerk of the Commission

Marion J. Radson, City Attorney

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