

Tuesday, August 10, 2015 – 3:30 P.M.
 John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
 County Administration Building
 12 Southeast First Street
 Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the Gainesville City Commission met in joint special session.

PRESENT: Chair Charles S. "Chuck" Chestnut, IV, presiding, Vice-Chair Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson, Commissioners Mike Byerly, Ken Cornell, and Lee Pinkoson

Mayor Ed Braddy, presiding, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Carter, Commissioners Harvey Budd, Todd Chase, Charles Goston, Helen Warren, and Randy Wells

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

City Manager Russ Blackburn, City Attorney Nicolle Shalley, City Clerk Kurt Lannon

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson opened the meeting at 3:37 P.M.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Byerly and Chestnut out of the room.

Commissioner Warren moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 6-0 with Commissioner Goston out of the room.

Mayor Braddy stated that the agenda was heavy and that the Boards would endeavor to hear as much of the agenda as possible.

ANNEXATION AND TRANSITION AGREEMENT

County Manager Lee Niblock and City Manager Russ Blackburn presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly entered the room at 3:42 P.M.

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Commissioner Chestnut entered the room at 3:45 P.M.

Commissioner Goston entered the room at 3:52 P.M.

Chair Chestnut recognized City Manager Russ Blackburn and Chief William Northcutt who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved to move forward with the Annexation and Transition Agreement contingent upon the City accepting maintenance of the park.

Chair Chestnut recognized City Manager Russ Blackburn who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion to direct County staff to update the Annexation and Transition Agreement to include Forest Park ownership by the City and transfer of Station 19 and return to the Boards by the second meeting in September 2015 and implementation of the transfer by March 31, 2016.

Chair Chestnut recognized County Manager Lee Niblock and City Manager Russ Blackburn who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Carter moved to direct City staff to update the Annexation and Transition Agreement to include Forest Park ownership by the City and transfer of Station 19 and return to the Boards by the second meeting in September 2015 and implementation of the transfer by March 31, 2016.

Mayor Braddy recognized Donald Shepherd who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved:

1. Direct County staff to review prior Annexation and Transition Agreement and return with discussion points for the implementation of the Annexation and Transition Agreement.
2. Direct County Staff to set up a committee to review recommendations by staff to bring to their full commissions.

Chair Chestnut recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

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Commissioner Cornell requested that the language of the motion be changed from 'committee' to 'designee' and review the recommendations by staff for implementation by June 30, 2016.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved the substitute motion:

1. Direct County staff to review prior Annexation and Transition Agreement and return with discussion points for the implementation of Annexation and Transition Agreement.

2. Appoint a designee from the BOCC and request the City Commission to appoint a designee to review recommendations by staff for implementation by June 30, 2016.

The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Carter moved:

1. Direct City staff to review prior Annexation and Transition Agreement and return with discussion points for the implementation of Annexation and Transition Agreement.

2. Mayor Braddy is to appoint a designee from the City Commission and request the County Commission to appoint a designee to review recommendations by staff for implementation by June 30, 2016. **The motion carried 6-1** with Commissioner Warren voting nay.

GRACE MARKETPLACE/DIGNITY VILLAGE

Chair Chestnut stated that GRACE Marketplace would be heard next to accommodate the public.

Chair Chestnut recognized Garland Beverage who presented comments to the Board.

Assistant City Manager Fred Murry presented the above item.

Chair Chestnut recognized City Attorney Nicolle Shalley, County Manager Lee Niblock, and Community Support Services Director Susan Myers who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Wells moved to increase the scope of the Advisory Board to the entire Empowerment Center.

Chair Chestnut recognized Community Support Services Director Susan Myers who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Welis moved the substitute motion to direct staff to make modifications to the Resolution and Interlocal Agreement to increase the scope of the Advisory Board to the entire Empowerment Center and return to the City Commission before October 1, 2015.

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Mayor Braddy recognized Jim Konish, Nicholas Shafer, Larry Johnson, Donald Shepherd, Walter Willard, Rev. Olivia Campbell, and Delphon Maco who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 7-0.

Chair Chestnut recognized Jim Konish, Garland Beverage, Nicholas Shafer, Joel Whittaker, Walter Willard, Frankie Riddle, Denise Wilbur, Jason Riddle, Larry Johnson, Mark Venzke, Delphon Maco, Alicia Chavez, Donald Shepherd, Michael Grubbs, Annette Gilley, Zot Lynn Surgot, Rev. Olivia Campbell, Rachel Morrison, Doug Bernelle, Vets for Peace, Jesse Arost, Matthew Brown, and Assistant City Manager Fred Murry who presented comments to the Board.

FIRE SERVICES TRANSPORT

Alachua County Fire Chief William Northcutt and Gainesville Fire Chief Jeff Ling presented the above item.

WILD SPACES/PUBLIC PLACES SALES TAX RENEWAL

Michelle Park, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, presented the above item.

Mayor Braddy left the room at 7:50 P.M.

Chair Chestnut recognized City Manager Russ Blackburn, City Attorney Nicolle Shalley, Jim Konish, Elizabeth Manly, and Donald Shepherd who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to establish a committee of two County Commissioners, two City Commissioners, and one representative from the League of Cities to be charged with developing recommendations of the nature and scope of referenda on parks, recreation, and open space and any other issues regarding the fall election.

Commissioner Goston left the room at 8:25 P.M.

The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Cornell and Pinkoson voting nay.

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election. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Chase voting nay and Mayor Braddy and Commissioner Goston out of the room.

DOWNTOWN PARKING

County Attorney Michele Lieberman and City Manager Russ Blackburn presented the above item.

Commissioner Goston entered the room at 8:37 P.M.

Chair Chestnut recognized Rodney Long and Avis Butler who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell moved to direct staff to bring the draft agreement to the BOCC on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved the substitute motion to direct staff to bring the agreement on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 only if staff has concerns.

Chair Chestnut recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman and Rodney Long who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Goston left the room at 9:22 P.M.

Chair Chestnut recognized Avis Butler and County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

The substitute motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Byerly voting nay.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING

Chair Chestnut presented the above item.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to table the item until the next meeting.

By consensus the Board agreed to hear the item at a future meeting.

RTS FUNDING

Deputy County Manager James Harriott presented the above item.

Commissioner Wells moved to direct staff to support the County's request to begin reviewing Transit Planning and budgeting a year in advance.

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Chair Chestnut recognized Deputy County Manager James Harriott and Donald Shepherd who presented comments to the Board. The motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSION GENERAL COMMENTS AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Chase congratulated his twin sons on their 18th birthday.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizens present who wished to provide comments to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

J.K. Irby, Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners