

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

Monday, March 24, 2014

3:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

Jack Durrance Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)
Commissioner Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Commissioner Susan Bottcher (District 3)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Randy Wells (District 4)

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Present 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Bottcher, Commissioner Poe, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Hawkins, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Wells, and Commissioner Hinson-Rawls

ROLL CALL**AGENDA STATEMENT****CITY MANAGER**[130814.](#)**Update on the “Empowerment Center” Project (B)**

The purpose of this item is to provide an update to the City and County Commissions on the status of the “Empowerment Center” project; request direction on the make-up and authority of the governing structure for the Center; and request input on the future funding of the homeless services at the Empowerment Center for FY15 and FY16.

ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 30 MINUTES

Fred Murry, Theresa Lowry and Betty Baker made presentations.

Debbie Martinez, Paul Johnson, Pat Fitzpatrick, Kevin Thorpe, Mark Venske and Dave Reed spoke the matter.

Motion: 1. Request City and County staff and attorneys prepare an interlocal agreement with the following. 2. Five member Empowerment Board with 2 City Commissioners, 2 County Commissioners and one member designated by and from the Advisory Board. 3. Creation of an Advisory Board (17 members), the constituents of which are designated by the Governing Board and a member which serves on the Governing Board. 4. Creation of a residency council, two members of which serve on the Advisory Council. 5. Breakdown of City and County responsibilities to come back at future meeting.

Comm Wells left the meeting at 5:15PM.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation on the status of the Empowerment Center; 2) provide staff with direction on the make-up and authority of the governing structure for the Center; and 3) discuss the future funding of the homeless services at the Empowerment Center for FY15 and FY16.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poe, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Wells, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Bottcher, Commissioner Poe, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Hawkins, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Wells, and Commissioner Hinson-Rawls

ADJOURNMENT-5:39PM

