

RESOLUTION NUMBER 970382

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA,
CITY COMMISSION, URGING THE ALACHUA COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXPAND THE ALACHUA COUNTY
COURTHOUSE AND THE ALACHUA COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS AT THEIR CURRENT
LOCATIONS, AND PROVIDING SUPPORT AND COOPERATION
OF THE CITY TOWARD THAT END AS A BENEFIT TO ALL
TAXPAYERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the county seat of Alachua County has been located in the City of Gainesville since approximately 1854, and;

WHEREAS, the County Courthouse and County Administrative buildings have been and continue to be positive factors in the downtown economic environment, by providing direct employment and supporting attendant activities such as law offices, title companies, restaurants, retail shops and various professional services, and;

WHEREAS, the need for additional office space for both the Courthouse and Administrative buildings is evident and the County is currently conducting a space study to assist in determining if and where some offices might be relocated out of downtown, with a lack or perceived lack of parking as a significant issue, and;

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of all taxpayers in Alachua County that County Court and Administrative functions remain in the downtown area, and the relocation of all or part of the County Court and Administrative functions would have a deleterious affect on the downtown environment, and;

WHEREAS, the City is strongly supportive of working with the County to resolve any parking deficiencies that exist in the downtown area to both serve the County offices and other downtown uses, and;

WHEREAS, toward that end, the City recently studied and approved the concept of facilitating on-street parking for portions of University Avenue and Main Street toward meeting some needs, and expanding the use of attendant parking on several City-owned surface parking lots;

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of assisting the County and other public and private sector organizations to identify creative and workable solutions to the provision of parking to meet current and future parking needs of the downtown.

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

SECTION 1: That the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, strongly urges the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, for the benefit of all County taxpayers, to expand the County Courthouse and Administrative buildings at their present locations or nearby locations in the heart of downtown Gainesville in order to meet current and projected needs.

SECTION 2: That the City Commission has identified several key opportunities to work cooperatively with Alachua County, for the benefit of all County taxpayers, toward meeting existing and future courthouse and administrative buildings space needs, and authorizes staff to begin analysis of such opportunities. These include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- (1) Authorize staff to analyze downtown parking needs, in close coordination with the County space needs study, and to provide recommendations to the Commission toward projecting future parking needs for both public and private sector uses downtown, including recommendations by staff as to (a) possible short-term solutions, (b) whether further study should be undertaken by an outside parking consultant, and (c) possible funding sources for an outside study if needed.
- (2) Consider advocating and implementing alternatives to provide on-street parking along sections of Main Street and University Avenue.

- (3) Determine the feasibility of devoting all or parts of existing City-owned surface parking lots 2, 3, 4, 8, and/or 14 to County and Court employees as interim or permanent solutions.
- (4) Identify untapped opportunities for parallel or angled on-street parking which might necessitate designating some streets one-way.
- (5) Determine the feasibility of devoting parking fees generated by meters, decals and other sources as a source of revenue for implementing improvements that will facilitate additional or consolidated parking arrangements.
- (6) Join with the Community Redevelopment Agency in working to determine creative, equitable and workable parking solutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of ^{September}~~October~~, A.D. 1997.



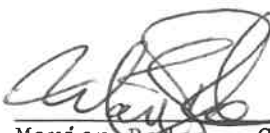
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER
BRUCE DELANEY

ATTEST:



CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Marion Radson, City Attorney

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