

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 29, 2008

3:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

Jack Durrance Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Jack Donovan (District 3)
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)
Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)
Commissioner Lauren Poe (District 2)
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 3:04 PM

NOTE: Commissioner Craig Lowe called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan and Mayor Pro Tem Jack Donovan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe, Scherwin Henry, Lauren Poe and Thomas Hawkins
Absent: Jack Donovan and Jeanna Mastrodicasa

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Henry moved and Commissioner Hawkins seconded to adopt the agenda, as modified.

(VOTE: 4-0, Commissioner Donovan, Commissioner Mastrodicasa and Mayor Hanrahan - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

MODIFICATION: File #080425 "Update on the One Half Cent Sales Tax Initiative" - Hear this item first.

NOTE: Mayor Hanrahan entered the meeting room at 3:06 PM.

CITY MANAGER

080425. Update on the One Half Cent Sale Tax Initiative (NB)

This item involves an update on the local government infrastructure surtax of 0.5 percent to acquire and improve conservation lands and create, improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities.

Wild Spaces, Public Places Treasurer Robert Hutchinson and Wild Spaces Public Places Chair Jack Hughes gave presentations.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear an update from City Staff and representatives from Wild Spaces Public Places, Inc. on the one half cent sales tax initiative.*

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission deny hearing an update on the one half cent sales tax initiative.

Heard

080404. Joint Plan for Orderly Annexation of Gainesville's Urban Reserve Area (B)

This item presents a joint City/County plan for orderly annexations in Gainesville's Urban Reserve Area as required in Section XIII of the Interlocal

Agreement for the Transition of Services upon Annexation between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County.

City of Gainesville Strategic Planner Lila Stewart, UF Research Assistant Nicholas Serluco, Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree, Assistant County Manager Richard Drummond, City Planning and Development Services Director Erik Bredfeldt, Gainesville City Manager Russ Blackburn and County Manager Randy Reid gave presentations.

NOTE: Mayor Hanrahan left the meeting room at 3:51 PM.

MOTION: Commissioner Henry moved and Commissioner Poe seconded to direct City staff to go back and work with County staff to: 1) Clarify points that were brought up by the County Commission concerning strategic eco-systems; and 2) address balance and timelines for annexation.

(VOTE: 4-0, Commissioner Donovan and Commissioner Mastrodicasa and Mayor Hanrahan - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) adopt the proposed plan to conduct one annexation referendum per year over the next five years, balanced geographically across each of the five zones of Gainesville's Urban Reserve Area; and 2) extend the Interlocal Agreement for the Transition of Services upon Annexation (also known as the Annexation Transition Agreement) to 2013.

Alternative Recommendation A:

The City Commission: 1) recommend changes to the proposed plan to conduct one annexation referendum per year over the next five years, balanced geographically across each of the five zones of Gainesville's Urban Reserve Area; and 2) extend the Interlocal Agreement for the Transition of Services upon Annexation (also known as the Annexation Transition Agreement) to 2013.

Alternative Recommendation B:

The City Commission: 1) adopt the proposed plan to conduct one annexation referendum per year over the next five years, balanced geographically across each of the five zones of Gainesville's Urban Reserve Area; and 2) defer the discussion of extending the Interlocal Agreement for the Transition of Services upon Annexation (also known as the Annexation Transition Agreement) to a later date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Poe, that this matter be Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Lauren Poe, Scherwin Henry and Thomas Hawkins
Absent: Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Pegeen Hanrahan

ADJOURNMENT - 5:05 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission