

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

June 13, 2018

5:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

**Grace Knight Conference Room, Alachua County Administration
Building, 2nd Floor, 12 SE First Street, Gainesville, FL
City Commission**

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)

Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****AGENDA STATEMENT**

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

[170632.](#)

Approaches to Reduce Homelessness (B)

Explanation: The Gainesville City Commission (City Commission) held a discussion May 10, 2018, on some general approaches to homelessness reduction, and the relative advantages and disadvantages. After hearing information from both City staff and County staff, the City Commission determined the best approach was to have a joint City and County Commission on Homelessness, and seek a collaborative City and County Homelessness approach (Attachment A -May 10, 2018 City General Policy Committee Meeting Minutes). The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (County Commission) held a similar discussion on homelessness reduction strategies May 22, 2018 (Attachment B-May 22, 2018 County Commission Minutes).

The presentations were essentially the same, with the exception of information and responses provided to the County Commission regarding information requested at the February 19, 2018 Joint City and County Commission Meeting (Attachment C -February 19, 2018 Joint City and County Commission Meeting Minutes).

At the May 22, 2018 County Commission Meeting, the County Commission requested that staff provide information on costs to phase in a Housing Focused Approach Model to provide services to the homeless. The Housing Focused Approach would be implemented over a period of years with goals and performance measures for each year of the implementation phase. How many years to implement the Housing

Focused Approach was not discussed, but the County Commission was interested in discussing the homelessness reduction strategies with the City Commission.

Homelessness continues to be a problem across this country, and there are several strategies on how to best address homelessness reduction. Many of the current strategies include either "Managing Homelessness" or the "Housing Focused Approach" to addressing homelessness. Included in the backup is a staff analysis of both approaches. This information was provided to both the City Commission and the County Commission at their respective meetings (Attachment A1- City General Policy Committee backup - May 10, 2018 and Attachment B1 - County Commission Backup - May 22, 2018).

Further, at the February 19, 2018 Joint City and County Commission Meeting, the City and County Commission approved a 9-month contract with the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry (ACCHH) for the amount of \$1,086,211 to provide homeless services at the Empowerment Center. That contract, which expires on December 31, 2018, includes an option for one additional year, with the renewal to be determined by July 1, 2018. On July 5, 2018, the Empowerment Center Oversight Advisory Board will review the ACCHH's contract and will recommend whether renew to the contract for one additional year. The Empowerment Center Oversight Advisory Board's recommendation will be forwarded to the City and County Commissions for review and approval in July 2018.

Fiscal Note: To be determined as part of the development of the Housing Focused Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) discuss with the County Commission approaches to reducing homelessness; 2) direct City staff to work with County staff to develop a specific housing focused proposal that would move Gainesville and Alachua County to the Housing Focused Approach as approved by the County Commissioners at their May 22, 2018 Meeting; and 3) bring back this proposal for review by the City and County Commissions in Fall 2018.

Legislative History

11/30/17	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
5/10/18	General Policy Committee	Discussed

[170632_Staff Analysis Approaches to Reducing Homelessness 20180510.pdf](#)
[NEW-170632A_City General Policy Committee Meeting Minutes May 10 2018 .](#)
[NEW-170632A1_City Staff Analysis-Comparison Approaches Reducing Homele](#)
[NEW-170632B_County Commission Meeting Minutes May 22 2018_20180613.](#)
[NEW-170632B1_County Staff Presentation Homeless Issues and Consideration](#)
[NEW-170632C_Joint City-County Commsission Meeting Minutes Feb 19 2018](#)
[NEW-170632D_Presentation-Approaches to Reduce Homelessness_20180613](#)

ADJOURNMENT