

City of Gainesville

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Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - 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 - 5:01 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

AGENDA STATEMENT**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Modification: Hear Citizen Comment first until 5:30 PM.

Adopted with Modifications

CITIZEN COMMENT

Elizabeth Hock, Shane Baker, Keon Young, Kenneth Johnson, Ronald Nutter, Tom Wells and Tina Walker.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**[170632.](#) Approaches to Reduce Homelessness (B)**

Fred Murry, Carl Smart and Claudia Tuck made presentations.

Note: The City divided the motion to vote on Item # 11 separately.

Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward: 1) a specific budget to have a fully implemented/realized housing first model. Staff should provide a realistic cost structure, as well as financing options such as housing bonds; 2) an element should be a form of government-owned and operated housing. Provide inventory analysis housing options. (Low-income housing, hotels available for sale, apartments, etc.); 3) a landlord program that would make it financially attractive for landlords to rent to the clientele; 4) develop a substantially improved quality model of emergency housing. (Examples: Dry pads for tents, staff patrolling, improved hygiene conditions, etc.); 5) authorize County and City staff to continue to work in a cooperative manner on housing first proposals; 6) that both the City and County through the legislative agendas request that the Sadowski Trust Funds not be used for unintended causes. Further, request that the State Legislature mandate that the 67 counties equitably address funding for the homelessness issue; 7) Chair/Mayor letters requesting that UF Health/Veterans Affairs Hospital/North Florida Regional/University of Florida President appoint a member to provide information, attend meetings, and be a part of the solution; 8) staff is to report back with the requested information by the end of the year; 9) staff review proposal for an ordinance regarding multiple sources of income, victims of domestic violence, and veterans. Staffs from both the City and County should attend the United Way Seminar on housing; and 10) staff to provide comparisons with peer counties and cities regarding spending on rapid rehousing models. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward: 11) staff to develop a draft of a residency policy. Staff is to investigate any legal issues and develop a residency standard that can pass legal challenges. Motion passed 6-1, with City Commissioner Arreola in dissent.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:

Commissioner Ward: 1) missing parter at UF; 2) how do we deal with the housing stock issue; 3) single-room occupancy hotels (SRO's) (City and County possibly owning those); and 4) encourage legislature to require counties to include homeless services (Sadowski Trust Funds).

Commissioner Warren: 1) relationships that need to be developed in the community (Shands, emergency rooms, property managers); 2) doing a study on vacancies; 3) building inventory; 4) variety of sizes; and 5) pay attention to what we have.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos: 1) looking at hotels for short-term solutions; 2) inclusionary zoning for a long-term approach; 3) building affordable housing; and 4) joint letter from City/County to UF (working together as part of the housing approach).

Commissioner Arreola: 1) data sharing; 2) housing options that are safe for children; 3) SRO's; 4) create incentives for developers; 5) building tiny houses are limited; and 6) federal housing tax credits.

Mayor Poe: 1) staff be careful when considering developing plans and recommendations; 2) evenly distribute all levels of housing income throughout the City; and 3) Fred Murry work with Captain Sutton (data from community resource para-medicine program).

Commissioner Johnson: 1) creative in the funding; and 2) housing bonds and their success.

Barbara Berry, Kali Blount, Pam Davis, Mona Gildybaha, Ken Armstrong, Telford Cartwright; Michael Blessing, Joe Jackson, Chris Rose, and Kimber Tuft spoke to the matter.

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.

Approved, as shown above

CITY COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnson - ASO incident

Commissioner Simmons - ASO incident

Mayor Poe - 1) Police Chief to speak on de-escalation policy and strategy; and 2) signed the FSAA (appreciative to all).

Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Request State Attorney Bill Cervone to give a presentation on the number of cases brought in that have been diverted. Motion passed 7-0.

Note: When the annexation strategy is on the GPC agenda the City needs to inform the County.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:30 PM

Omichele D. Gainey
Clerk of the Commission