

# City of Gainesville

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| 1             | City Commission          | 11/30/2017   | Referred  | General Policy Committee | 04/30/2018 |                 | Pass    |
|               | <b>Action Text:</b>      | A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Referred to the General Policy Committee, due back on 4/30/2018. The motion carried by the following vote: |           |                          |            |                 |         |
|               |                          | Aye: 7 Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd  |           |                          |            |                 |         |
| 2             | General Policy Committee | 05/10/2018   | Discussed |                          |            |                 |         |
|               | <b>Action Text:</b>      | Discussed  |           |                          |            |                 |         |
|               | <b>Notes:</b>            | Recess - 3:01 PM   |           |                          |            |                 |         |
|               |                          | Reconvene - 3:02 PM  |           |                          |            |                 |         |
|               |                          | <i>Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:</i>   |           |                          |            |                 |         |
|               |                          | <i>Commissioner Ward: 1) need to provide enough staff to manage Dignity Village; 2) medical center on-site; and 3) using some of the other buildings as a pilot project for an SRO.</i>                          |           |                          |            |                 |         |
|               |                          | <i>Commissioner Warren: 1) medical care - coordinate services with Shands, NCFRMC and individuals</i>  |           |                          |            |                 |         |

who are interested in managing this; and 2) Dignity Village - people shouldn't stay in transition more than three months.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) don't need to choose from managing a homeless approach and a housing approach - we can do both; 2) how are we going to increase the affordable housing stock in Gainesville; 3) look at the concept of exclusively homeless services vs services for the entire community; and 4) site is not being used to its full potential (Dignity Village needs to be substantially changed).

Mayor Poe: 1) would like to see a pilot program for the SRO concept developed and brought before the City and County; 2) Dignity Village; 3) source citation numbers; 4) medical care building; and 5) housing focus vs. management focus.

Fred Murry spoke to the issue of a medical building and stated that the Oversight Board approved a pharmacy.

Chief Lane spoke to the the issue of a medical building. The pilot period was not successful. Lack of structure, compliance and environmental factors. Lots of movement out into the community. Security is not a safe environment.

Claudia Tuck, Joe DeCarmine, Carl Smart, Matt Umanos and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

Anthony Lyons spoke to the matter.

Clerk to schedule a joint meeting to discuss homelessness.

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## **Text of Legislative File 170632.**

Title:

### **Approaches to Reducing Homelessness (B)**

#### Recommendation

The City Commission and County Commission to 1) continue discussions regarding collaborative approaches to reducing homelessness; and 2) provide guidance to City and County Staff.

#### Explanation

The Gainesville 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 and County staff, the City Commission determined the best approach was to have a joint City and County Commission on Homelessness, and to seek a collaborative City and County Homelessness approach. (See Attachment 170632A -May 10, 2018 City Commission Meeting Minutes)

The Alachua County Board of County Commission held a similar discussion on homelessness reduction strategies May 22 2018. 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/County Commission Meeting. The County Commission requested that staff provide information on cost to phase in a Housing Approach Model to provide services to the Homeless. The Housing Approach would be implemented over a period of years with goals and performance measure for each year of the implementation phase. How many years to implement the Housing Approach was not discussed, but the County Commission was interested in discussing the Homeless issue with the Gainesville City Commission. (Attachment 170632B - May 22, 2018 County Commission Meeting Minutes)

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 Focus Approaches” to addressing homelessness. Included in your Backup is a staff analysis on both approaches. This information was provided to both the City Commission and the County Commission at their respective meetings. (Attachment 170632C - Gainesville County Commission backup - May 10th and Attachment 170632D - Alachua County Board of County Commission Backup - May 22, 2018)

Fiscal Note

None