

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 23, 2005

9:00 AM

City Commission Special Meeting
Ironwood Golf Course Clubhouse

City Commission

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Chuck Chestnut (District 1)
Commissioner Warren Nielsen (At Large)
Commissioner Rick Bryant (At Large)
Commissioner Ed Braddy (District 2)
Commissioner Jack Donovan (District 3)
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER 9:07 AM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Nielsen moved and Commissioner Donovan seconded to adopt the agenda.

(VOTE: 4-0, Commissioners Bryant and Braddy; and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Chestnut - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

NOTE: Commissioner Bryant entered the meeting room at 9:29 AM.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Chestnut entered the meeting room at 9:51 AM.

Commissioner Braddy entered the meeting room at 10:14 AM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Chuck Chestnut, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant, Craig Lowe and Jack Donovan

CITY MANAGER

050116 City Commission Goal Setting Retreat (NB)

INTRODUCTION: Interim City Manager Barbara Lipscomb gave a recap of the Rating Agency Presentation; general budget overview; and a presentation of the key issues outlined by staff.

PRESENTATIONS:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES AND ANNEXATION ISSUES

Administrative Services Director Glenda Currie Office of Management and Budget Director Becky Rountree, Economic Development Director Erik Bredfeldt, Assistant General Manager for Strategic Planning, Police Chief Norm Botsford, Interim Fire Chief Bill Northcutt, Community Development Director and Strategic Planner Karen Snyder gave presentations.

SOUTHEAST GAINESVILLE REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

Community Development Director Tom Saunders, Bruce Lyon and Code Enforcement Manager Jim Garrett gave presentations.

MOTION: Commissioner Chestnut moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded to direct staff regarding the SE Gainesville Revitalization Initiative to: 1) Do a market analysis study of the area; 2) negotiate a 90 day due diligence period with 3 property owners; 3) talk with private developers ; and 4) begin the expansion of the CRA district to integrate the SE Gainesville Revitalization Initiative area.

(VOTE: 6-1, Commissioner Braddy - No, MOTION CARRIED)

RECESS: 11:07 AM

RECONVENE: 11:22 AM

INFRASTRUCTURE

- *SW 2nd Avenue/Depot Park/6th Street*
- *Traffic Signals*
- *Communications System - Fiber optics/Channel 12*
- *RTS Enhancement - Routes/Buildings*
- *Pavement Management/Maintenance*
- *Civic Center*
- *CIP Funding*

RECREATION

- *Active Recreation NW Part of Town*
- *Parks - Depot/Cone New Phases*
- *Stable Funding Source*
- *Teen Zone - Recreation After School*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- *Incubate Small Business*
- *Tech Transfer & Assembly of Parcels Approximate to Campus*

INTERNAL ISSUES

- *Staff ownership of transition to 21st Century City to Bigger City to Higher level*
- *Focus on Best Practices*
- *Benchmark of other Economic Development Initiatives*
- *Citizens Advisory Committees*
- *City Commission Meetings - Time/Day- Rules of the City Commission.*
- *Culture of Diversity*
- *EO External Focus*

PUBLIC SAFETY

- *New Fire Station - NW Gainesville*
- *Joint Use Facilities - RTS/Fire/Park*
- *Citizen Involvement in Public Safety*
- *COP/Party Patrol*

FEELING OF PLACE/COMMUNITY

- *Channel 12*
- *Public Access TV*
- *Downtown*
- *Neighborhood Association Issues*
- *Inter-Church Dialogue*
- *Different Segments of Neighborhoods at City Commission Meetings (East/West/North/South)*
- *Monthly Breakfasts*
- *Infill and Single Family Neighborhoods*

NEIGHBORHOODS

- *Affordable Housing*
- *Booker T/Springhill Neighborhoods*
- *SE Renaissance Center*
- *Depot Park*
- *Alachua General*
- *13th Street - North /South*
- *6th Street - Santa Fe*

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- *UF/Government/Private Partnerships*
- *School Board Relations*
- *Civic Engagement*
- *Provide Source of Community Pride as County Seat*
- *Monthly Meetings with Employee Departments*

COMMUNITY CARE

- *Homeless*
- *Senior Citizens*
- *Transition from Homeless*

UTILITY

- *Future Energy Needs*
- *Conservation Programs*
- *PSA - Energy Audits*
- *PSA - day to day*
- *Promote Conservation in Low Income Households*
- *Benchmarking*

RECESS: 12:30 PM

RECONVENE: 12:52PM

NEW MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS SOFTWARE

Interim Public Information Officer Bob Woods and Broadcast Engineering Lead Technician Bill Taylor gave presentations.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ABSENTEE LANDLORDS

Community Development Director Tom Saunders gave a presentation.

NEW CDBG FUNDING PROPOSALS

Community Development Block Grant Manager Jim Hencin gave a presentation.

RECREATION CAPITAL NEEDS

Recreation and Parks Director David Flaherty and Nature Operations Manager Steve Phillips gave presentations.

ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS

Greenway Project Coordinator Ann Bigelow gave a presentation.

TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL NEEDS

Interim Assistant City Manager Teresa Scott and Traffic Engineer Phil Mann gave presentations

COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GRU Strategic Planning Management Analyst Jill Womble facilitated the discussion.

REVENUE SOURCES

- Annexation - More Benefits*
- Limit Spending Growth in Some Areas*
- Limit Costs to Commercial Services to Annex*
- Reduce Red-Tape for Businesses*
- Revenue sources: 1) Street Lights issue; 2) CIP Program; 3) Traffic Signals, County Commission Gas Tax); 4) Occupational Fees; 5) Millage Rate Increase for Recreation.*

INTERNAL ISSUES

- Reduce Continued Growth in Spending*
- Promote by using "What's in it for me?" (Alachua County and School Board)*

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear presentations from staff, initiate the goals setting process for the upcoming fiscal year and take any additional action deemed appropriate.*

Approved, as shown above

ADJOURNMENT - 5:04 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission

