

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

August 29, 2011

3:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

Jack Durrance Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Craig Lowe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Thomas Hawkins (At Large)

Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)

Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)

Commissioner Susan Bottcher (District 3)

Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)

Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

AGENDA STATEMENT

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ROLL CALL

CITY MANAGER

100841.

Next Generation Radio Project (B)

This item requests that the Gainesville City Commission and Alachua County Board of County Commissioners hear a presentation on the Next Generation Radio Project.

Explanation: In 1997, to overcome technological barriers to radio communications for service providers, a county-wide two-way radio system project was authorized which would replace UHF and VHF communication systems with an 800 MHz trunked radio system (TRS). The TRS allowed, for the first time, interoperable communications between multiple agencies across multiple jurisdictions in Alachua County. The system was implemented in 1999 and is still in use by public safety subscribers, including the Gainesville Police Department, Gainesville Fire Rescue, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Alachua County Department of Public Safety, University of Florida Police Department, and the Waldo Police Department. Additional subscribers include, but are not limited to, City of Gainesville Public Works and Regional Transit operations, the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority, Alachua County Public Works, and Gainesville Regional Utilities.

Twelve years later, many components of the system are reaching the end of their useful lives. Additionally, an interoperability program known as Project 25 (P25) has been developed and is being implemented by radio users not only nationwide, but throughout the world. The current TRS is not compliant with P25 standards and would not support interoperability on a large scale if responders within Alachua County needed to communicate outside of the system during mutual aid events. A radio system that supports interoperability is a mission-critical need for not only public safety, but for responders who support operations and restoration functions related to catastrophic events which often impact multiple jurisdictions.

On December 2, 2010, the first meeting of an inter-agency Next Generation Radio Project Committee was held to begin development of a migration plan for the current radio system to a system that will meet future needs and standards. The committee chair, Gainesville Fire Chief Gene Prince, presented an overview of the committee's concerns to the Combined Communications Center's Administration Board on February 28, 2011. The Administrative Board agreed that the issue should be presented to both the City of Gainesville and Alachua County Commissions to ensure their awareness of this impending need including the critical elements of the projected timeline, the history of the current system, and the multiple options that may need to be considered in directing the coordination and funding of an implementation plan.

Fiscal Note: The fiscal impact for upgrade or replacement of the existing radio system has not been determined.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear a presentation on the Next Generation Radio Project and direct the City Manager to proceed with development of a migration plan.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission not hear the presentation.

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110245.

Future Transit Capital Investment (B)

This item is to discuss the service rate policy for transit service outside Gainesville City limits.

Explanation: On May 5, 2011, the City Commission approved a new service rate policy for transit service outside the City limits. The methodology adopted did not include the proposed additional charge for future transit capital investment. The new policy results in a service rate for Alachua County of \$64.88/hour for FY12 bus service in the unincorporated area.

Staff was directed to schedule a workshop to discuss future capital costs and options for funding future capital expenses and suggested that the County, the University of Florida (UF), Santa Fe College (SFC), and private sector participate in the workshop.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear a presentation from staff.

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ADJOURNMENT