

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

December 7, 2015

3:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

Jack Durrance Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)
Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Carter (District 3)
Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)*

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

AGENDA STATEMENT

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ROLL CALL

[120722](#)

Strategic Initiative 6.5: Recreation Master Plan (B)

This item provides the recommendation of the Joint City/County Commission Task Force on Funding for Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Land Conservation

Explanation: A task force, comprised of two City of Gainesville Commissioners, an Alachua County League of Cities representative and two County Commissioners, met twice to discuss the concept of renewing the Wild Spaces Public Places ballot initiative to help fund the City's Vision 2020 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Plan and the County's Land Conservation needs.

At the September 15, 2015 Special Meeting, the County polling results were presented to gauge public interest on reauthorizing the Wild Spaces Public Places ballot initiative. After the presentation, all municipalities in Alachua County were asked to respond to proposed ballot language: "Shall Alachua County be authorized to: extend the Alachua County Forever Program to acquire and improve environmentally sensitive lands to protect drinking water sources, water quality, and wildlife habitat; and to create improve and maintain park and recreational facilities in all cities and the County by a levy of one-half percent sales tax for ten years starting January 1, 2017."

At the November 30, 2015 Special Meeting, the responses from the municipalities were discussed and the task force voted 4-1, the following language: "To recommend to the Board of County Commissioners a Ballot initiative that says: Shall Alachua County be authorized to: extend the Alachua County Forever Program to acquire and improve

environmentally sensitive lands to protect drinking water sources, water quality, and wildlife habitat; and to create improve and maintain park and recreational facilities in all cities and the County by a levy of one-half percent sales tax for eight years starting January 1, 2017. If passed, the funds will be shared under the State default formula unless and until a separate split is negotiated under an Interlocal Agreement.”

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission and the County Commission discuss the recommendation of the task force and provide staff direction for future action.*

Legislative History

1/3/13	City Commission	Referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
6/5/13	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Discussed
7/30/13	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved as shown above (See Motion)
9/23/13	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Discussed
11/25/13	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	No Action Taken
1/27/14	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	No Action Taken
2/24/14	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Discussed

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[120722_Funding PowerPt_20130923.pdf](#)

[120722A_Master Plan PowerPt_20131125.pdf](#)

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[120722_Master Plan PowerPt_20140224.pdf](#)

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**Mental Health / Social Worker for a Homeless Outreach Program
(B)**

This is a request for the Joint City Commission and the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the need and the potential funding of a Mental Health /Social Worker Position for an Outreach

Program in Gainesville - Alachua County. *Estimated Staff
Presentation Time: 5 Minutes*****

Explanation: Last Spring, City Staff and County staff met to discuss the funding of licensed mental health/social worker who would work with law enforcement to engage homeless individuals living on the street (see Attachments A and B). Alachua County Court Services, Meridian Behavioral Health Care, and the Alachua County Sheriff's Department have partnered to provide services to individuals who are released or on probation with the justice system. However, this service is limited to those individuals who are engaged in the justice system. Meridian Behavioral Health Care has posted a Mental Health Case Manager at GRACE Marketplace.

However, there is a need for an outreach worker who has a background in either mental health or social work, who can actively engage homeless individuals living on the street or in camping areas with Gainesville-Alachua County services. This position would be responsible for outreach and referral services for individuals who may not be engaged in the justice system or the social service network within Gainesville-Alachua County, addressing the immediate need for safety, providing crisis intervention, and connecting people to basic services such as medical care, clothing, food, or shelter services.

With a funded mental health/social worker position, the City and County would be able to create an outreach program, which would represent the first step in helping homeless people who are not connected to our social services network due to lack of awareness or active avoidance of the service providers. Other cities have similar programs to engage the homeless living on the street.

The outreach program would represent a new phase in the homeless services program in our community. The outreach position would involve the homeless where they live or in their environment - parks, doorways, alleys, vehicles, tents, and other places within our community. The City of Gainesville has no expertise in social services but this has been identified as a need to address the homeless in our community.

This item allows the City Commission and Board of County Commissioners to discuss the outreach program and provide policy direction to staff. If the City and County Commissioners wish to further explore this topic, staff can draft a plan and proposed budget to present to them. Currently, there is no funding identified for an outreach program.

Fiscal Note: The City Commission and Board of County Commissioners would need to identify the funding source for a new outreach program/position.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission and Board of County Commissioners discuss a potential mental health/social worker/outreach program and provide policy direction to City and County Staff.

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Solid Waste Management System (B)

This item involves a request for the Commission to discuss the status of the City and County solid waste management partnership moving forward.

Explanation: Since 1989 the City and County have bid residential refuse and recycling collection contracts jointly to reduce cost, saving both agencies millions of dollars compared to bidding separately. As the County was approaching closure of the SW Landfill in Archer, the City Commission supported an option of the county constructing a solid waste transfer facility and taking the waste to a regional solid waste disposal facility.

In 1998 after the County closed the SW Landfill and opened the Leveda Brown Solid Waste Transfer Facility, the city and county entered into an Interlocal Agreement wherein the county agrees to develop and operate facilities to provide cost-effective, environmentally responsible disposal of solid waste; and the City agrees to direct all the waste it has authority over to the county facility. The Interlocal Agreement has been amended to expire December 31, 2018.

Alachua County has an agreement with New River Solid Waste Association for the disposal of all solid waste handled by the Leveda Brown Solid Waste Transfer Facility. This agreement expires December 31, 2018.

The City has an agreement with the County for the processing and sale of the city's recyclables at their facility, which expires September 30, 2016.

In previous joint City/County Commission discussions there has been agreement that the City/County needed to obtain Flow Control over all solid waste generated in Alachua County. Florida Statutes 403.713 allows for free flow of solid waste unless the local government undertakes a resource recovery from solid waste at which time they can institute a flow control ordinance. Otherwise flow control can be achieved either by contract, economic incentives, or through exclusive collection franchises.

Currently, Alachua County has flow control by contract through Interlocal Agreements with Gainesville and the other municipalities, and through Agreements with private haulers of commercial waste. All of these contracts expire in 2018.

The County is building a resource recovery park as an expansion to the Leveda Brown Solid Waste Transfer Facility. This park will allow outside companies to come in to recover and reuse recycled materials coming

out of the Transfer Facility. In addition the County has considered modifying the Transfer Facility into a Mixed Waste Materials Recovery Facility (MWMRF), which would allow them to control all solid waste generated in Alachua County. However, due to a downturn in the market for recyclable commodities they are delaying investment in a MWMRF at this time.

At a Special County Commission meeting held on December 1, 2015, County staff presented the County Commission with several future disposal options, including: 1) negotiating with a publicly or privately owned landfill; 2) establishing a Special District - either through Act of the Legislature or through Interlocal Agreements. The County Commission passed a motion directing County staff to review all of the available options and bring back a report in 90 days. During their discussion there was recognition of Gainesville as a partner that needs to be included in the discussions moving forward.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss the solid waste management partnership with Alachua County and provide policy direction as appropriate.

[150604_Solid Waste Disposal PPT_20171207.pdf](#)

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Trunked Radio System (B)

This is a request for the City and County Commission to hear a presentation on the current status of the Trunked Radio System and discuss the future system needs.

Explanation: Several governmental agencies within Alachua County utilize the Trunked Radio System (TRS) for two-way communications. This system was constructed with several assets owned by the County and City in 1998 and has received equipment upgrades through the years. The current inter-local agreement between the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, and Gainesville Regional Utilities is scheduled to end in 2020 and the system will need upgrades in the near future that will have a significant fiscal impact on both governments. The Radio Management Board has drafted a white paper with recommendations on how to research what the system upgrade needs are.

RECOMMENDATION

The Joint City and County Commission: 1) hear a presentation on the current status of the Trunked Radio System (TRS); 2) discuss the future system needs; and 3) direct staff to research the system upgrade needs and report back the upgrade options and estimated costs.

[150610_Bielarski Letter and RMB Position Paper_20151207.pdf](#)

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