

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

5:15 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Community Development Committee

*Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Chair
Commissioner Scherwin Henry, Member
Commissioner Randy Wells, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The Community Development Committee was called to order at 5:21 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Scherwin Henry, Thomas Hawkins and Randy Wells

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Community Development Committee approved the agenda as modified below.

Chair Hawkins received a request from Ms. Melody Marshall, the president of the Forest Ridge/Benders Heights Neighborhood Association, who wanted to add an item to the agenda for discussion. The Committee agreed to modify the agenda and add the item as the last item to be discussed on the agenda.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

These minutes are a summary of the meeting and is not verbatim discussion. A copy of the meeting recording will be provided upon request.

080473

Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Continue Annexation Efforts in the Urbanized Area in order to Maintain Social, Economic and Financial Diversity (B)

The Community Development Committee received a status update on this item from Strategic Planner Senior Lila Stewart. The Committee also received comments and input from City Manager Russ Blackburn and Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree on this item.

Note: Commissioner Henry entered the meeting at approximately 5:40 pm.

The Committee and staff discussed strategies that would include the City continuing to aggressively pursue annexation, look at opportunities for small or large areas depending on interest with the purpose of continuing to grow the tax base and the diversity of the City, encourage private citizens to form advocacy groups interested in annexing into the City, and consider having annexation on general election ballots. The Committee liked the idea of lifestyle segmenting as a possible approach for identifying future annexation areas, and encouraged staff to budget funds for polling areas for interest in annexation.

MOTION: The Committee reaffirmed the Annexation Initiative and directed staff to bring a full report to the City Commission on the update of the Annexation Strategy based on feedback received from the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee discuss Strategic Initiative 4.1: Develop strategies for conducting successful*

annexation referendums and provide staff with feedback and guidance to develop a strategy for annexation going forward.

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

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Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Improve Coordination with Alachua County in order to More Effectively Plan and Develop Gainesville's Urban Reserve Area (B)

The Community Development Committee received a status update on this item from Planning & Development Director Erik Bredfeldt. Mr. Bredfeldt submitted a memo to the Committee dated January 13, 2011, outlining a list of items that staff sought guidance on with respect to the Strategic Initiative as well as the Comprehensive Plan objectives and policies. The Committee discussed the importance of previous, current, and future relationships between the City and County to prevent urban sprawl and effectively planning developments that may eventually be annexed by the City. The Committee also discussed an existing "Boulevard MOU" between FDOT and a local municipality and asked staff to request a copy of the MOU for review and consideration. Mr. Blackburn stated he would ask staff to contact FDOT and request the information for the Committee. The Committee expressed that staff should continue forward exploring joint planning opportunities with the County.

MOTION: The Committee received the report and reaffirmed the commitment to this Strategic Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Development Committee hear a Strategic Initiative 2.7 report from staff and provide staff with direction to move forward with this item.*

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

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MEMBER COMMENT

Chair Hawkins had been approached by Ms. Melody Marshall, the president of the Forest Ridge/Henderson Heights Neighborhood Association, who wanted to know if anything could be done to regulate PODS and temporary storage containers within the City of Gainesville. The Committee agreed unanimously to add this to the referral list for discussion within the next few months.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.