

Monday, August 22, 2016 –3:00 P.M.  
County Administration Building  
Jack Durrance Auditorium  
12 Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Commission met in Joint Session with the City of Gainesville.

**PRESENT:** Chair Hutch Hutchinson; Vice Chair Ken Cornell Commissioners Chuck Chestnut, Mike Byerly, and Lee Pinkoson

City of Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe; Commissioners Harvey Budd, Craig Carter, Todd Chase, Charles Goston, Adrian Hayes-Santos, and Helen Warren

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Lee Niblock, Assistant County Manager Jim Harriot, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Clerk of Court J.K. Irby, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised live on Cox Cable Channel 12.

**Call to Order** (3:00PM)

**Adoption of Agenda**

**City Commissioner Carter moved** adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 6-0 with Commissioner Goston out.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

**Items for Possible Discussion**

**Discussion Item**

1. Former RTS Facility

**Amount:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** County and City agree to jointly: 1) determine the future use for facility/property; 2) approach FTA for disposition instructions where neither City nor County have financial liability; and 3) fund and conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments.

Alachua County Assistant Attorney Silvia Torres presented the above item.

Deputy County Manager Harriot presented the Federal Transit Authority Grants.

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EPD Director Chris Bird presented the environmental concerns.

Alachua County Attorney Michele Lieberman presented the staff recommendation.

Commissioner Goston entered at 3:32 p.m.

City of Gainesville Director of Public Works Teresa Scott gave the City's presentation.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson , City Commissioner Carter , City Commissioner Carter, City Commissioner Chase, City Commissioner Budd, County Attorney Lieberman, Theresa Scott, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Byerly , and EPD Director Chris Bird presented comments.

**Commissioner Byerly moved the following:**

1. ~~That the City and County jointly fund Phase I and II of the environmental assessment.~~
2. To direct County staff to work with the City staff to reach a solution that would allow for parking in the area described and bring it back to each Board separately for approval.
3. To direct County staff to attempt to work with the City staff on the issue of compensation of the County's financial interest in the reverter clause.

City Commissioner Warren presented comments.

**City Commissioner Warren moved** to jointly fund Phase I and II of the environmental assessment and that the County and City staff work to jointly schedule community planning meetings.

1. Retain parcel B to incorporate into the Depot Park Boundary and pay the FTA \$15,000.00 for a waiver.
2. Retain parcel C for future transit uses and no further action from FTA is needed.
3. Retain parcel A2 for overflow parking for Depot Park and storage for maintenance equipment needed for Depot Park this will require FTA concurrence and a payment of \$279,228.00.

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4. Discuss the future of parcel A with City staff and direct them to perform due diligence including environmental assessment, review of zoning and permitted uses, and a review of site opportunities and strengths.
5. Start to consider relocation of modular building for other uses such as Depot Park, Fire Station, or a GPD substation in the southwest.

The motion was withdrawn.

EPD Director Chris Bird, City of Gainesville Public Works Director Teresa Scott, City of Gainesville Mayor Poe , City Commissioner Goston , City Commissioner Chase, City Attorney Nicole Shalley, City Public Works Director Teresa Scott, Commissioner Cornell amendments , Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Chase , Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson , County Attorney Lieberman, and County Manager Niblock presented comments.

**Commissioner Cornell moved the following substitute:**

1. Agree to allow or the City of Gainesville be the lead in the environmental study.
2. Allow for temporary parking as long as the County and City staffs can agree on the liability issues.
3. Indefinitely hold of the litigation while the environmental issues are worked out.
4. Direct County staff to work with City staff to organize a community planning charrette.

**The motion failed for lack of a second.**

County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, County Attorney Lieberman, City Commissioner Warren, County Manager Niblock, City Commissioner Budd, City of Gainesville Attorney Nicole Shalley, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Lieberman, City Commissioner Chase, City of Gainesville Mayor Poe, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Pinkoson, City Commissioner Chase, City Public Works Director Theresa Scott and Chair Hutchinson presented comments.

Donald Sheppard, Perry Clauson, Joseph Floyd, and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

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**Commissioner Warren moved** the following:

1. That the City of Gainesville would complete Phase I and II of the environmental assessment.
2. Allow the City and County staffs to negotiate an equitable parking arrangement.
3. Allow the City and County staffs to negotiate a resolution to the County's interest in the property.

Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

**The motion carried 7-0.**

**COMMISSION RECESSED AT: 5:53 P.M.**

**COMMISSION RECONVENED: 6:06 P.M.**

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved** to remove Station #19 from the agenda. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut out.

**City Commissioner Carter moved** to remove Station #19 from the agenda. The motion carried 5-1 Commissioner Chase voting "Nay" and Commissioner Goston out of the room.

4. Wild Spaces Public Places Distribution Formula and Competitive Grants to Municipalities

**Amount:** \$3,000,000.00

**Recommended Action:** Utilize the State default formula and direct staff to develop a competitive \$3 million grant process from the County's allocation for municipalities, of which the City of Gainesville would be eligible.

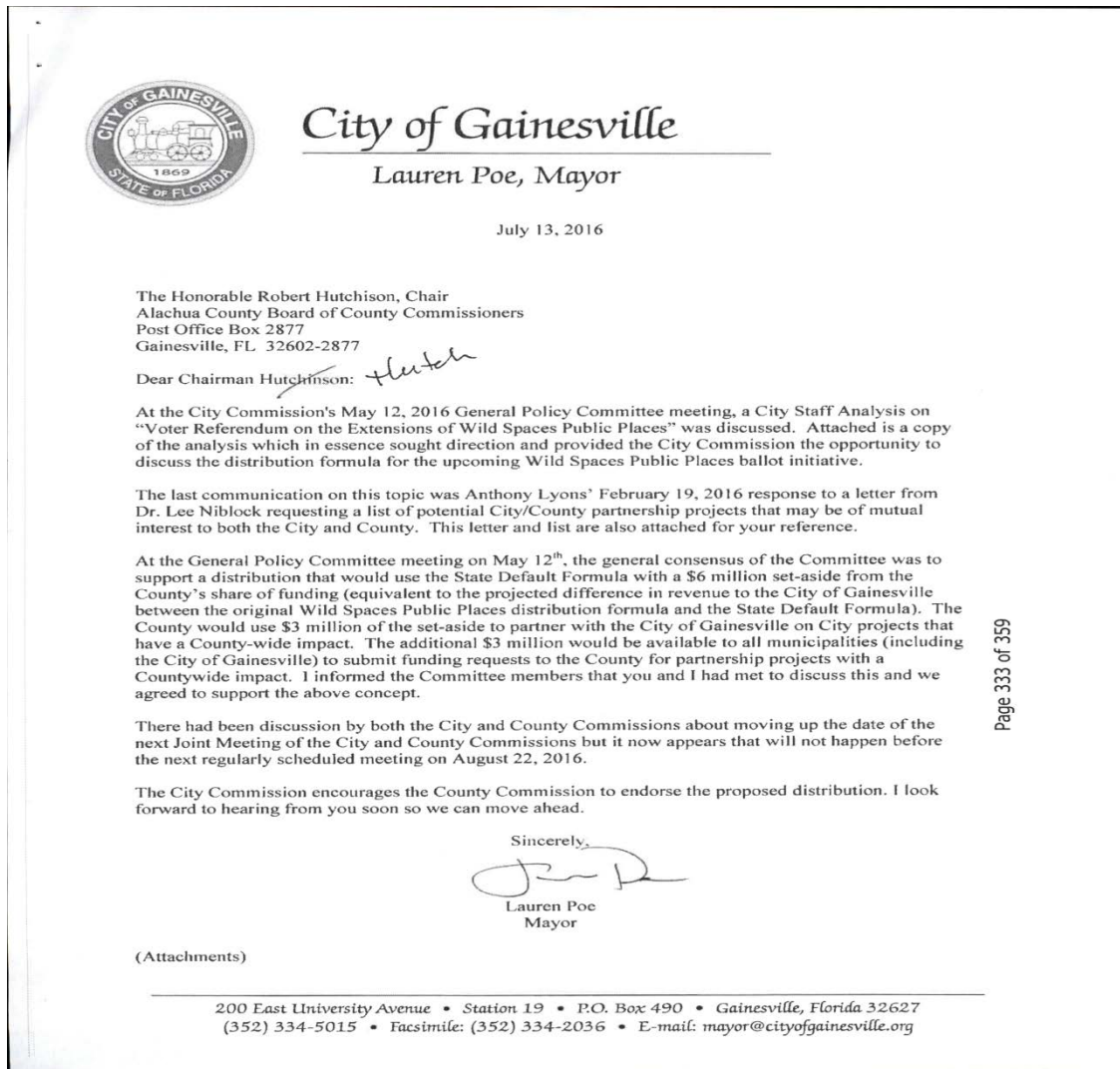
Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles presented the above item.

Assistant City Manager Paul Faulkner presented the above item.

City Commissioner Budd, Assistant County Manager Peebles, Commissioner Cornell, and City Commissioner Chase presented comments.

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**Commissioner Cornell moved** to accept the City of Gainesville's July 13, 2016 letter and direct staff to prepare an Interlocal Agreement.



City Commissioner Carter , City Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Mayor Poe , Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, Assistant County Manager Peebles, County Attorney Lieberman, City Commissioner Goston , Assistant County Manager Peebles, City Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Byerly , City Commissioner Warren, City Commissioner Carter, City Commissioner Goston, Commissioner Byerly, and Mayor Poe presented comments.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Kali Blount, Donald Sheppard, and Pegeen Hanrahan presented comments.

**The motion carried 3-1 with Byerly voting "Nay" and Chestnut out of the room.**

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**City Commissioner Carter moved** to approve the funding formula from the County Commission's motion. The motion carried 7-0.

2. College Park/University Heights CRA Sunset Discussion

**Amount:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Request the City of Gainesville consider sunsetting the College Park/University Heights CRA

Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Carter, City Commissioner Chase, and City Commissioner Hayes-Santos presented comments.

**City Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved** to approve the staff recommended action as follows:

- Staff recommends completing a thorough analysis of what's been accomplished to date,
- what's left to do and;
- what should the CRA's role be in carrying out those initiatives by conducting a Community Vitality Report in FY17-FY18.
- Once completed, Staff will present the report with vetted recommendations for College Park/University Heights.

City Commissioner Budd, Commissioner Pinkoson, Sarah Vidal-Finn, City Commissioner Goston, Commissioner Cornell, and City Commissioner Chase presented comments.

Robert Mounts, Kali Blount, Donald Shepard, Bruce DeLaney, and Talbot Cartwright presented comments.

**The motion carried 7-0.**

3. Fire Station 19 Discussion

**Amount:** N/A

~~**Recommended Action:** Authorize staff to begin negotiations with the City of Gainesville to amend or replace the Fire Services Assistance Agreement to include co-location options and the continuation of no payments between Alachua County and the City of Gainesville in FY2017/18.~~

5. Local Music on Channel 12

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~~**Amount:** N/A~~

~~**Recommended Action:** Task County and City staff to move forward with this project~~

**Time Certain**

**Public Comments**

**Commission General and Informal Discussion**

Commissioner Cornell stated that the Fire Station #19 matter is an important matter and he would like to see the Fire Station and the Gas Tax be discussed shortly.

By consensus the County Commissioner and City Commission agreed to schedule a meeting within 60 days.

City Commissioner Carter advised the County Commissioners that the CRA meetings are opened to the public and encouraged Commissioners to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested that the County Commissioners be added to the CRA notification list.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.