

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2008

3:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

Jack Durrance Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Jack Donovan (District 3)
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)
Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)
Commissioner Lauren Poe (District 2)
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 3:08 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Hawkins moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to adopt the agenda, as modified.

(VOTE: 6-0, Commissioner Mastrodicasa - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

MODIFICATION: File #080653 - Senior Citizen Center - new item added to the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Scherwin Henry, Lauren Poe and Thomas Hawkins

Absent: Jeanna Mastrodicasa

CITY MANAGER

080653. Senior Citizen Center (NB)

City Manager Russ Blackburn; Elder Care of Alachua County Director Anthony Clarizio; County Manager Randy Reid; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Steve Phillips; and Wild Spaces Public Places Committee Member Jack Hughes gave presentations.

MOTION: Commissioner Donovan moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to: 1) Ask the City, County and Elder Care of Alachua County staff to work to develop a "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) for the City of Gainesville and Elder Care Senior Recreation Center with a fiscal timetable, financing, and purchasing details to be included in the MOU; and 2) bring the MOU back to each board individually for approval within the next 45 days.

(VOTE: 6-0, Commissioner Mastrodicasa - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

RECOMMENDATION *The City and County Commission discuss the Senior Citizen Center and take appropriate action.*

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Henry, that this matter be Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Lauren Poe, Scherwin Henry, Thomas Hawkins and Pegeen Hanrahan

Absent: Jeanna Mastrodicasa

080638. "Wild Spaces and Public Places" - Environmental Lands, Parks, Recreation One-Half Percent Sales Tax (B)

This item involves discussion of the One-Half Percent Sales Tax to acquire and improve conservation lands and create, improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities.

Wild Spaces and Public Spaces Committee Members Robert Hutchinson and Jack Hughes; City Manager Russ Blackburn; and Alachua County Attorney Dave Wagner gave presentations.

MOTION: Commissioner Donovan moved and Commissioner Poe seconded to direct staff to: 1) Work with Alachua County to establish a citizen oversight committee of five members structured as suggested by the "Wild Spaces & Public Places" Committee (not inclusive of public officials or public staff); 2) direct City staff to maintain public information that would be available at least quarterly that indicate the status of planned and completed projects and the amount of local funds and matching funds expended; 3) conduct and present to the public an annual independent audit; 4) provide for a sign or a plaque to be placed on or near any substantial facilities being built, and on land purchased that says: "Funding in part by Wild Spaces & Public Places a local sales tax approved by the voters in 2008"; 5) direct City staff in coordination with the County staff move forward with the implementation plans to be presented hopefully sometime in January, 2009. (VOTE: 6-0, Commissioner Mastrodicasa - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

Mayor Hanrahan recognized Kali Blount, Mark Goldstein and Sam Miorelli who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City and County Commission discuss "Wild Spaces and Public Places" and provide guidance and input as appropriate.*

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Poe, that this matter be Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Lauren Poe, Scherwin Henry, Thomas Hawkins and Pegeen Hanrahan
Absent: Jeanna Mastrodicasa

ADJOURNMENT - 4:54 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission