

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

3:00 PM

**Joint City Commission/Alachua County School Board Special Meeting
Kirby Smith Administration Building, 620 East University Avenue**

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 - 3:00 PM

Commissioner Craig Lowe called the City Commission to order.

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Poe moved and Commissioner Mastrodicasa seconded to adopt the agenda.

(VOTE: 4-0, Commissioners Donovan, Henry and Mayor Hanrahan - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

NOTE: Commissioner Donovan and Mayor Hanrahan entered the meeting room at 3:05 PM; and Commissioner Henry entered the meeting room at 3:22 PM.

CITY MANAGER

080658. Joint Meeting with the City Commission and School Board of Alachua County (B)

This is a joint meeting with the City Commission and School Board of Alachua County to discuss topics of mutual concern.

INTRODUCTIONS: Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers gave introductions.

CITY PRESENTATIONS: Assistant General Manager for Gainesville Regional Utilities Bob Hunzinger, GRU Senior Account Representative Kik Koppitch and City Attorney Marion Radson gave presentations.

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTATIONS: Deputy School Superintendent Sandy Hollinger, School Superintendent Dr. Dan Boyd, Jr., Executive Director for Facilities Management Ed Gable, and Alachua County Solid Waste Alternatives Manager Sally Palmi gave presentations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: The City Commission and the Alachua County School Board discussed the following topics:

- 1. Replacement of current GRU Business Partner Contract with an Interlocal Agreement with the City/GRU/SBAC.*
- 2. Stormwater fees paid to the City of Gainesville.*
- 3. Section 8 Housing - Performance of children.*
- 4. Performance and capacity of schools attended by City residents.*
- 5. Capital Program - New schools vs. rebuilding/renovation of existing schools.*

- 6. *Use of funds from dedicated millage approved by the voters.*
- 7. *Opportunities to work together to improve local schools.*
- 8. *Potential creation of a Youth Council.*
- 9. *Recycling - Food Service/Styrofoam to biodegradable products.*

CITIZEN COMMENT: Gretchen Howard, Gail Monahan, Kali Blount and Jim Stringfellow were recognized.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss topics of mutual concern with the School Board of Alachua County and provide guidance to staff as appropriate.*

No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT - 5:50 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission