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# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes

February 19, 2018

6:00 PM

**Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting**

**Jack Durrance Auditorium, 12 SE First Street, Gainesville, FL**

## City Commission

**Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)**  
**Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)**  
**Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)**  
**Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)**  
**Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)**  
**Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)**  
**Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)**

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**ROLL CALL - 6:03 PM**

*A moment of silence will be at 7:00 PM in remembrance of the lives lost in the school shooting last week.*

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

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**Ranking and Funding for Homeless Services at the Empowerment Center (B)**

**The Gainesville City Commission requests the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners to consider and approve the proposal ranking for Homeless Services at the Empowerment Center; and authorize County staff to amend the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County for equal funding for Homeless Services at the Empowerment Center.**

*Fred Murry, Jon Decarmine and Claudia Tuck spoke to the matter/gave information.*

*Motion: 1) Term of contract with ACCHH is nine months with an option for one additional year, with that renewal to be determined by July 1, 2018; 2) Recommend that staff bring a recommendation with the source and amount of additional funding needed to cover costs for the year up to \$125,000 with Alachua County's funding contingent on a City match and assuming compliance with local government minimum wage; 3) Request that City and County staff bring to the Oversight Board their suggestions for benchmarks for successful grant administration, and who will measure it; 4) Request how to substantially reduce the number of residents in Dignity Village, including how to implement single-room occupancy, tiny houses, and other housing options be placed on the agenda at the next Oversight Board meeting. This might include capital improvement grants to the Grace Foundation or other vendors; 5) Request a meeting between the City and County Commission be scheduled to exclusively discuss homelessness to be in March if possible, no later than April, and that the following subjects be discussed:*

*A. A public option including the differences between management philosophies outlined tonight by County and City staff and the Coalition, as well as any public option*

*efficiencies that can be incorporated into ACCHH, for example: Use of County/City facilities departments for maintenance.*

*B. The role of the Oversight Board and make it more effective, or get rid of it.*

*C. Recommendations from staff as to how the point-in-time survey could be more scientifically valid.*

*D. Performance measures with the onus on Commissioners to make sure that staff understands what they mean by the meeting and they be prepared to discuss those.*

*E. Issue of the Veterans Building and whether that would be handicapping the ability to bring people inside from the pavilion who would like to be included, and with the understanding with each of the options. Staff is to ensure that all backup materials produced by both the City and County are distributed to both Boards well in advance of the meeting.*

*F. Discussion about whether or not to open more buildings on the campus.*

*G. Discuss a plan of how to utilize the property at Grace Marketplace.*

*H. Request that City and County staff have an opportunity to present what they thought were some of the good ideas in the model proposed by Mr. Stockwell that the County might want to consider in cooperating into how we work with anyone who does it.*

*Jim Konish, Ms. Wheeler, Terry Flemming, James Thompson, Kali Blount, Iris Burke, Jo Caldwell, Art Stockwell, Dr. Alisha McGruder, Mark Venzke, Sheila Payne and James Engle spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Gainesville City Commission request that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners: 1) reaffirm the Gainesville City Commission's ranking of the proposals to manage homeless services at the Empowerment Center; and 2) authorize County staff to amend the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County for funding for Homeless Services at the Empowerment Center.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**ADJOURNMENT - 9:36 PM**