

June 5, 2017

Joint Water Policy Committee - Monday, April 3, 2017, 1:30 PM  
County Administration Building, Grace Knight Auditorium  
12 Southeast First Street, Gainesville, Florida

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Craig Carter, Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Mike Byerly, Commissioner Robert Hutchinson, Mayor Ginny Mance

**ALSO PRESENT** – Ken Cornell (Alachua County BoCC), Chris Bird (EPD), Gus Olmos (EPD), Stacie Greco (EPD), Paul Folkers (City of Gainesville), Phil Mann (City of Gainesville), Teresa Scott (City of Gainesville), Alice Rankeillor (City of Gainesville), Sally Adkins (Gainesville Clean Water Partnership), Kristen Sealey (GRU), Jennifer McElroy (GRU)

### **ITEM 1 ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved with recommendation to modify order of items, with passing 5-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approved, with passing 5-0.

### **ITEM 2 CLARIFICATION OF JOINT WATER POLICY COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND DUTIES**

Discussion about the mission, purpose and duties of the Joint Water Policy Committee.

**Commissioner Carter:** wants to gain clear understanding of water challenges during committee meetings and then bring options and/or recommendations to respective boards. Wants the committee to be a place to educate and learn together about what one another and other entities have done, are doing, or plan to do.

**Commissioner Byerly:** sees committee as a place to discuss ideas and have presentations about water topics and use it as a pipeline to bring items to respective boards. Believes the goal of the committee is to take an active look at what each entity is doing and could do cooperatively in relation to anything about water. Sees the committee as an agenda setting group for commission meetings. Wants to lean on staff to bring ideas to the committee on how we can move forward on improving water quality and conserving water with a focus on how governments can collaborate to make it happen and have an active approach.

**Hayes-Santos:** wants committee to proactively look at water issues for the long-term in water quality. Wants the committee to provide recommendations and push policy. Wants to take the opportunity during the JWPC meetings to vet ideas that County and/or City are thinking of doing. Wants the committee to build trust between the entities and find ways to collaborate. Wants the County and City staff to work together on the items that are brought to the committee.

**Hutchinson:** wants the report from the committee meeting to include the items that were discussed leading up to the recommendations so the respective boards will know the different ideas/perspectives explored and discussed.

**Mance:** agrees with the comments; with representing 7 other municipalities and it being a diverse group, it is important to share all the ideas that were put on the table. Alachua County League of Cities voted to send Mance to be a liaison; however, those relationships through her are on an individual basis.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Byerly:** direct staff supporting this board to prepare in written form minutes of any actions or motions approved by the board to make available to Representative from the Small Cities for distribution to the other cities. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Byerly:** request that the County Commission and City of Gainesville Commission reauthorize and reaffirm the Joint Water Policy Committee with a stated purpose of working together to improve water quality and conserve water, and that the remaining municipalities in the County provide the Representative for Small Municipalities an opportunity to comment on what the City of Gainesville and County are proposing and to ask if they want to continue with the existing representative and voting structure. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

### **ITEM 3 PRESENTATION FROM GAINESVILLE CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP**

A presentation was made by Sally Adkins (Gainesville Clean Water Partnership) discussing the partnership's objectives, programs and benefits.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Byerly:** Agenda the NPDES permit renewal as the only item on the next JWPC agenda. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote. Staff to provide written materials before the meeting to support discussion, including information from the previous permit renewal.

### **ITEM 4 UPDATES FROM ALACHUA COUNTY EPD**

Alachua County staff provided an update on the Stormwater Treatment Design Manual. Comparative cost case studies will be made available on the website for review. EPD will include verbiage in the Design Manual to differentiate between requirements for greenfield and redevelopment areas.

### **ITEM 5 APPOINT NEW COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Robert Hutchinson:** to nominate Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos as the new Joint Water Policy Committee Chair. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

### **ITEM 6 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Carter thanked the committee and expressed appreciation for serving with the members.

Commissioner Hayes Santos thanked Commissioner Carter for his service and dedication to the committee.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Adrian Hayes Santos:** to start meetings 2 hours before the MPTO meetings. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS JUNE 5TH AT 3 PM IN THE GRACE KNIGHT AUDITORIUM AT THE ALACHUA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**