City of Gainesville

City Hall 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

July 16, 2018

8:00 AM

City Commission Workshop

Springhill Missionary Baptist Church Multi-Purpose Room 120 SE Williston Road, Gainesville, FL City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 8:14 AM

AGENDA STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Simmons

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

DISCUSSION ITEM

180113. Housing Forum (B)

City Commission Discussions: 1) In your opinion, what's the goal of today; 2) Your opinion or ideas; 3) Strategies or tools that you feel best support affordable housing efforts; and 4) Benefits/challenges in implementing/accomplishing affordable housing strategies ideas or tasks.

Carter Burton gave opening remarks.

Anne Ray made a presentation.

Commissioner Warren arrived at 8:22 AM.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos arrived at 8:28 AM.

Gladys Cook and Andrew Persons made presentations.

Break - 10:22 AM

Reconvene - 10:37 AM

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:

Commissioner Warren Priorities: 1) Affordable housing strategies ideas or tools; 2) Affordable housing and rent; 3) Conditions of homes and landlord incentives with rent rate caps to improve quality of housing; and 4) Incentives to landlords.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos: 1) Plan short, medium and long-term housing options with what we currently have with regards to quality of housing and

energy efficiencies; 2) Allow higher-density for affordable housing; 3) City should build housing; and 4) Community Land Trust.

Commissioner Johnson: 1) Wants more information on housing bonds/conversation and what communities have issued them; 2) Inclusionary zoning; 3) 12-15 tools presented; and 4) Narrow down to top 5 Commission priorities.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) Needs a masterplan - two questions - what's the risk/cost; 2) Regulation review; and 3) Public/private partnership to increase housing stock.

Commissioner Ward: 1) What's the data; 2) Things that don't get counted - don't get funded; 3) What's the number of units; 4) We are behind; 5) Cannot effectively solve problem without all the data; 6) Interested in public/private partnerships because of the make-up of our community (County, Santa Fe College, UF, City, School Board, UF Health); 7) Figure how to lobby State for Sadowski Fund; 8) Consider an FTE to take this on; and 9) Incentivize new kinds of development (smaller scale developers) - Community Land Trusts/Mentoring small businesses or development for infill.

Commissioner Simmons: 1) Data is critical; 2) City does have surplus inventory we aren't using and Commission needs to evaluate what we can do in the interim; 3) incentives; and 4) Inclusionary zoning.

Mayor Poe: 1) Attainable housing at all income levels dispersed throughout the whole city; 2) People should be able to choose wherever they want to live; 3) Deconcentrate poverty and give housing choices dispersed throughout the city; 4) Find out if what we have been doing is effective. If not, release staff time to other more efficient and viable areas; 5) Better internally to city and externally; 6) Reduce duplicate services and consolidate where appropriate; 7) Open to all options; 8) Eliminate parking minimums; 9) Supports inclusionary zoning (especially vertical development that pays into a trust); 10) Rewrite code to allow accessory dwelling units; engage in Community Land Trust through existing trust; Establish relationship and what it looks like; 11) Clarify surplus policy - all sales at market rate with all proceeds to fund affordable housing; 12) Move forward with tenant bill of rights; and 13) Put together a complete package to address affordable housing or tackling the issue incrementally.

Recess - 11:48 AM

Reconvene - 12:15 PM

Natalie Maxwell (Keynote Speaker) made a presentation.

John Wachtel and Fred Murry spoke to the matter.

R.D. Bonner, Patt Abbott, Steve Lowitz, Scotty Winzeler, Ms. Evens, Carla Miles, Patricia Lee, Monie Baha, Kole Odutola, Sheila Payne, Tamara Silva, Michael Bradley, Rayna Sarkis, Thomas Harrington, Gary Hankins and Faye Williams spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission participate in the Housing Forum.

Discussed

ADJOURNMENT - 2:26 PM