

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.
Alachua County Senior Recreation Center
5701 Northwest 34th Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for their quarterly retreat.

PRESENT: Chair Paula M. DeLaney, presiding, Vice-Chair Mike Byerly, Commissioners Susan Baird, Rodney J. Long, and Lee Pinkoson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Randall Reid, Assistant County Attorney David Schwartz, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair DeLaney opened the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PEARL HARBOR

Chair DeLaney led a Moment of Silence to remember Pearl Harbor.

ADOPTION OF THE [AGENDA](#)

Commissioner Pinkoson moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Long out of the room.

THE YEAR AHEAD

Office of Management and Budget Director Suzanne Gable presented the above item.

MANAGEMENT TRANSITION PROCESS/RECRUITMENT

County Manager Randall Reid presented the above item.

Commissioner Long entered the room at 9:43 A.M.

Commissioner Long moved 1. Authorize the Chair to place on the next meeting's agenda the selection and appointment of an interim County Manager. The candidates for consideration are to be Assistant County Managers Betty Baker and Rick Drummond. Their resumes shall be included in the packet. 2. The interim candidates will adhere to the criteria that they will not be candidates for the permanent position.

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Chair DeLaney recognized Bruce Nelson, Harold Saive, and Debbie Martinez, who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Baird voting nay.

Commissioner Long moved to authorize the Chair to place on the next meeting's agenda the Manager's Separation Agreement.

Chair DeLaney recognized Assistant County Attorney David Schwartz who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Long moved the substitute motion to accept the Manager's resignation in accordance with his Contract effective January 20, 2012. The motion carried 5-0.

Chair DeLaney stated that there would be a brief recess.

MEETING RECESSED 10:51 A.M.

MEETING RECONVENED 11:00 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair DeLaney recognized Debbie Martinez, Harold Saive, and Kali Blount, who presented comments to the Board.

Chair DeLaney stated for the record that the community benefits from Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) because the profit that would normally be paid to stockholders instead goes to the City of Gainesville to provide services that people would be paying for through taxes.

Commissioner Byerly stated for the record that GRU ratepayers would see an increase to their bills regardless of how GRU expanded its electrical generating ability. He further stated that he was against the biomass plant but for reasons other than increased rates.

GUIDING VISION

Office of Management and Budget Director Suzanne Gable and County Manager Randall Reid presented the above item.

Commissioner Long left the room at 11:22 A.M.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to direct the County Manager to review item six of the Guiding Vision regarding the payment for paving dirt streets in the urban

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cluster and return to the Board with language reflecting current practices. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Long out of the room.

Commissioner Long entered the room at 11.29 A.M.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to delete item eight, regarding urban and rural levels of service, from the Guiding Vision. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Baird moved to direct the County Manager to return to the Board with language that amends item one of the Guiding Vision to promote economic development County-wide and to change the first sentence of item one to read, "The County will encourage higher density infill within Alachua County municipalities."

Chair DeLaney recognized Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Baird moved the substitute motion to direct the County Manager to return to the Board with language that amends the third sentence of item one of the Guiding Vision to read, "The County should work with environmental stewards on policies that promote economic development countywide and in East Gainesville while balancing existing environmental concerns and will provide flexibility to the extent possible." Staff is further directed to return to the Board with any suggestions as to the wording of item one.

Chair DeLaney recognized Bruce Nelson and Ken Cornell who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly requested that the sentence read, "The County should work with environmental stewards on policies that promote economic development countywide, in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan, and in East Gainesville while balancing existing environmental concerns and will provide flexibility to the extent possible."

Commissioner Baird moved the substitute motion to amend the language of the third sentence to, "The County should work with environmental stewards on policies that promote economic development countywide, in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan, and in East Gainesville, while balancing existing environmental concerns and will provide flexibility to the extent possible." and direct the County Manager to return to the Board with any recommendations to amend this sentence. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Chair DeLaney recognized Bruce Nelson who presented comments to the Board.

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COMMISSION GENERAL AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Pinkoson requested that the Board advertise an Ordinance to change the County's law on alcohol sales to match the City of Gainesville's.

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Commissioner Pinkoson moved to authorize the advertisement of the Ordinance and to authorize any actions that would reduce the time that a discrepancy exists between the City of Gainesville's alcohol Ordinance and the County's alcohol Ordinance. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested that the Board set agendas for all future Informal Meetings.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to publish an agenda with intended topics of conversation for Informal Meetings.

Chair DeLaney recognized Bruce Nelson who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Byerly voting nay.

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that he had received an email regarding the appointment of a new Director for the Alachua County Health Department.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to authorize the Chair to place an item on the next agenda to transmit a letter of support for Paul Meyers to be appointed as the Alachua County Health Department Director.

Chair DeLaney recognized Community Support Services Director Elmira Warren, Environmental Health Director Anthony Dennis, and Kali Blount, who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

Chair DeLaney requested that staff create a presentation on the proposed charter sales tax for transportation so that she or another Commissioner could present it to various interested groups including the League of Cities. These presentations could include a request for a list of projects that the tax would pay for.

Chair DeLaney recognized Assistant County Manager Richard Drummond and County Engineer David Cerlanek who presented comments to the Board.

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Chair DeLaney stated that the County should compile a County-wide list of wastewater infrastructure needs.

Chair DeLaney recognized Assistant County Manager Richard Drummond and Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton who presented comments to the Board.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Chair DeLaney recognized Bruce Nelson and Kali Blount who presented comments to the Board.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 P.M.

J. K. Irby, Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners