

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.
LaCrosse Town Hall
20613 North State Road 121
LaCrosse, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Joint Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Anna Prizzia; Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV,
Commissioner Ken Cornell and Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler

Town Mayor Dianna Dubberly, Council Woman Barbara Thomas,
Council Man Johnny Ho, Council Woman Sheila Dubberly, Council
Man Kyle Cheshire, and Council Man Anthony Kelley

ABSENT: Vice Chair Mary Alford

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, Assistant County Manager
Missy Daniels and Deputy Clerk Casey Miller

City Accountant Choi Choi, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Miller, and Town
Clerk Crystal Phillips

Call to Order

Chair Prizzia called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Welcome

Introduction

Mayor, Dianne Dubberly, Town of Lacrosse

Chair, Anna Prizzia, Alachua County Commission

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Chestnut moved adoption of the agenda.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

The motion carried 4-0 with Vice Chair Alford not present.

Items for Discussion

1. Wild Spaces Public Places and Infrastructure Tax Project Update (A)
Conservation Lands (B) Parks & Open Space (C) Roads (D) Alachua County's
Non-Recurring Municipal Partnership Program 23-0696

Recommended Action: For information

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Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Strategic Guide: N/A

Program Manager Andi Christman gave a brief update on the county tree planting program.

Ms. Christman stated 14 trees have been planted on City Proper. 19 trees have been planted on SR 121 right of way with permission from FDOT. All 33 trees were planted in 2 different projects with support from the Lacrosse City Council.

(B)Parks & Open Space

Jason Maurer Parks and Open Space Director presented the WSPP Update.

Mr. Maurer stated the WSPP funding split is 80% conservation lands and 20% active parks. The 10 year funding amount for active parks is anticipated to be \$37,663,126. He also reviewed current improvements done at different parks and briefly discussed the parks masterplan.

Lacrosse Mayor Dianne Dubberly, Parks & Open Space Director Jason Maurer, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Jason Maurer, Town Mayor Dianne Dubberly, Parks & Open Space Director Jason Maurer, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, Town Council Man Kyle Cheshire, Town Mayor Dianne Dubberly, Council Woman Barbara Thomas, Town Mayor Dianne Dubberly, and Council Woman Barbara Thomas all presented updates.

(D) Alachua County's Non-Recurring Municipal Partnership Program

Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles informed the city that there is \$6million set aside by the county for joint projects with the municipalities. The city would need to work with the county to establish what the projects are.

(A)Conservation Lands

Andi Christman Program Manager for the Alachua County Land Conservation Program presented the above item giving an update on the next 10 year strategy and plans.

Projected total 10 year County WSPP surtax funds = \$194M

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- \$6M off the top to municipalities for joint WSPP projects with County

- 80% Conservation Lands/20% Active parks county funding allocation

Ms. Christman displayed maps that showed the lands that have been purchased, those that are on the acquisition list, and the State wild life corridor that are a priority for land purchases. She advised that this cycle will make the conservation of farm land a priority through the purchase of conservation easements which will pay the landowners for the development rights on the land but allow it to continue to be used for agricultural purposes.

Town Mayor Dianne Dubberly, Program Manager Andi Christman, Council Woman Sheila Dubberly, Program Manager Andi Christman, Town Council Woman Barbara Thomas, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Town Mayor Dianne Dubberly, Program Manager Andi Christman, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Program Manager Andi Christman, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, Council Woman Sheila Dubberly, and Town Mayor Dianne Dubberly all presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell exits the meeting at 7:23pm

(C)Roads – Alachua County Pavement Program

Assistant Public Works Director Brian Kaufman presented the above item.

Mr. Kaufman explained the County's 10 year plan towards road pavement management. He advised that a software called AgileAssets has been employed to help maximize the effectiveness of the revenues spent and that inequity has been factored into the formula to help address some of the historical failings of road funding. He advised that some bonds the County issued for road paving will be paid off in 2027. The staff is looking to reissue bonds in 2028 to make an additional \$9,000,000 in funds available for road projects.

Town Council Woman Sheila Dubberly and Assistant Public Works Director Brian Kaufman presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell returns to the meeting at 7:27pm

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Chair Prizzia, Town Council Man Anthony Kelley, Chair Prizzia, Assistant Public Works Director Brian Kaufman, Town Council Man Charles Kelley, Town Council Man Anthony Kelley, Assistant Public Works Director Brian Kaufman, Town Mayor Dianne Dubberly, Assistant Public Works Director Brian Kaufman, and Chair Prizzia presented comments.

2. Support for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Request for Crossing and Beacon for SR 235 and SR 121 23-0697

Recommended Action: For information

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Strategic Guide: N/A

Town Council Man Anthony Kelley presented the above item to the Board.

Mr. Kelley states there are no crosswalks in the area where the park or post office is located. The town would like to see Crosswalks or flashing light signals at the intersection for SR 235 and 121. They are asking for support from the Board to make this happen.

Missy Daniels, Chair Prizzia, Town Council Woman Sheila Dubberly, Commissioner Cornell, and Town Mayor Dianne Dubberly

Town Council Man Anthony Kelley moved to write a letter to FDOT requesting a Crossing and Beacon for SR 235 and SR 121.

2nd Town Council Man Kyle Cheshire

The motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Cornell moved to write a letter of support to FDOT for the Crossing and Beacon for SR 235 and 121 in Lacrosse.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Alford absent.

3. Fire Contract Funding 23-0698

Recommended Action: For information

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Strategic Guide: N/A

Fire Chief Harold Theus presented the above item.

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Chief Theus states that they have sent the letter for funding for the next year, it went up by 7% and is based on the number of calls responded to by the county.

Deputy Fire Chief Chris Miller, Town Council Woman Sheila Dubberly, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Miller, Fire Chief Theus, Chair Prizzia, Town Council Man Kyle Cheshire, Fire Chief Theus, Commissioner Cornell, Town Council Man Kyle Cheshire, Council Woman Barbara Thomas, Town Mayor Dianna Dubberly, Commissioner Cornell, and Deputy Fire Chief Chris Miller presented comments.

Public Comment

Chair Prizzia recognized Nita Brown, and Johnathan Maxwell who presented comments.

Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

County Commission Comment

There were no comments presented at this time.

City Commission Comment

There were no comments presented at this time.

Adjourn

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm