

## **Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Board**

Date: July 24, 2023  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Location: County Administration Building - Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1 Street, 2nd Floor, Gainesville, FL 32601

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Alachua County Members Present: BJ Bukata, Jill Cunningham, Eric Drummond (Vice-Chair), and Steve Howard

City of Gainesville Members Present: David Ruiz (Chair) and Kaitlyn Dickson

Members Absent: Megan Forbes and Thomas Hewlett

Staff Present: Gina Peebles

Other Municipal Staff Present: Betsy Waite and Damon Messina

Outside Counsel: Patrice Boyes

Steve Howard, new Alachua County member, introduced himself.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

Eric Drummond made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; BJ Bukata second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

Eric Drummond made a motion to approve the June 26, 2023 minutes as presented; BJ Bukata second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### **4. Review City of Alachua Legacy Flooring Equipment and Alachua Elementary Improvements – Damon Messina**

Damon Messina requested a pre-approval review for the Alachua Elementary Improvements and Legacy Flooring Equipment. The Oversight Board asked for more information on both projects, which Mr. Messina provided and discussed at the meeting.

The Alachua Elementary agreement renews until terminated; as far as the City of Alachua can find, it has not been terminated; this must be confirmed with the School Board. Ms. Boyes confirmed, per the agreement, the property is open to the public during non-school hours. BJ Bukata made a motion the Alachua Elementary improvements, as proposed, are Wild Spaces Public Places eligible. The Oversight Board asked for Board of County Commissioners policy direction on whether improvements on school board property is an appropriate use of the funds. Mr. Bukata withdrew his motion until policy direction from the County Commission is received.

The flooring equipment will be used by staff to maintain the maple hardwood floor. The consensus of the Oversight Board was that this equipment is Wild Spaces Public Places eligible.

**5. Review Revised Joint Projects Application and Infrastructure Report**

The consensus of the Oversight Board was to approve the application as presented.

**6. Review of Outstanding Quarterly Wild Spaces Public Places Municipal / County Expenditures for 2nd Qtr. (Jan, Feb, Mar 2023)**

**6.1 Alachua County**

BJ Bukata made a motion to approve the quarterly Alachua County report as presented; Kaitlyn Dickson seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

**6.2 High Springs**

Eric Drummond made a motion to approve the quarterly High Springs report as presented; BJ Bukata seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

**7. Other Business**

None.

**8. Public Comment**

Betsy Waite questioned if the former surtax and new surtax should be accounted for separately. Patrice Boyes will research this question and report back to the Oversight Board.

**9. Date/Time/Location of Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting will be held on September 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.