

Monday, May 1, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
Archer Community Center
16671 SW 137th Avenue
Archer, Florida

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

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

Mayor Iris Bailey, Vice Mayor Kathy Penny, Commissioner Marilyn Green, Commissioner Fletcher Hope, and Commissioner Joan White

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, Deputy County Manager Carl Smart, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

Call to Order

Welcome

Introduction

Mayor, Iris Bailey, City of Archer

Chair, Anna Prizzia, Alachua County Commission

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Alford moved adoption of the agenda. 2nd Cornell. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut exited.

City Commissioner Hope moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

Items for Discussion

1. Introduction of Junior Commissioners 23-0744
Recommended Action: For information
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Strategic Guide: N/A

This item did not take place.

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2. Alachua County Tree Planting Program and Interlocal Agreements Update 23-0745
Recommended Action: Hear the informational presentation.
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Strategic Guide: N/A

Conservation Lands Manager Andi Christman and County Arborist Lacey Holzworth presented the above item.

Ms. Christman stated that the County is looking for opportunities to partner with agencies to find locations to plant trees. If the City of Archer has any suitable locations for tree plantings the County would appreciate being able to plant trees on the site.

Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

3. Infrastructure Surtax Update

3A. Conservation Lands 23-0762

Recommended Action: No action required. For information only.

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Strategic Guide: N/A

Conservation Lands Manager Andi Christman presented the above item.

Ms. Christman displayed maps that showed the lands that have been purchased, those that are on the acquisition list, and the State wild 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. The Hitchcock Ranch is a great example of this practice. The tax is expected to raise \$150,000,000 for conservation lands and \$37,500,000 for the County active parks.

Commissioner Chestnut entered at 6:42 p.m.

3B. Parks and Open Space 23-0763

Recommended Action: No action required. For information only.

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Strategic Guide: N/A

Parks Director Jason Maurer presented the above item.

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Mr. Maurer informed the City of the Parks Master Plan process that the County undertook and displayed the results of the plan to the City showing them the plans for the City of Archer area to meet the needs of the community.

Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Mayor, City Commissioner Hope, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Alford, Mayor Bailey, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Alford, City Commissioner Green, Commissioner Wheeler, Jesse Murphy, and Chair Prizzia presented comments.

3C. Roads 23-0764

Recommended Action: No action required. For information only.

Fiscal Consideration: Funding Sources include General Fund Transfer, Infrastructure Surtax (70% of ½), Grants, 5 Cent Local Option Gas Tax (ELM Nickel), Impact Fees, and Multi Modal Transportation

Strategic Guide: N/A

Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete presented the above item.

Mr. Gavarrete 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.

Chair Prizzia, Vice Mayor Penny, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Hope, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Public Comment

Roberta Lopez, Jesse Murphy, Commissioner Alford, Ms. Greene, and Bob Kozicky presented comments.

Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

County Commission Comment

Commissioner Wheeler stated that she is excited to see all the things that the City has going for it and thinks the sewer system will be a huge factor in the development of the community.

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Commissioner Chestnut apologized for being late. He stated that the Archer Road traffic took longer to navigate than he expected. He looks forward to working with the City in the future.

Commissioner Cornell thanked the citizens for their participation and the City of Archer for hosting the meeting. He would love to hear an update on the City's plans for the sewer system and the development it will bring. He encouraged the City to pursue impact fees so that the new development will cover the expenses of dealing with that development and not the current residents.

Commissioner Alford stated that she enjoys what a welcoming community Archer has been since she moved here. She also encouraged the City to pursue impacts and stated there may be an opportunity that the County could collect the fees for the City since the County handles the City's building permits.

Chair Prizzia stated that it is great to see the citizen participation in these meetings. She thanked the City for hosting the meeting.

City Commission Comment

City Commissioner Greene thanked the County for visiting the City and listening to the concerns and needs of the community.

City Commissioner Hope expressed the need to four lane Archer Road all the out to the City of Archer.

Vice Mayor Penny stated that road maintenance is a large concern in the area. The potholes cause severe damage to vehicles and she looks forward to seeing what effect the new funding source will have on road maintenance.

Mayor Bailey thanked the members of the Archer Historical Society for all the great work they have done in the Community. She also invited everyone to attend the Town Hall Meeting on May 23, 2023. She further stated that the City will be considering impact fees.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.