

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – 9:30 A.M.  
Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Deputy Clerk Casey Miller

Chair Prizzia Called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Vice Chair Alford moved** approval of the agenda

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cornell

Chair Prizzia recognized Tamara Robbins who presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Items for Discussion**

#### 1. Meeting Process - Chair Anna Prizzia

Chair Prizzia would like there to be a policy regarding canceling meetings. Chair stated she believes that in order to cancel or postpone a meeting it should be done during the adoption of the agenda and a motion should be made. That way the public has a chance to speak on it.

Vice Chair Alford, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Chestnut, Vice Chair Alford, Commissioner Cornell, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Cornell, Vice Chair Alford, Chair Prizzia, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Wheeler, County Manager Lieberman, Vice Chair Alford, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, County Manager Lieberman, and Commissioner Chestnut, presented comments.

#### 2. Contract Process - Chair Anna Prizzia

Chair Prizzia stated she would like a better understanding of the process the partnership contracts go through between the times the Board approves them and when they become actual contracts with the individuals.

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Vice Chair Alford, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, County Manager Lieberman, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Chestnut, County Manager Lieberman, Vice Chair Alford, County Attorney Torres, Chair Prizzia and Vice Chair Alford all presented comments.

3. Housing for Those with Mental Health Challenges - Vice Chair Mary Alford

Vice Chair Alford stated she would like to think of creative ways to help out those with mental health challenges get housing.

County Manager Lieberman stated Ms. Tuck will be meeting with some of the Gainesville Opportunity Center Board Members next week to talk about housing opportunities. If the Board would like Ms. Tuck can report back to the County Commission Board after that meeting has occurred.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, Vice Chair Alford, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, County Attorney Torres, Chair Prizzia, Vice Chair Alford, Commissioner Cornell, and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

4. Cemetery Codes - Vice Chair Mary Alford

Vice Chair Alford would like an understanding of what the policies are at the county and state levels for cemeteries and which cemeteries they apply to.

Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Prizzia, vice Chair Alford, Commissioner Chestnut, Vice Chair Alford, Commissioner Chestnut, County Attorney Torres, and Commissioner Chestnut all presented comments.

5. Policy Discussion for Joint Projects with Gainesville - Commissioner Ken Cornell

Commissioner Cornell would like a policy for canceled projects with the city of Gainesville. By consensus, the Board directed the County Manager to compile a list of all joint projects and agreements between the County and the City of Gainesville and provide that list to the Board. That way when and if the City determines they can no longer afford or choose not to continue funding the item the Board can as part of the budget discussions consider the financial implications and make the decision to continue the project or not.

Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Vice Chair Alford, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Prizzia, Vice Chair Alford, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Prizzia, County Manager Lieberman, and Commissioner Cornell all presented comments.

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6. Clarification on Building Affordable Housing East of Main Street - Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler

Commissioner Wheeler advised the Board that the affordable housing advisory committee is seeking clarification on the Boards new policy on affordable housing and how it will affect their projects.

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

**Closing Comments**

Public Comment

Chair Prizzia recognized Tamara Robbins and Mr. Sterling who presented comments.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 A.M.