



## Alachua County Special Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2024, 3:00 PM

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

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**A. Call To Order**

**B. Welcome**

**C. Introduction**

1. Mayor, City of Gainesville
2. Chair, Alachua County Commission

**D. Adoption of the Agenda**

**City Commissioner Chestnut moved** adoption of the agenda with the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Update to be heard first. The motion carried 6-0 with City Commissioner Duncan-Walker out of the room.

2nd City Commissioner Willits

**County Commissioner Prizzia moved** to allow County Commissioner Chestnut to participate remotely due to medical reasons and to approve the agenda with the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Update to be heard first. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Cornell out of the room and Commissioner Chestnut not authorized to participate.

2nd County Commissioner Wheeler

**E. Items For Discussion**

1. Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area FY23 Annual Report FY 24 Workplan and Update on Airport Gateway - 24-00258  
GCRA Director Rick Smith presented the above item.

County Commissioner Cornell entered at 3:04 p.m.

Mr. Smith covered the following projects:

- Cornerstone/GTEC
- 8th Avenue & Waldo Road
- Downtown Strategic Plan
- Power District
- Former Fire Station
- Ambassador Program
- Heirs Property and Energy/Water Efficiency

City Commissioner Duncan-Walker entered at 3:35 p.m.

- My Neighborhood Grant Program
- Neighborhood Paint Program
- Heartwood
- FAPS Heritage Trail

City Commissioner Chestnut, County Commissioner Prizzia, Mayor Ward, County Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Chair Alford presented comments.

**City Commissioner Chestnut moved** the following:

1. That the City of Gainesville Commission revisit the Heirs Property Funding Allocation decision and direct staff to return with recommendations to continue the program.
2. To approve the staff recommended action on the Airport Gateway Project and the implementation of stakeholder outreach/engagement and the design of a committee.

2nd City Commissioner Duncan-Walker

- Gateway Master Plan

Economic Development/Food Systems Manager Sean McLendon presented the above item.

**Commissioner Prizzia moved** to approve the staff recommended action on the Airport Gateway Project and the implementation of stakeholder outreach/engagement and the design of a committee.

2nd Commissioner Cornell

County Commissioner Cornell, County Commissioner Wheeler, Chair Alford, Mayor Ward, City Commissioner Chestnut, and City Commissioner Willits presented comments.

Mayor Ward recognized Kali Blount who presented comments to the Boards.

The City Motion carried 7-0.

The County Motion carried 5-0.

2. Steps, Stakeholders and Activities Regarding Gun Violence Prevention - 24-00265

City of Gainesville Community Health Director Brandy Stone, Gun Violence Intervention Program Manager Brittany Coleman, and City of Gainesville Assistant Police Chief Moya presented the above item.

County Commissioner Prizzia, City Manager Curry, Chair Alford, County Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Book, County Commissioner Wheeler, City Parks and Recreation Roxana Gonzalez, City of Gainesville Parks and Recreation Ms. Kelly, City Commissioner Chestnut, and City Commissioner Willits, presented comments.

County Presentation

Deputy County Manager Smart presented the County Gun Violence status.

County Commissioner Cornell, City of Gainesville Assistant Chief of Police Moya, Chair Alford, Brady Stone, City of Gainesville Parks and Cultural Affairs Director Roxy Morales, City Manager Curry, County Commissioner Prizzia, and Mayor Ward presented comments.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to approve \$150,000 of funds allocated from the one-time American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation and ask staff to bring back recommendations during the budget cycle on how to best address the gun violence crisis.

2nd Commissioner Prizzia

City Commissioner Willits, City Manager Curry, Mayor Ward, City Commissioner Duncan-Walker, County Commissioner Prizzia, County Commissioner Cornell, and Mayor Ward presented comments.

Chair Alford exited at 7:06 p.m.

County Commissioner Prizzia presented comments.

Mayor Ward recognized Dale Scott, Derrell Whitehead, Kali Blount, and Kimber Tuck who presented comments.

**The motion carried 4-0 with Chair Alford out of the room.**

**COMMISSION RECESSED AT: 7:25 P.M.**

**COMMISSION RECONVENED: 7:35 P.M.**

3. Joint City/County Housing Update - 24-00273

City of Gainesville Director of Housing and Community Development Corey Harris and Deputy County Manager Carl Smart presented the above item.

City Commissioner Willits, GRACE Marketplace Director Jon DeCarmine, County Commissioner Wheeler, County Commissioner Cornell, City of Gainesville Chief Operating Officer Anthony Persons, Mayor Ward, County Commissioner Prizzia, Mayor Ward, and County Manager Lieberman, presented comments.

City Commissioner Duncan-Walker exited at 9:08 p.m.

By consensus, both Boards requested that Joint Meeting agendas have only one topic on them for discussion.

County Commissioner Prizzia, Mayor Ward, County Commissioner Cornell, and City Commissioner Book presented comments.

Mayor Ward recognized Carla Gantley, Quill Kashawn, Alfredo Morales, Kenji Roker, Dr. Eaton, and Kimber Tuck who presented comments to the Board.

**F. Public Comment**

**G. Commission General Comments and Information Discussion**

1. County Commission Comment

There were no comments offered.

2. City Commission Comment

There were no comments offered.

**H. Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.