



Joint City-County Commission Special Meeting
MINUTES

April 17, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
City Hall Auditorium
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

Members Present: Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book,
Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro
Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner
Eastman, Commissioner Saco,
Commissioner Willits

A. CALL TO ORDER - 3:00 PM

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker

Motion: The City Commission adopt the agenda.

Aye (7): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro
Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, Commissioner Saco, and
Commissioner Willits

Approved (7 to 0)

C. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2023-373 Community Development Financial Institution (B)

Chris Vucas, VyStar Bank spoke to the item.

Heather Horovitz, VyStar Bank gave a presentation.

Recommendation: The City Commission and Board of County Commissioners hear a presentation from VyStar on Community Development Financial Institutions and take action deemed necessary.

Heard

2. 2023-375 Joint City-County Housing Presentation (B)

Carl Smart, Deputy County Manager spoke to the item.

Andrew Persons, Special Advisor to the City Manager spoke to the item.

Corey Harris, Housing and Community Development Director gave a presentation.

Claudia Tuck, Director of Alachua County Community Support Services gave a presentation.

Public Comment: Kali Blount

Recommendation: The City Commission and Board of County Commissioners receive a presentation from City and County staff.

Heard

3. 2023-369 Infrastructure and Wild Spaces / Public Places Surtax Update (B)

Phil Mann, Special Advisor to the City Manager spoke to the item.

David Forziano, Sr. Assistant County Attorney spoke to the item.

Betsy Waite, Director of Wild Spaces, Public Places gave a presentation.

Anthony Cunningham, General Manager of Utilities spoke to the item.

Mayor Harvey Ward Jr. left the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Duncan-Walker seated as Chair.

Jason Maurer, Parks and Open Space Director gave a presentation.

Andi Christman, Program Manager for Alachua County Conservation Program gave a presentation.

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) receive a presentation from staff.

D. MEMBER COMMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Duncan-Walker - 1) Thanks to all, really enjoyed joint housing presentation. 2) County Heritage Trail - is there appetite to bring in experts to do the work to ensure success and accuracy of the work.

Commissioner Eastman - Thanks for collaboration with County. Going to need it given budget/service cuts we are facing. Looking forward to continued collaboration.

E. ADJOURNMENT - 6:36 PM

Omichele D. Nattiel-Williams, IIMC-CMC, City Clerk