



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number:** 2023-1116

**Agenda Date:** December 7, 2023

**Department:** Transportation

**Title:** 2023-1116 Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and City of Gainesville Pertaining to the Southwest Downtown Parking Garage (B)

**Department:** Transportation

**Description:** Request for the City Commission to approve the updated agreement.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. Expected cost to remove the designation of parking spaces can be absorbed into the operational funds in the Transportation Department.

**Explanation:** The City of Gainesville and Alachua County entered into an Interlocal agreement on October 24, 2000, to enable the construction of the Alachua County Judicial Complex by the County and of the Southwest Downtown Parking Garage (the “Garage”) by the City to meet downtown as well as juror and County employee parking needs. Subsequent amendments to the agreement were executed on August 10, 2004 and September 9, 2015. Since then, all financial and construction obligations of the agreement have been satisfied, except for the remaining obligation to provide parking spaces for the County at the garage, which remains in effect until January 1, 2035.

City and County staff propose to terminate the original agreement as amended and replace it with a new Interlocal agreement that pertains only to use of the garage. The new agreement maintains the current provisions related to the number of spaces and periods of allowable use, and maintains the original term of the agreement. The new agreement eliminates the reservation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors for County-designated spaces, in favor of an agreement whereby the City will make 225 spaces available to County users anywhere in the garage. Staff believes this will improve the overall user experience for all customers of the garage.

**Strategic Connection:**

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy

☒ Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

**Recommendation:** 1) City Commission approve the Interlocal agreement and 2) authorize the Mayor or designee to execute the agreement with Alachua County, and any other necessary or related documents, on behalf of the City, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.