

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
Micanopy Town Hall
706 NE Chokolka Boulevard
Micanopy, Florida

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

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

Mayor Joseph Aufmuth, Mayor Pro Tem Timothy A. Parker, Town Commissioner Virginia Mance, Town Commissioner Troy Blakely, Town Commissioner Mike Roberts

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

Town Administrator Sara Owen and Town Attorney Scott Walker

Call To Order

Welcome

Introduction

Mayor Joseph Aufmuth, Town of Micanopy

Chair Ken Cornell, Alachua County Commission

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Alford moved adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 5-0.

Items For Discussion

1. Potential Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) Extension with Housing and Infrastructure 21-0252

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Discussion of the Potential Extension of Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) Surtax with Inclusion of Housing and Infrastructure Projects

Chair Cornell presented the above item.

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Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Prizzia, Mayor Aufmuth, Mayor Pro Tem Timothy A. Parker, Town Commissioner Mance, Town Commissioner Blakely, Town Commissioner Roberts, Town Commissioner Mance, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

2. Residential Rental Unit Permit and Inspection Program 21-0484

Fiscal Consideration: At the previous meeting, the Commissioners determined they would likely pursue this in-house. For the unincorporated area, this would potentially involve 4 FTE Codes Officers and 1 FTE Licensing clerk/staff assistant at a first year cost including salary, benefits, vehicles and necessary equipment of \$454,000 and a second year cost of \$345,000.

This number may be higher if other municipalities are included. This program is not yet in place in Alachua County, this program is not in the budget, and as such, this program can be discussed during the FY22 budget development process. The permit fees would have to be at a level to cover all costs associated with the program. For 7,000 units, the fee would be between \$50 to \$65 per permit. This fee would need to be added to the fee schedule and adjusted as necessary to cover the cost of the program.

Recommended Action: Receive the presentation; provide direction to staff concerning inclusion of other municipalities

Chair Cornell and Growth Management Director Missy Daniels presented the above item.

Mayor Aufmuth, Commissioner Alford, Chair Cornell, Mayor Pro Tem Timothy A. Parker, Town Commissioner Mance Commissioner Alford, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Prizzia, Town Commissioner Blakely, Town Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Pro Tem Parker presented comments.

At 8:06 p.m. the power went out due to a storm. The meeting continued, audio was kept with a few minutes missing due to power failure.

Town Commissioner Mance, a citizen, a citizen, a citizen, Commissioner Wheeler, and Town Commissioner Mance presented comments.

Urban Reserve Area

Town Commissioner Mance stated that 10 years ago the County Commission removed the Town of Micanopy's Urban Reserve area which severely impacted the Town's ability to annex property. She would like to see the Urban Reserve Area restored.

Mayor Aufmuth, Town Commissioner Mance, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Town Commissioner Mance, Mayor Pro Tem Parker, and Mayor Aufmuth presented comments.

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County Manager Lieberman advised that the Boundary Adjustment Act has been repealed and now annexation within Alachua County is dictated by State law. As long as any area the Town of Micanopy wishes to annex meets the requirements under State law the annexation is approved. The Board is working on establishing some boundaries under State law provided on the provision of services. The Town of Micanopy can pursue the option with the County if they wish.

County Road Infrastructure Improvements

Mayor Pro Tem Parker stated that the smaller roads in the Micanopy area are in horrible condition. County Road 234 is an arterial road but needs major work done to be in a safe condition.

Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete stated that the Public Works is currently working with the City of Waldo and the City of Hawthorne on what types of inkind services the Public Works Department can do to assist the smaller municipalities with infrastructure needs. Things such as providing millings, grading, some surveying services and things such as that.

Mr. Gavarrete also stated that the County is working on a new pavement management system to prioritize which roads to work on first. Funding is always an issue regardless of what system is being used. The matter will be presented to the Board shortly and show the Commission what can be done at different funding levels.

Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, and Mayor Pro Tem Parker presented comments.

Public Comment

Mayor Aufmuth recognized Jack Moore, H Greg, Bruce Borders, Bobby Singleton, Arron Webber, Mary Darren, Lauren Moore, Arlie Holmes, a citizen, Bob Forges, a citizen, Margaret DiLeo, Jennifer Beck, and Wayne Cope presented comments.

Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

County Commission Comment

Commissioner Wheeler stated that the Tourist Development Council is going to work on advertising the historical show that the City will be hosting on November 12.

Commissioner Alford presented comments in support of scenic roads. She stated that her comments on scenic roads have been mischaracterized.

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Commissioner Chestnut thanked the Town of Micanopy for hosting the meeting and that he has heard all the comments made and will take them into account in his decision making process.

County Manager Lieberman and Missy Daniels advised the public that the meeting pertaining to the Dollar General have not been scheduled yet. They encouraged the public to add their names to the County list so that they will be notified when the Public Hearings will be held.

Commissioner Prizzia thanked the Town for hosting the meeting and the citizen's dedication to be willing to participate in the meeting in the dark with no power.

Chair Cornell thanked the citizens for their participation and stated that the Board is committed to serving all the citizens in the County.

Town Commission Comment

Town Commissioner Roberts stated that he has been friends with Commissioner Chestnut for 40 years and values the relationship greatly. He stated that citizens have no idea how difficult some of the decisions are that the Boards have to make and thanked the Commissioners for listening to the concerns of Micanopy.

Town Commissioner Blakely thanked the County Commission for coming to Micanopy and listening to the citizens.

Town Commissioner Mance stated that working with this new County Commission has been encouraging for the Town of Micanopy. She further stated that she is excited about Cuscowilla and seeing what it has to offer and what assistance the County can offer for the Town's 200 year anniversary and upcoming presentation.

Town Commissioner Mance requested that the County send notice of the Public Hearings to the new Town Administrator Sara Owen and she will make sure everyone in the Town is notified.

Mayor Pro Tem Parker stated it was great to meet with the Board and discuss the issues facing the Town and County. He stated that Cuscowilla is a great addition to the town and requested any assistance the County can provide advertising the Town of Micanopy July 4th celebration. He also expressed concerns regarding the Rental Inspections Program.

Chair Cornell stated that the County should consider having a Micanopy Day at the Cuscowilla facility.

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Mayor Aufmuth stated that it is great having a working relationship with the County again and looked forward to working with the Commission.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 P.M.

