

**Add-on Agenda Item #43
for
Meeting of Tuesday,
July 13, 2021**

General Business:

43. **ADDED** - Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the July 13, 2021 Joint Workshop on Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and the Residential Real Estate and Construction Market
(County Administrator/ County Administration)

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Leon County Board of County Commissioners

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Vincent S. Long, County Administrator



Title: Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the July 13, 2021 Joint Workshop on Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and the Residential Real Estate and Construction Market

Review and Approval:	Vincent S. Long, County Administrator
Department/ Division Review:	Alan Rosenzweig, Deputy County Administrator Ken Morris, Assistant County Administrator
Lead Staff/ Project Team:	Shington Lamy, Director of Human Services and Community Partnerships Nicki Paden, Management Analyst

Statement of Issue:

This item seeks ratification of Board actions taken at the July 13, 2021 Joint Workshop on Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and the Residential Real Estate and Construction Market.

Fiscal Impact:

This item has a fiscal impact consistent with previous direction by the Board to dedicate a portion of the County's allocation of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act to address homelessness.

Staff Recommendation:

Option #1: Ratify the actions taken at the July 13, 2021 Joint Workshop on Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and the Residential Real Estate and Construction Market.

Report and Discussion

Background:

On April 13, 2021, the Board directed the County Administrator to work with the City Manager to schedule a joint workshop on homelessness in Tallahassee-Leon County. Subsequently, on June 8, 2021, the Board requested an update on the local public housing opportunities administered by the Tallahassee Housing Authority (THA), including the Orange Avenue Apartments Redevelopment, and a status report on the current housing and residential construction market to be provided during the joint workshop.

On July 13, 2021, the Board and City Commission held the Joint Workshop on Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and the Residential Real Estate and Construction Market. During the Workshop, the Commissioners received two staff presentations related to local homelessness and housing initiatives, as well as materials on the residential real estate and construction market in Tallahassee-Leon County. This item seeks ratification of actions taken at the workshop.

Analysis:

During the Joint Workshop on Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and the Residential Real Estate and Construction Market, County and City staff presented the following reports related to home affordability:

- A report on homelessness in Tallahassee-Leon County, including current local data on individuals and families experiencing homelessness, available homelessness prevention resources, and recommendations to build upon the County and City's investments and initiatives related to ending homelessness.
- An update on local public housing programs administered by THA, including the status of the Orange Avenue Apartments Redevelopment project and an overview of the newly issued Emergency Housing Vouchers allocated to THA under the American Rescue Plan.

For each report and presentation, the following industry stakeholders participated in the workshop and provided input to the joint Commissions.

- Amanda Wander, Big Bend Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Brenda Williams, Tallahassee Housing Authority
- Raymond Kuniansky, Columbia Residential

Following discussion on the presented items, the County-City Commissions approved the recommended actions provided within each report, as summarized below.

For Joint Workshop Item #1: Report on Homelessness in Tallahassee-Leon County, the following options were approved:

- Option #1: Accept the report on homelessness in Tallahassee-Leon County.
- Option #2: Contract with the Big Bend Continuum of Care in the amount of \$1.410 million for street outreach, neighborhood-based agency capacity, permanent supportive housing as well as coordination and support in the implementation of the proposed Homeless Services Category under the Community Human Services Partnership.
- Option #3: Establish a new Homeless Services Category under the Community Human Services Partnership and reallocate the existing \$797,193 in existing funding and \$3,075,000 in one-time funding from the joint County-City American Rescue Plan Act for homelessness for the upcoming two-year funding cycle (FY 2023 and FY 2024); and authorize the County Administrator and City Manager to execute a modification to the City-County CHSP Memorandum of Understanding to effectuate this change.

For Joint Workshop Item #2: Tallahassee Housing Authority and the Orange Avenue Apartments Redevelopment Project Update, the following option was approved:

- Option #1: Accept the report on the Tallahassee Housing Authority and the Orange Avenue Apartments Redevelopment Project.

Options:

1. Ratify the actions taken at the July 13, 2021 Joint Workshop on Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and the Residential Real Estate and Construction Market.
2. Do not ratify the actions taken at the July 13, 2021 Joint Workshop on Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and the Residential Real Estate and Construction Market.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

- Option #1