

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

July 12, 2021

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Gail Johnson (At Large, Seat B)
Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 6:04 PM**AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

Present 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

Absent 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Arreola asked when the budget would be presented (for clarification).

Lee Feldman, City Manager clarified budget would be presented at tomorrow's meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**201225. Fire Assessment - Preliminary Rate Resolution (B)**

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the provision and funding of fire services, facilities and programs in the City of Gainesville; providing for the imposition and computation of fire services special assessments; providing for legislative determinations of special benefit and fair apportionment; describing the method of assessing fire services assessed costs against assessed property located within the City of Gainesville; establishing the estimated assessment rate for fire assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; providing for hardship assistance; providing for method of collection; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; providing for application of assessment proceeds; providing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date.

Lee Feldman introduced.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) establish a Preliminary Rate of \$133.00 per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit for the Fire Services Special Assessment; 2) set the public hearing on the Annual Rate Resolution at 6:00 pm (or as soon thereafter as may be heard) on September 13, 2021; and 3) adopt the proposed Preliminary Rate Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

210035.

Proposed Fire Inspection Fee Modifications (B)

This item requests the City Commission hear a presentation on proposed modifications to fire fees in Appendix A Schedule of Fees, Rates, and Charges for the City of Gainesville and to provide direction to staff for implementation of the modifications to coincide with development of the FY22-23 budget.

Lee Feldman spoke and introduced the item.

Assistant Fire Chief Hillhouse spoke to the matter.

Fire Chief Joseph Dixon gave a presentation.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear the presentation and authorize the City Attorney to draft, and the City Clerk to advertise, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances amending the Fire Fees in Appendix A.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

210115.

Discussion on Maximum Parking Rates (B)

Discuss creating a resolution of the City Commission, establishing the maximum parking rates for on street parking and off Street Parking in accordance with Division 2, Article III, Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Florida; authorizing the City Manager to establish rates up to the maximum rate; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

This item is a proposal to adjust parking fees based on data and multiple parking studies to improve parking system management.

Motion: 1) Change in fee structure. Motion passed unanimously; and 2) Neighborhood increase. Motion passed 4-2. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson and Commissioner Arreola in dissent. Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent.

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.

Malisa McCreedy gave a presentation.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize via the City Manager the City's Department of Transportation & Mobility development of new parking fee structure and associated documentation.*

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nathan Skop

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Arreola - Hopes everyone got a good rest. Hopes tomorrow's budget is robust and reflects a balanced budget. Concerned about funding for youth services, which didn't appear to be reflected in budget at the last time the budget was presented.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson - Asked the City Manager to shed light on process. Mr. Feldman spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Ward - Thinks the exercise of setting budget priorities will be a good exercise for the Commission. Also wants an update in the near future from Chief Jones, GPD about what's being done to address crime and anything else we can do.

Mayor Poe - City received a grant fund for six additional disrupters to help direct crime and violence in our city.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:17 PM