

# City of Gainesville

*City Hall*  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes - Draft

October 22, 2020

1:00 PM

**Virtual Teleconference Meeting**

## General Policy Committee

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)  
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)  
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)  
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)  
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)  
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem David Arreola (District 3)  
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**CALL TO ORDER - 1:00 PM****ROLL CALL**

**Present** 7 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, and Commissioner Ward

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**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:** 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[200369.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the General Policy Committee Meeting of September 24, 2020 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of September 24, 2020.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

[200351.](#) **State Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY 2021-22 (B)**

*Motion: 1) Opposition to the Anti-Protest Act Bill language (authorize legal staff to work with other organizations opposing potential challenges to the bill); 2) Support legislation to allow virtual local government meetings at times declared emergencies; and 3) Support legislation for halting evictions during natural disasters.*

*Lee Feldman, City Manager introduced the item.*

*T.J. Harrington, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator reviewed the draft list of State Legislative ideas and Departmental/Charter appropriations requests for the FY 2021-22 State Legislative Session.*

*Ryan Matthews, State Lobbyist spoke to the matter.*

*Armando Grundy-Gomes and Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION      *The General Policy Committee review and discuss the draft list of State Legislative items and establish FY 2021-22 State Legislative priorities for both our state lobbying team and our state legislative delegation.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, and Commissioner Ward

[200420.](#)      **General Policy Committee Administration Session (B)**

*Zeriah Folston, Policy Oversight Administrator gave a presentation.*

*November 12, 2020 GPC Agenda*

*Update on the Panhandling Ordinance; 2) Staff's Strategic Plan; and 3) Place-holder for any issues related to housing that come out of the November 5th meeting.*

*December 10, 2020 GPC Agenda*

*1) Federal Legislative Agenda; and 2) Public Health Update and Economic Outlook.*

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION      *The General Policy Committee will set their agendas for the last quarter of FY20.*

**Discussed**

[200410.](#)      **Real Estate Market Update (B)**

The City Commission hear a presentation by Colliers International introducing themselves and providing an overview of the real estate market.

*Lee Feldman introduced the item.*

*Ken Krasnow, Dan Drotos and Suzzane McDonough, Colliers International gave presentations.*

*Armando Grundy-Gomes and Tana Silva spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *The City Commission hear the presentation from Colliers International and provide input and feedback deemed appropriate.*

**Heard**

**200422.** **Commissioner Harvey Ward - Homeless Services Specific to the South Main Street Area (B)**

*Motion: 1) Ask City Manager to add garbage cans to the area surrounding Lynch Park on South Main Street; 2) Add a minimum of two portable toilet facilities to the area; 3) Request a report on adding lockers to the vicinity from management; 4) Mayor send a letter to the County Commission to ask for support with housing-based social work outreach; 5) Manager's office work with Mr. DeCarmine on a social work plan if the county cannot meet those needs; 6) Work with Gainesville Housing Authority to find housing subsidy vouchers; or to obtain housing vouchers; 7) Request an overview of what County social services are already occurring related to homeless street outreach; and 8) An update from staff at the November 19, 2020 City Commission meeting.*

*Kimber, Frank Edwards, Alfredo Morales, Hanna Bunkin, Nathan Skop, Kim and Jon DeCarmine spoke to the matter.*

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter*

**RECOMMENDATION** *The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, and Commissioner Ward

**200439.** **Office of Capital Asset Planning and Economic Resilience (CAPER) (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff on newly formed City department.*

**Postponed to the next City Commission meeting.**

**ADJOURNMENT- 6:05 PM**