

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

September 27, 2021

5:00 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 - 5:02 PM

AGENDA STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola
- Absent** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Saco, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

210453. University of Florida Campus Development Agreement (B)

Motion: Schedule this for two public hearings in November & staff work with UF and County on housing.

Dr. Charlie Lane and Linda Dixon gave a presentation.

Commissioner Saco arrived at 5:03 PM.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Jo Beaty.

Recess - 5:54pm

Reconvene - 6:00pm

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear presentation from the University of Florida and approve scheduling the required public hearings for adoption of the UF-City-County Campus Development Agreement before December 2021.

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

[210416.](#)

Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker - Interim City Attorney Appointment (NB)

Motion: Authorize negotiations with Dan Nee.

Ballot style to determine which internal candidate for appointment.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission appoint an Interim City Attorney.*

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Saco

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[210370.](#)

Resolution Instructing the Mayor to Issue a Proclamation Calling a Special Election on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 and Establishing the Qualifying Dates for the Special Election (B)

Resolution No. 210370

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, instructing the Mayor to issue a proclamation calling a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 to elect a City Commissioner (At-Large B) due to a vacancy created by resignation; establishing the qualifying dates for the special election; providing directions to the City Clerk; and providing an effective date.

Motion: Approve resolution and ask City Clerk to reach out to Supervisor of Elections to see what we can arrange to allow earlier times for early voting/drop boxes.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Jo Beaty,, Debbie Martinez, Armando Grundy-Gomes

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the resolution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved by Consensus. The motion

carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Armando Grundy-Gomez

City Clerk to offer an opinion if the CRC can reconvene.

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT - 6:29 PM