

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

September 12, 2019

1:00 PM

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multi-Purpose Room

## **General Policy Committee**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER - 1:06 PM**

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Arreola

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Amendment: Amend the order of agenda items to hear item #190323 first; and #190282 second.*

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

- Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor Poe

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**190349. Approval of Minutes (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of August 22, 2019.*

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

- Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor Poe

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

**190323. Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid with Alachua County for Fire and EMS Services (B)**

This item requests the General Policy Committee hear a presentation on the proposed Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid with Alachua County for Fire and EMS Services and refer the agreement to the next Joint City-County Commission Meeting.

*Dan Hoffman, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item. Reviewed the item. Gave an update on the GFR team that returned from assisting in the Bahamas.*

*Joann Rice, Deputy Fire Chief, gave a presentation on behalf of Jeff Lane, Fire Chief.*

*Commissioner Simmons asked a question about the Urban Services Boundary area.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question about fire response times. Asked for data from GFR; they can provide. GFR responded. Dan Hoffman responded.*

*Commissioner Warren asked a question about ambulance transfers. Joann Rice responded.*

*Dan Hoffman commented that the item will be added to the agenda for an upcoming City Commission meeting for approval.*

*Mayor Poe arrived at 1:25 PM.*

*Dan Hoffman acknowledged the cooperation and responsiveness of the County Fire Chief.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee 1) hear a presentation on the proposed Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid with Alachua County for Fire and EMS Services; 2) provide direction to staff; and 3) refer the agreement to the next Joint City-County Commission Meeting.*

**Heard**

**190282. Adoption of the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Transit Development Plan (TDP) for FY20-FY29 (B)**

The item involves a request by the City Commission to receive a presentation and adopt the Regional Transit System (RTS) Transit Development Plan (TDP) for FY20-FY29.

*Dan Hoffman introduced the item. Gave a presentation on behalf of Malisa McCreedy, Director of Mobility. Commented that the item is titled incorrectly – the plan is not to be approved today; it will be added to an upcoming City Commission meeting.*

*Dan Hoffman gave an update on the City's recently awarded National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant with the University of Florida. Will be asking permission at a future meeting to apply for a different NFS grant.*

*Dan Hoffman gave an update on the Autonomous Vehicle Shuttle.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward asked a question about funding for the program. Dan Hoffman responded.*

*Dan Hoffman commented on an upcoming ordinance on dockless mobility.*

*Jesus Gomez, Transit Director provided an update on Microtransit.*

*Commissioner Simmons asked a question about ridership. RTS staff responded.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question about routes and funding. RTS staff responded.*

*Commissioner Johnson asked a question about the system app. Dan Hoffman responded about the app and the launch timeline. Commissioner Johnson asked a follow-up question; asked RTS to issue a press release.*

*Mayor Commissioner Pro Tem Ward spoke to the matter, thanked staff for the service.*

*Commissioner Simmons spoke to the matter. Asked questions about routes. RTS staff responded. Dan Hoffman responded. Presented about a successful new Microtransit route.*

*Dan Hoffman presented on mobility hub location analysis.*

*Randall Farwell from Tindale Oliver, consultants, gave a presentation on the Transit Development Plan (TDP).*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question about transit trends.*

*Commissioner Simmons asked a question about mobility on demand. Mr. Farwell responded. Dan Hoffman responded.*

*Commissioner Warren asked questions about services and costs; spoke to the matter. Mr. Farwell; Dan Hoffman responded.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented on and asked questions about services. Mr. Farwell and RTS responded.*

*Commissioner Johnson asked questions about the last TPD. Jesus Gomez responded; Dan Hoffman responded. Mayor Poe spoke to the matter.*

*Commissioner Simmons thanked staff; asked questions about services. Mr. Farwell responded.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward thanked staff and consultants.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question. Consultant responded.*

*Mayor Poe thanked staff for the presentation. Dan Hoffman responded, item will go to Commission in October.*

*Mayor Poe asked if Cannabis item could be moved to next on the agenda.*

*Citizen asked about public comment on the TDP item. Mayor Poe responded.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission receive a presentation and adopt the Regional Transit System Transit Development Plan for FY20-FY29.*

**Heard**

[190369.](#)**Cannabis Arrests Update (B)**

*Motion: 1) Direct City policy staff and the City Manager to look for ways to reduce cannabis arrests to zero; 2) Ask GPD to provide information on criminal charges and demographics data; and data from the state on diversion programs; and 3) Provide Information on the perp walk and traffic stops (with demographic data).*

*GPD Police Chief Tony Jones introduced the item. Captain Jaime Kurnick, gave a presentation.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward asked a question about heat maps. Ms. Kurnick responded.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos spoke to the matter. Would like to have quarterly updates and data from GPD on cannabis arrests and other services provided. Asked a question about requiring service fees for police service.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos spoke to the matter. Would like to find creative ways to reduce cannabis arrests. Would like the Commission to ask policy staff to look into ways to do that.*

*Commissioner Johnson thanked staff for the presentation. Asked a question about police committee. Jamie Kurnick responded about what is now the Police Advisory Committee. Commissioner Johnson asked a question about traffic stops; and requested information about perp walks in the media. Ms. Kurnick can provide that data.*

*Commissioner Simmons asked a question.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission hear a presentation by staff.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Arreola

[190361.](#)**State Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY 2020 (B)**

*Motion: Adopt the recommended list of items to include in the State Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY2020. 1) Mental Health Central Receiving Facility; 2) Affordable Housing; 3) Guns; 4) Santa Fe Campus; 5) Jobs; 6) Florida Forever; and 7) Wastewater Improvements Septic-to-Sewer Conversion.*

*Assistant City Manager Fred Murry spoke to the matter of the Commission's legislative items and priorities to include in the legislative agenda. Requested the Commission to identify priorities to include in the legislative packet and discuss with the local delegation. Mental health/central receiving facility, affordable housing, guns, public safety, Santa Fe College job growth, water/environment have stood out so far.*

Mayor Poe spoke to the matter.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward spoke to the matter.

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Commissioner Johnson spoke to the matter; asked about consideration of the Sun Coast Connector and its impact on tourism in the City. Mayor Poe responded. Requested that the matter be added to an MTPO agenda for discussion in October.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos spoke to the matter. Fred Murry responded.

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss the list of State Legislative items submitted and determine the top five items to include in the City's Legislative packet for FY 2020.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Arreola

[190064.](#)

**Update on LED Mass Change-Out and Smart Streetlight (B)**

*Lucian Badea and Gabriel Miranda, GRU, gave presentations.*

*Commissioner Johnson left the meeting at 4:45 PM.*

*Mayor Poe thanked staff.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question. Lucian Badea responded. Follow-up questions. Gabriel Miranda responded.*

*Commissioner Warren asked a question about cost. Gabriel Miranda responded.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question about cost. Lucian Badea responded.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward commented on data collection.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *Hear a presentation from staff and take any action deemed appropriate.*

**Heard**

[190370.](#)

**GPC Referral List (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee discuss and take appropriate action.*

**No Action Taken**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Kali Blount*

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**ADJOURNMENT - 5:00 PM**