

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

September 26, 2019

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

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 - 6:05 PM

AGENDA STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Modification: Continue Item No. 190360 and put on the October 3, 2019 agenda.

Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Brian O'Brien, Jo Beaty, Dwayne Baines, Jim Konish, Donald Shepherd, Chris Rhodes and Robert Mounds spoke to the matter.

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

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

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

[190408.](#)

Reconsider the County Funding Option for GRACE Marketplace and Dignity Village (B)

Motion: 1) Direct staff to find funds (\$250,000) to support GRACE for this year that would otherwise have gone to the County, support Dignity Village transition; and 2) Make Commission priority to develop a working plan for long-term funding for GRACE and rapid-rehousing.

Fred Murry spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Jim Konish, Darlene Pifalo, Donald Shepherd, Dwayne Baines, Chris Rhodes, Arnall Downs and Joe Jackson spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *That the City Commission discuss the funding reconsideration and provide staff direction with respect to funding and services.*

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: 5 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Arreola, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

[190360.](#)

Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County Sheriff for Direct Radio Communication Between 911 Public Safety Answering Points and First Responders (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) authorizes the Mayor and BOCC Chair to enter into the proposed Inter-local agreement between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County Sheriff for Direct radio communication between 911 public safety answering points and first responders.

Continued to October 3, 2019.

BUDGET

Ordinances, 2nd Readings - Roll Call Required

[190210.](#)

Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges for Utilities - Electricity, Water, Sewerage, and Natural Gas; and Related Revisions to Chapter 27 (B)

Ordinance No. 190210

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to utilities; by amending section 27-31 relating to public streetlight and rental outdoor light services; by amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges to revise fees, rates and charges for electricity, water, sewerage, and natural gas; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Jim Konish, Robert Mounts, Doc Gordon, Julie O'Brien, Ray Washington, Arnall Downs, Jeremiah Tattersall, George Brown, Robert Arnold, Tyra Edwards, Donald Shepherd, Darlene Pifalo, Cary Bryant, Illiana Archer, Karinda, Wilbur Holloway, Lorelee Hutchinson, Dwayne Baines, Patrice Bryant, Gary Gordon, Jo Beaty, Jancie Vinson, David Ott, Chris Rhodes, Jeff Larsen, Ellie Chisolm, Maria Huff Edwards, Maureen Rushly, Cindy Gordon, Faye Williams, Christine Larsen, Lauren Martin and Lizzie Lunier spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

[181032.](#)**Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates & Charges FY 2020 (B)**

Ordinance No. 181032

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges of the Code of Ordinances by revising fees, rates and charges for the following: adult performance establishment, escort service and escort licenses; alcoholic beverages; cemetery; controlled vehicular parking area decals/permits; fire/rescue; health and sanitation; home occupation permit; land development code; parks, recreation and cultural affairs; peddlers, solicitors and canvassers; police; registered domestic partnerships; right-of-way obstruction permits; secondhand goods; streets, sidewalks and other public places; utilities - solid waste and recyclables; utilities - stormwater management; and vehicles for hire; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Jim Konish, Nathan Skop, George Brown, Debbie Martinez, and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

PUBLIC HEARING**Resolutions**[190383.](#)**Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (B)**

Resolution No. 190383

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to the levy of general municipal purpose Ad Valorem Taxes for the 2019-2020 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020; adopting the Final Millage Rate; directing the transmittal of certified copies; authorizing a specified adjustment to the final millage rate; and providing an immediate effective date.

Karen Fiore gave a presentation.

Nathan Skop, Jim Konish, Debbie Martinez, Wilbur Holloway, George Brown, Jeremiah

Tattersall, Donald Shepherd and Chris Rhodes spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) hear presentation from City staff regarding the final millage rate; 2) hear testimony from all interested person; and 3) adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

[190368.](#)

Gainesville Regional Utilities Budget - Fiscal Year 2020 (B)

Resolution No. 190368

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the budget for the City of Gainesville d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020; projecting revenues and adopting a budget to pay for personnel services expenses, operating and maintenance expenses and other expenses, for capital outlay, and for debt service requirements; and providing an immediate effective date.

Jim Konish, Debbie Martinez, Nathan Skop and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

[190397.](#)

Final General Government Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (B)

Resolution No. 190397

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its General Government Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020; adopting the Final General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget; and providing an immediate effective date.

Nathan Skop, Donald Shepherd and Chris Rhodes spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Nathan Skop
George Brown
David Ruiz*

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT - 10:07 PM