

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

March 25, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

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**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[200909.](#)**Approval of Minutes from the General Policy Committee Meeting of February 25, 2021 (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of February 25, 2021.

[200909 February 25, 2021 Minutes 20210325](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS[200740.](#)**US Job Corps Property (B)**

This item is a request to the City Commission to provide direction to staff on future disposition and potential programming of the US Job Corps property.

Explanation: The US Job Corps property is owned by the United States of America under the auspices of the General Services Administration. It is located at 5301 NE 40th Terrace proximate to the City's Airport Industrial Park and has been vacant since January, 2019. It is reported that environmental contamination of the site from a neighboring industrial site was a precipitating factor for discontinuing the activities occurring on site.

Job Corps is the largest nationwide residential career training program in the country and has been operating for more than 50 years. The program helps eligible young people ages 16 through 24 complete their high school education, trains them for meaningful careers, and assists them with obtaining employment. Job Corps has trained and educated over two million individuals since 1964.

At Job Corps, students have access to room and board while they learn skills in specific training areas for up to three years. In addition to helping students complete their education, obtain career technical skills and gain employment, Job Corps also provides transitional support services, such as help finding employment, housing, child care, and transportation. Job Corps graduates either enter the workforce or an apprenticeship, go on to higher education, or join the military.

Prior to 1948 the site and surrounding property was occupied and operated by the US Army Alachua Army Airfield and Rifle Range. Subsequently, the property transferred to the City of Gainesville and its Employee Pension Fund and then it was leased and sold to Sperry Rand Corporation (successor is Unisys Corporation) which conducted research, development and manufacture of klystron and traveling wave cathode tubes. Sperry owned the property for a short period of time and then it was subsequently sold to the US Department of Labor in 1978.

A Final Consent Order was entered into in June, 2010 by the City of Gainesville, the US Department of Labor and Unisys Corporation under the auspices of the FDEP in order to resolve a preexisting environmental condition (groundwater contamination) that had been negatively affecting the City's Airport Industrial Park lying immediately south of the US Job Corps site. The mitigation of this pre-existing environmental condition is nearing completion and natural attenuation.

A tour of the facility was conducted by City staff, representatives of the US Department of Labor, Santa Fe College leadership, and Colliers International in December, 2020. There were initial conversations around collaboratively re-positioning the facility as a job training center under local control.

The property is currently moving through the Federal Government's property disposition process and that process and its status will be presented to the City Commission.

Fiscal Note: The US Job Corps property currently has a 2020 assessed value of roughly \$9.5 million dollars.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a brief presentation;
2) provide direction deemed appropriate.

[200740 JobCorps Presentation GPC032521 Final 20210325](#)

[200739.](#)

General Fund Transfer (B)

Explanation: During the FY21 budget hearings, the City Commission directed staff to retain a consultant to provide options for the development of formulas for the General Fund Transfer. In October 2020, nFront Consulting LLC was selected for this project. Staff is presenting the two primary options provided by the consultant.

Fiscal Note: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

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

[200739 GRU GFT Presentation to GPC 20210325](#)

[200739 GRU GFT Options Evaluation 20210120 20210325](#)

[200739 nFront Response Letter 2021_01_29 F 20210325](#)

[200739 nFront Response Letter 2021_02_04F 20210325](#)

[200739 GG GFT Presentation 20210325](#)

[200739 GRU GFT Options Evaluation Commission Presentation Rev 202103](#)

200718.

Advisory Board and Committee Annual Reports (B)

Explanation: At the September 17, 2020 meeting the Commission moved to request annual reports from all Advisory Boards and Committees.

In accordance with the motion, the reports in the backup have been compiled. The City Clerks' Office will continue working with the Advisory Boards and Committees to submit outstanding reports.

Fiscal Note: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission receive and review the advisory board and committee annual reports and hear a presentation.

Legislative History

1/21/21	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
1/28/21	General Policy Committee	Heard
2/11/21	General Policy Committee	Heard
2/18/21	City Commission	Approved, as shown above
3/4/21	City Commission	Approved as Recommended

[200718 CPB Board Report 2019-2020 Presentation 20210325](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 8, 2021

ADJOURNMENT