

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - 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 - 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

[200682.](#) **Attendance Affidavit (B)**

*Need to click on Item Number for Attachment.*

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Nathan Skop and Darlene Pifalo spoke to the matter.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted. 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

**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.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. 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

**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.

*Lee Feldman, City Manager introduced.*

*Erik Bredfeldt, Economic Development and Innovation Director gave a presentation.*

*TJ Harrington, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator gave a presentation.*

*Harry Glenn, Federal Lobbyist spoke to the matter.*

*Kali Blount spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**200739.**

**General Fund Transfer (B)**

*Motion: Come back with information that would include commercial, impact of utility rates and property tax rates on commercial, residential (both homesteaded and non-homesteaded), information on the \$4 million savings from the pension obligation bond and what has been obligated already, what Mr. Feldman said was left over; an equity spotlight on how these different decisions would affect our neighbors (both inside and outside the city limits); staff bring it back and place it on an agenda as soon as possible.*

*John Painter, CEO and Executive Consultant, nFront gave a presentation.*

*Mark Benton, GRU Accounting & Finance Director gave a presentation.*

*Ed Bielarski, GRU General Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Claudia Rasnick, GRU Chief Financial Officer spoke to the matter.*

*Lee Feldman, City Manager gave a presentation.*

*Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Armando Grundy Gomes, Kali Blount spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**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

[200718.](#)

**Advisory Board and Committee Annual Reports (B)**

*City Plan Board Chair, Stephanie Sutton gave a presentation.*

*Brittany McMullen, Planer IV spoke to the matter.*

*Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**Heard**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos - Letter from Mayor to the County Commission asking that they strongly consider their discussions loosening up the COVID restrictions, and to follow the federal guidelines from the CDC and removing any COVID safety measures.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**April 8, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT - 4:01 PM**