

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 12, 2012

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Craig Lowe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Thomas Hawkins (At Large)

Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)

Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)

Commissioner Susan Bottcher (District 3)

Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)

Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)

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CALL TO ORDER - 6:08 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present: Craig Lowe, Scherwin Henry, Thomas Hawkins, Randy Wells and Susan Bottcher

Absent: Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Todd Chase

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bottcher, seconded by Commissioner Wells to adopt the agenda.

(VOTE: 4-0, Commissioners Chase, Henry and Mastrodicasa - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

NOTE: Commissioner Henry entered the meeting room at 6:10 PM.

CITY MANAGER**110705. General Government FY2013-14 Preliminary Budget Discussions (B)**

The City Commission discuss the assumptions provided in the five-year financial forecast and provide direction to staff for the development of the FY2013-14 biennial budget.

INTRODUCTION: City Manager Russ Blackburn gave introductions.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS: Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree gave a presentation.

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Director Steve Phillips and RTS Transit Maintenance Manager Paul Starling made comments.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

MOTION - (Referral): A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins to refer the issue of some form of sales tax rebate for low income people to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee - (See following referral item #110822).

(VOTE: 5-0, Commissioners Chase and Mastrodicasa - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

SECOND MOTION (Referral): A motion was made by Commissioner Bottcher, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins to refer the issue of Solid Waste can sizes and fees to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee. (See following referral item #110858).

(VOTE: 5-0, Commissioners Chase and Mastrodicasa - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

CITIZEN COMMENT: Mayor Lowe recognized Jeff McAdams and John Isaacson who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) receive a presentation from staff; and 2) provide any exceptions or specific guidance related to the assumptions used in the five-year forecast for the development of the FY2013-14 biennial proposed budget.*

Discussed

110822. Sales Tax Rebate (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer the issue of sales tax rebates for low income people to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins, that this matter be Referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee, due back on September 12, 2012. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Scherwin Henry, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins
Absent: Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Todd Chase

110858. Solid Waste - Can Sizes and Fees (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer the issue of Solid Waste can sizes and fees to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Bottcher, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins, that this matter be Referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee, due back on September 12, 2012. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Scherwin Henry, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins
Absent: Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Todd Chase

ADJOURNMENT - 7:39 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission