

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 26, 2007**

**3:00 PM**

**City Commission Special Meeting**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)  
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Rick Bryant (At Large)  
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)  
Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)  
Commissioner Ed Braddy (District 2)  
Commissioner Jack Donovan (District 3)  
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)*

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## CALL TO ORDER - 3:08 PM

## ROLL CALL

Present: Edward Braddy, Pegeen Hanrahan, Rick Bryant, Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Scherwin Henry

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Mastrodicasa seconded to adopt the agenda.*

*(VOTE: 5-0, Commissioners Braddy and Henry - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

*Chair Hanrahan recognized Pat Fitzpatrick who spoke to the adoption of the agenda.*

## REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

### 070246.

#### **FY 2007-08 Funding Recommendations and Annual Action Plan (Application) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds (B)**

**The City Commission is asked to consider recommendations for allocating CDBG and HOME funds for FY 2007-08 and to authorize the submission of an Annual Action Plan (application) to HUD based on the allocations that are approved by the City Commission.**

*City Block Grant Manager Jim Hencin and CACCD Chair Mary Freeman gave presentations.*

*FIRST MOTION: Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Bryant moved and Commissioner Donovan seconded to: 1) Approve the FY 2007 Home Program Funds as recommended by the CACCD; and 2) re-advertise the undesignated CHDO Reserve amount of \$28,032.00.*

*(VOTE: 5-0, Commissioner Braddy - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

*NOTE: Commissioner Henry entered the meeting room at 3:33 PM.*

*Chair Hanrahan recognized the following who spoke to the matter:*

- 1. Executive Director of The Preserve Inc. - Ron Hall*
- 2. CACCD Member - Lauren Poe*
- 3. CAACD Member - Mary Anderson*
- 4. Early Learning Coalition Executive Director - Dr. Gordon Tremaine*
- 5. Boys and Girls Club - Mr. Blanchard*
- 6. Interfaith Hospitality Network Executive Director Donna Lawson*
- 7. NHDC Director of Housing Development - Carol Baron*

8. *Walter Willard*  
 9. *Bread of the Mighty Food Bank - Anne Voyles*  
 10. *Meridian Behavioral Health Care - Jeff Speeler*

*NOTE: Commissioner Braddy entered the meeting room at 4:31 PM.*

*SECOND MOTION (AMENDMENT): Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Bryant moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded to approve the CACCD's recommendation (FY 2008 CDBG Program Funds) with the amendment of three line item changes as follows: 1) Cut NHDC's \$9,000.00 allocation to \$4,000.00; 2) re-allocate \$4,000.00 to the Boys and Girls Club of Alachua County for a total of \$14,000.00; and 3) \$1,000 to the Interfaith Hospitality Network for a total of \$12,000.00. (VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Recommended Motion: The City Commission: 1) consider recommendations from the CACCD and City Manager and take action as appropriate to allocate FY 2007-08 CDBG and HOME funds; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare and submit the FY 2007-08 Annual Action Plan (Application), including all understandings and assurances contained therein, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for financial assistance under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and to act on behalf of the City of Gainesville in all matters pertaining to the CDBG and HOME Programs; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute sub-recipient agreements with those outside agencies that are designated to receive FY 2007-08 CDBG and HOME funding, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

*Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission consider recommendations from the CACCD and City Manager and defer action until a later date.*

**Approved as Recommended, as Amended**

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**CITY MANAGER**

**070258.**

**General Government FY2008 Budget (B)**

**This item relates to the review and discussion of the FY2008 General Government budget.**

*City Manager Russ Blackburn gave introductions.*

*City Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree, RTS Director Jesus Gomez, GRU AGM for Water/Wastewater Utilities gave presentations.*

*Chair Hanrahan recognized Dr. Gordon Tremaine who spoke to the matter.*

*RECESS - 6:34 PM*

*RECONVENE - 7:12 PM*

*City Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree continued the presentation.*

*MOTION: Commissioner Bryant moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded to adopt the updated Scenario 1 (Slide 8) of the power point presentation presented by Becky Rountree.*

*(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

*Chair Hanrahan recognized Mary Anderson, Walter Willard, Dr. Gordon Tremaine who spoke to the matter.*

*Commissioner Braddy made the following referral to Public Safety, See File # 070268.*

*Police Chief Norm Botsford made comments.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission hear a follow-up presentation from General Government staff regarding the FY2008 budget presentation on July 17 and 19, 2007 and take any appropriate action.*

**Approved as shown above (See Motion)**

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**070268.            Cameras at Red Lights (NB)**

*Police Chief Norm Botsford made comments.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission refer the issue of installing cameras at stop lights for discussion and a timeline.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Braddy, seconded by Commissioner Lowe, that this matter be Referred to the Public Safety Committee, due back on January 23, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Aye: Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Craig Lowe, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant and Pegeen Hanrahan

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - 6:00 PM**

**RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

070228.**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE (B)**

**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 2007-2008 fiscal year; establishing a proposed millage rate; establishing a public hearing; providing for notice to the Alachua County Property Appraiser; and providing an immediate effective date.**

*The Millage Rate was adopted at 4.2544 mills.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission approve the millage rate for the FY 2007-2008 Budget and adopt the proposed resolution.*

**A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Braddy, that this matter be Adopted (Resolution), as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Aye: Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Craig Lowe, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant and Pegeen Hanrahan

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070229.**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED TENTATIVE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AND OPERATING PLAN (B)**

**A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its General Government Budget for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year; Approving a proposed tentative General Financial and Operating Plan; and Providing an immediate and effective date.**

*MODIFICATION: Revised attachment "A" with the changes submitted in Scenario 1, Slide 8 of the Power Point Presentation.*

*ADDITIONAL MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Mastrodicasa seconded to adopt the remainder of the recommendation as follows: 2) if necessary, authorize the Clerk of the Commission to advertise and the City Attorney to draft an ordinance(s) required as part of the funding strategy for the Proposed Tentative Government Budget.*

*(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission: (1) adopt the proposed resolution; and (2) if necessary, authorize the Clerk of Commission to advertise and the City Attorney to draft an ordinance(s) required as part of the funding strategy for the Proposed Tentative General Government Budget.*

**A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Lowe, that this matter be Adopted (Resolution) as modified. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Aye: Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Craig Lowe, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant and Pegeen Hanrahan

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**ADJOURNMENT - 7:56 PM**

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Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission