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City of Gainesville

City Hall 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2005

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting
City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Chuck Chestnut (District 1)
Commissioner Warren Nielsen (At Large)
Commissioner Rick Bryant (At Large)
Commissioner Ed Braddy (District 2)
Commissioner Jack Donovan (District 3)
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Chestnut seconded to adopt the agenda.

(VOTE: 6-0, Commissioner Braddy - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

NOTE: Commissioner Braddy entered the meeting room at 6:46 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Chuck Chestnut, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant, Craig Lowe and Jack Donovan

CITY MANAGER

050163 FY 2005 - FY 2006 Budget (NB)

INTRODUCTIONS: Interim City Manager Barbara Lipscomb gave a presentation.

FIRST MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded to: 1) Retain the current millage rate of 4.9416; 2) adopt the expenses for fire hydrants through GRU water base rates; 3) adopt a 10% natural gas surcharge in the unincorporated area; and 4) adopt the recommended expenditure reductions as outlined by the Interim City Manager.

(VOTE: 5-2, Commissioners Braddy and Bryant - No; MOTION CARRIED)

City Office of Management and Budget Director Becky Rountree made comments.

Chair Hanrahan recognized Walter Willard who spoke to the matter.

SECOND MOTION: Commissioner Donovan moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded that staff bring back a report on the following: 1) An analysis regarding the idea of 2 mobile social workers on staff; 2) that these social workers would work as a team on getting homeless people into housing situations and helping people on the brink of homelessness avoid becoming homeless; 3) the possibility of assigning one or both of these social workers to GPD and/or the Housing Division; and 4) if their is a more efficient location for these 2 social workers, acting as ambassadors for the homeless, that staff identify how the City might fund those social workers in a non-profit agency.

(VOTE: 5-2, Commissioners Bryant and Chestnut - No; MOTION CARRIED)

RECOMMENDATION The City Commission continue budget discussions.

Approved, as shown above

ADJOURNMENT - 8:28 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission