

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 24, 2003

5:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Tom Bussing (At-Large)

Commissioner Warren Nielsen (At Large)

Commissioner Rick Bryant (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Chuck Chestnut (District 1)

Commissioner Ed Braddy (District 2)

Commissioner Tony Domenech (District 3)

Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 5:09 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded that the City Commission allow a period of public comment before the GRU Budget Update. (VOTE: 6-0, Commissioner Domenech - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Bussing, Tony Domenech, Edward Braddy, Chuck Chestnut, Warren Nielsen, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe

CITIZEN COMMENT

The following members of the Action Network requested that the City Commission fund a City-Wide Middle School After School Program.

- 1. Kevin Thorpe, Pastor of Faith Missionary Baptist Church*
- 2. Barbara Andrews*
- 3. Mary Francis Shepherd*
- 4. David Welch*

See the following agenda item # 030226.

030226 City-Wide Middle School After School Program (NB)

NOTE: Commissioner Domenech entered the meeting room at 5:29 PM.

City of Gainesville Recreation Supervisor Sheryl Ryan gave a presentation.

Chair Bussing recognized Citizens Sarah Poll and Alex Patton who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission direct the City Manager and the General Manager for Utilities to report back to the City Commission in this budget cycle on opportunities that the City may have to participate in the proposals as put forth by the citizens, for funding for one year, for after school recreation programs for middle schoolers in the City of Gainesville.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Nielsen, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, that this matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Tom Bussing, Tony Domenech, Edward Braddy, Chuck Chestnut, Warren Nielsen, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe

WAIVER OF RULES

Commissioner Braddy moved and Commissioner Bryant seconded to waive the rules and pause GRU's presentation and take citizen comment at this time for up to 10 to 15 minutes.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

Alex Patton - Chairman of the Reichert House Board of Directors

Chair Bussing recognized the following citizens who spoke to the Reichert House issue:

- 1. Johnnie Mae Reeves*
- 2. Rosalea King*
- 3. Janice Todd*
- 4. Martha Zolt*
- 5. Rosa B. Williams*

City of Gainesville Police Chief Norm Botsford made comments.

GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES

030185 GRU FY 2003-2004 Budget Update (NB)

Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) General Manager for Utilities Mike Kurtz made introductory remarks.

NOTE: Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Chestnut left the meeting room at approximately 6:40 PM.

GRU Finance Director Kim Simpson and Strategic Planning Director David Richardson gave presentations.

Chair Bussing recognized Citizen Sarah Poll who made comments.

MOTION: The City Commission authorize the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise, ordinances relating to the water, wastewater and gas system rates; and water and wastewater connection fees; as presented in the GRU FY 2003 -2004 Budget Update.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission continue the discussion on proposed FY 2004 Gainesville Regional Utilities Budget.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Braddy, seconded by Commissioner Domenech, that this matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Tom Bussing, Tony Domenech, Edward Braddy, Warren Nielsen, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe

Absent: Chuck Chestnut

CITY MANAGER**030165 FY 2004 Update to Financial and Operating Plan (NB)**

City Manager Wayne Bowers made introductory remarks.

City of Gainesville Office of Management and Budget Director Becky Rountree gave a presentation.

ORIGINAL MOTION: Commissioner Domenech moved and Commissioner Bryant seconded to: 1) Approve the tentative budget using the current millage of 4.9416; 2) approve the 5% increase in user related fees and authorize the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise the ordinance changes to implement the increase by October 1, 2003; 3) approve the additional 6.5 positions as outlined in the proposed budget; 4) approve allocation of the Adjusted difference in Sources and Uses of \$277,371, as follows; 5) add the two additional patrol officers for \$92,000; 6) add the Planning Project for the College Park/University Heights Expansion (CRA) for \$60,000; and 7) add the two positions for the Reichert House as permanent positions for \$68,000; and 8) move the balance to the Contingency Fund.

Commissioner Braddy moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded to divide the previous question.

*FIRST PART OF DIVIDED MOTION: Commissioner Domenech moved and Commissioner Bryant seconded to: 1) Approve the tentative budget using the current millage of 4.9416; 2) approve the 5% increase in user related fees and authorize the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise the ordinance changes to implement the increase by October 1, 2003; and 3) approve the additional 6.5 positions as outlined in the proposed budget.
(VOTE: 6-0, Commissioner Chestnut - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

Chair Bussing recognized Citizen Sarah Poll who spoke to the matter.

*SECOND PART OF DIVIDED MOTION: Commissioner Domenech moved and Commissioner Bryant seconded to: Approve allocation of the Adjusted difference in Sources and Uses of \$277,371 and fund the following; 1) add the two additional patrol officers for \$92,000; 2) add the Planning Project for the College Park/University Heights Expansion (CRA) for \$60,000; and 3) add the two positions for the Reichert House as permanent positions for \$68,000; 4) Countywide Visioning Process for \$20,000 and 5) move the balance to the Contingency Fund.
(VOTE: 5-1, Commissioner Braddy - No; Commissioner Chestnut - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Commissioner Braddy moved and Commissioner Domenech seconded to allocate: 1) \$100,000 to road resurfacing; 2) \$68,000 to the Reichert House; and 3) \$92,000 for 2 additional Police Officers; and 4) the remainder to the Contingency Fund.

(VOTE: 1-5, Mayor Bussing, Commissioners Bryant, Domenech, Lowe, and Nielsen - No, MOTION FAILED)

ADDITIONAL MOTION (REFERRAL): Commissioner Nielsen moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded to refer to the Public Works Committee a discussion of the City's road maintenance programs; and to expedite a meeting at night, televised if possible, to encourage the fullest participation of Commissioners and members of the public.

(VOTE: 6-0, MOTION CARRIED) Note: See following item # 030231.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission continue budget discussions.*

Approved, as shown above

030231 City Road Maintenance Programs (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer to the Public Works Committee a discussion of the City's road maintenance programs; and to expedite a meeting at night, televised possible, to encourage the fullest participation of Commissioners and members of the public.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Nielsen, seconded by Commissioner Lowe, that this matter be Referred to the Public Works Committee, due back on January 24, 2004. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Tom Bussing, Tony Domenech, Edward Braddy, Warren Nielsen, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe

Absent: Chuck Chestnut

ADJOURNMENT - 9:28 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission