

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 22, 2010

1:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Craig Lowe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)

Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)

Commissioner Lauren Poe (District 2)

Commissioner Jack Donovan (District 3)

Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)

Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:09 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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*Commissioner Poe moved and Commissioner Donovan seconded to adopt the agenda.
(VOTE: 5-0, Commissioners Henry and Wells - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

NOTE: Commissioner Henry and Commissioner Wells entered the meeting room at 1:11 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Lauren Poe, Thomas Hawkins and Randy Wells

CITY MANAGER

100203.

FY2011 & FY2012 Budget (NB)

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PRESENTATIONS: Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree, Finance Director Mark Benton, RTS Director Jesus Gomez, Public Works, Director Teresa Scott, Parks Recreation, Cultural Affairs Director Steve Phillips, Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers gave presentations.

REFERRAL MOTION: Commissioner Donovan moved and Commissioner Hawkins seconded to refer a series of referrals that were listed on page 105 of the budget presentation.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

SEE FOLLOWING REFERRAL ITEMS: 100217, 100218, 100219, 100220 and 100221.

Mayor Lowe recognized Kim Popejoy who spoke to the matter.

MAIN MOTION: Commissioner Henry moved and Commissioner Wells seconded to accept the additional decrements as presented by the City Manager and Ms. Rountree in the budget presentation to get to the desired millage rate; and 2) accept the City Manager's recommendation to find \$59,000 in the Fire Department's budget to fund the changes as presented during the budget presentation with a millage rate of 4.2544.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

Mayor Lowe recognized Jeff Lane, Armando Grundy, Jeff McAdams, Pat Fitzpatrick, Gabriel Hillel, Mary Anderson and Ron Gonzales who spoke to the matter.

NOTE: 1) The City Commission approved the following items without objection: 1) Schedule a special budget hearing for September 8, 2010 at 5:30 PM for first reading of the millage rate; 2) modify the call for Monday, July 26, 2010 to add setting a tentative millage rate and to cancel the Thursday July 29, 2010 Special Budget Meeting; and 3) add the discussion of the Clerk's salary to the call for Monday, July 26, 2010.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear presentations from staff and take action as appropriate.*

Approved, as shown above (Motions)

NEW REFERRALS

100217. Open Container Citation Fees (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer the issue of open container citation fees to the Public Safety Committee.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, that this matter be Referred to the Public Safety Committee, due back on January 22, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Thomas Hawkins, Jack Donovan, Lauren Poe, Scherwin Henry and Craig Lowe

100218. Vehicle Impoundment Fees (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer the issue of Vehicle Impoundment Fees to the Public Safety Committee.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, that this matter be Referred to the Public Safety Committee, due back on January 22, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Thomas Hawkins, Jack Donovan, Lauren Poe, Scherwin Henry and Craig Lowe

100219. Service Charge for Paying City Fees in Person (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission add this item to the previous referral that is pending in the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee for discussion.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, that this matter be Referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee, due back on January 22, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Thomas Hawkins, Jack Donovan, Lauren Poe, Scherwin Henry and Craig Lowe

100220.

Neighborhood Parking Decal Fees (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer the issue of raising the neighborhood parking decal fees to the Community Development Committee.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, that this matter be Referred to the Community Development Committee, due back on January 22, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Thomas Hawkins, Jack Donovan, Lauren Poe, Scherwin Henry and Craig Lowe

100221.

Change Elections Ordinance to Provide for Plurality (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer the issue of changing the elections ordinance to provide for plurality, and instant run-off voting to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, that this matter be Referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee, due back on January 22, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Thomas Hawkins, Jack Donovan, Lauren Poe, Scherwin Henry and Craig Lowe

100166.

Public Safety Employer - Employee Cooperation Act of 2009 (B)

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Legislative and Grants Coordinator Chris Cooper gave a presentation.

Mayor Lowe recognized International Association of Firefighters Representative Jeff Lane, FOP President Jeff McAdams and Armando Grundy who spoke the matter.

AMENDMENT: Supports the act, as long as it clarifies that the City's legislative body will have the final decision in the impasse resolution process.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) Approve the statement to the federal delegation and others as drafted; and 2) Direct staff to submit the City Commission's position to the City's federal delegation, sponsors of the legislation, and Congressional leadership.

Alternative Recommendation A

The City Commission: 1) Amend the proposed statement to the federal delegation and others; and 2) Direct staff to submit the City Commission's position to the City's federal delegation, sponsors of the legislation, and Congressional leadership.

Alternative Recommendation B

The City Commission not take a position on the Public Safety Employer - Employee Cooperation Act of 2009.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that this matter be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Thomas Hawkins, Jack Donovan, Lauren Poe, Scherwin Henry and Craig Lowe

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100199.**Update on the Status of the Cabot - Koppers Superfund Site (B)**

This item involves a request for the City Commission to authorize staff to formally request that the US Environmental Protection Agency extend the public comment period on the Proposed Plan by an additional sixty (60) days (to provide a total of 90 days of comment period) in order to provide adequate time for public and City Commission input.

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Assistant City Manager Fred Murry gave a presentation.

Mayor Lowe recognized Kayla Sosnow and Kim Popejoy who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager/designee to send a letter to the US EPA and Federal Delegation on behalf of the City of Gainesville requesting that the EPA extend the public comment period on the Proposed Plan by an additional sixty (60) days (to provide a total of 90 days of comment period) in order to provide adequate time for public and City Commission input.

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

Votes: Aye: Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Thomas Hawkins, Jack Donovan, Lauren Poe,
Scherwin Henry and Craig Lowe

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Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission