

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

May 13, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:03 PM

Present 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

ROLL CALL**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Modifications: Strike Item No. 201060 (Charter Officer Complaint Procedures); Move Item No. 201092 (Fair Chance Hiring) to first on agenda; Item No. 201087 (American Rescue Plan Act) second on the agenda, 201239 (Discussion of Commission Budget Increments and Decrements) third on the agenda; and Item No. 200743 (Mayor's Charter Amendment) fourth on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted with Modifications. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES[201153.](#)**Approval of Minutes from the April 22, 2021 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of April 22, 2021.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS[201092.](#)**Fair Chance Hiring (B)**

Motion: Move forward and refer to staff for analysis and bring back to full City Commission.

Zeriah Folston, Policy Oversight Administrator introduced the item.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson arrived at 1:07 PM.

Recess - 1:09 PM.

Reconvene - 1:14 PM

Max Tipping, Policy Director of Community Spring gave a presentation.

Tequila McKnight, Community Spring gave a presentation.

Public Comment: Wendy Noon, Donald Shepherd, Latashia Brimm and Fran Ricardo.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation, discuss, and take any action deemed appropriate.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

[201087.](#)

American Rescue Plan Act (B)

Motion:1) Bring back a framework for decision making for the American Rescue Plan funds at our next General Policy Committee meeting; 2) Commissioners identifying their individual priorities for the funds and work those into a plan in parallel with a community engagement process.

Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.

Recess - 2:11 PM

Reconvene: - 2:28 PM

Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Pastor Michael Raburn, Jacob Larsen, Chanae Jackson, Nathan Skop, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Jennifer Aval.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss and take action or provide direction, as necessary.*

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Commissioner Saco

[201239.](#)

Discussion of Commission Budget Increments and Decrements (B)

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

Discussed

[200743.](#)

Mayor's Charter Amendment (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

Continued to next City Commission meeting.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

[201060.](#)

Charter Officer Complaint Procedures (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission receive update and make recommendations*

Withdrawn

MEMBER COMMENT

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson - Cancel the Joint City Commission/HPB meeting on May 17, 2021.

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT - 4:28 PM