

City of Gainesville

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200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

October 26, 2017

1:00 PM

**Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room, City Hall, 200 East
University Avenue, Gainesville, FL
General Policy Committee**

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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ROLL CALL - 1:05 PM

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Ward
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Arreola

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Modification: Move Item No. 170487 to the first item on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, that this Matter be Adopted with Modification. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Arreola

AGENDA STATEMENT

[170487.](#)

Zero Waste (B)

Motion: 1) staff to draft a resolution for Gainesville to become a Zero Waste City; 2) staff to look at the proposed strategic solutions and prioritizations, and to look at other things they may think are reducing zero waste; 3) staff to work on drafting an ordinance for prohibiting polystyrene and plastic bags and using Coral Gables as an example; 4) path of passing a plan for becoming a Zero Waste City; and 5) Clerk's office schedule a workshop whenever staff is ready to bring back some of the decision points.

Listed below are discussions from the Mayor and Commissioners.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos made a presentation on Zero Waste.

Commissioner Budd: 1) wants Alachua County to partnership with the City; and 2) problems with the recycling trail.

Commissioner Warren: 1) how our land is being used.

David spoke about the ban of polystyrene (status of lawsuit).

Mayor Poe: 1) compost - cost analysis of multiple routes.

Marc Lefton, Herb Kieklak, Savannah Elliott, Young Leflburg, Susan Davenport, Amanda Wardale, Camille Jackson, Sally Palmi, Monique Atkinson, Nancy Daren, June Littler and Maria Steinwachs spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Goston arrived at 1:28 PM.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss thoughts and ideas

around Zero Waste.

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

[170314](#)

Gainesville Electric System Undergrounding (B)

Jim Mathews made a presentation.

Motion: Have GRU staff prepare a memo to the City Commission on the advantages/disadvantages of underground utilities.

Listed below are the discussions from the following Commissioners.

Commissioner Warren: 1) cost of repairs needed; and 2) overhead wires.

Commissioner Goston: 1) concrete poles (look at high cost of waste).

Commissioner Budd: 1) dealing with underground water table.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos 1) not to have presentations one-sided, bring both sides to the table (advantages/disadvantages).

Nancy Daren spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from Staff regarding electric distribution system underground construction, with a focus on undergrounding practices, construction costs and cost allocations.*

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Arreola

[170486.](#)

Discussion and Creation of a Green Ribbon Panel (B)

Commissioner Ward made a presentation on the discussion and creation of a Green Ribbon Panel.

Motion: City Commission to think about questions for the Green Ribbon Panel and report back on December 7, 2017.

Listed below are the discussions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Warren: Are other communities doing things that we can pull into the

discussion (so as not to reinvent the wheel).

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) does it need to be a full year for recommendations; and 2) should it be a City/County Board.

Sally Palmi, Matt Williams and Nancy Daren spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss thoughts and ideas around the Creation of the Green Ribbon Panel.*

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Arreola

[170481.](#)

General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to review anticipated dates for pending items to be placed on an upcoming General Policy Committee Agenda.

The following items will be on the next GPC agenda: 1) 170197 - Welcoming City Policies; 2) 160200 - Prohibit the use of Conversion Therapy (from Homosexuality) in the City of Gainesville; and 3) 170453 - Tom Petty Remembrance (how to engage the public in the process).

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee review the list of anticipated dates for pending referrals to be placed on upcoming General Policy Committee Agendas.*

ADJOURNMENT - 3:51 PM

Kurt Lannon, Clerk of the Commission