

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

April 28, 2022

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)
Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut (At Large, Seat B)
Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of Equity and Inclusion at (352) 334-5051 at least two business days in advance. TTY (Text Telephone Telecommunication Device) users please call 711 (Florida Relay Service). For Speech to Speech (STS) relay, please call 1-877-955-5334. For STS Spanish to Spanish relay, please call 1-877-955-8773. For STS Spanish to English relay, please call 1-844-463-9710.

CALL TO ORDER - 1:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

DP-1 [210333](#). **State Legislative Session Recap - Gray Robinson (B)**

A presentation was given by Ryan Matthews and Angela Drzewiecki, Gray Robinson.

Commissioner Arroela arrived at 1:08 PM.

RECOMMENDATION *The Mayor and the City Commission hear a post-state legislative session update from the Gray Robinson firm.*

Heard

DP-2 [211103](#). **Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut - Presentation on Birmingham, Alabama Sports Complex and Recommendation for 8th Avenue and Waldo Road Sports Complex (B)**

Motion: Adopt the proposed recommendations:

- 1. Direct Staff to include the Eastside Sports Complex on the 2022 Wild Spaces Public Places Infrastructure list and for funding provided by GCRA.*

2. *Direct Staff to secure a Consultant to explore the project scope, needs, facilities and provide a cost estimate for a multi-use Sports Complex at 8th Avenue and Waldo Road. Additionally, the proposal should include the requisite amenities as well as parking.*

3. *Request Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson to schedule meeting(s) with the Florida Department of Transportation to discuss and implement traffic calming measures on the Waldo Road corridor from 16th Avenue to 8th Avenue and other stretches as deemed necessary.*

4. *Involve community neighbors in outreach and community engagement efforts.*

The mover and seconder agreed to the following additions:

Amend part #4..."including the Alachua County School Board"

Add part #5 to request that staff bring the item back to the May 19 City Commission meeting with information on current activities, a scope for consultants, other municipal needs and recommendations for an RFP.

Commissioner Chestnut gave a presentation.

Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.

Public Comment: Sharon Bauer, Jon Reiskind, Rodney Long, Julius Long, Ed Jennings, Chris Barno, Owen Barno, Staci Bertrand, Jo Beaty, Faye Williams, Maria Edwards, Bertha Cato, Melvin Flournay

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee:

1. *Direct Staff to include the Eastside Sports Complex on the 2022 Wild Spaces Public Places Infrastructure list and for funding provided by GCRA.*

2. *Direct Staff to secure a Consultant to explore the project scope, needs, facilities and provide a cost estimate for a multi-use Sports Complex at 8th Avenue and Waldo Road. Additionally, the proposal should include the requisite amenities as well as parking.*

3. Request Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson to schedule meeting(s) with the Florida Department of Transportation to discuss and implement traffic calming measures on the Waldo Road corridor from 16th Avenue to 8th Avenue and other stretches as deemed necessary.

4. Involve community neighbors in outreach and community engagement efforts.

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

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

DP-3 [210982.](#)

Eastside Urgent Care Initiative (B)

Motion: Move forward with proposed agreement; direct staff to work on land use and zoning changes on the property to allow the facilities; that it be similar to Cornerstone/GTEC property; and continue to work with UF Health on the Eastside RTS Transfer Station and GFR Community Paramedic Program.

Andrew Persons, Director of Department of Sustainable Development, presented the item.

Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a brief presentation; 2) approve the Urgent Care Center Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; 3) direct staff to initiate a land use/zoning change on the subject property that will accomplish the land development objectives of the project; 4) direct staff to continue work with UF Health staff on co-location of the Eastside RTS Transfer Station and GFR Community Paramedic Program on the subject property; and 5) direct staff on next steps regarding the responses to the Request for Information (RFI) responses.

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

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

DP-4 [211113.](#) **GCRA Update (B)**

Motion: Direct that the Historic Homes Program not be limited to single-family; and to schedule a discussion on the CRA budget for the upcoming year in a future Commission budget meeting, allowing time to incorporate changes in the upcoming year's budget.

Mo Deel, GCRA Manager, gave a presentation. Chelsea Baikitis, Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Project Manager, spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from staff and take appropriate actions as necessary.*

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

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

DP-5 [201087.](#) **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update**

Motion: Approve the staff recommendation for ARPA funding allocations with the following changes: 1) remove the funding set aside for the Eastside Mobility Hub; 2) allocate \$35,000 in funding for the Human Rights Coalition, asking the County to contribute matching funds; and 3) schedule Gainesville 4All to present on the Empowerment Center at the next available City Commission meeting (GPC or Regular meeting) in May.

Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry presented the item.

Public Comment: Veronica Robleto, Ethan Maia de Needell, Yennifer Molina

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission*

1) Approve releasing \$18,678 for the Aid to Nonprofit Organizations program to the General ARPA funding

category.

2) Approve releasing \$52,460 of ARPA funding to cover administrative costs of the Community Foundation of North Central Florida contract to the General ARPA funding category.

3) Approve appropriating \$30,080 in the General Fund to cover administrative costs of the Community Foundation of North Central Florida contract on the next budget amendment.

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

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

DP-6 [210163.](#)

Redistricting the City's Election Districts Based upon 2020 Census Data (B)

Motion: Direct the City Attorney's Office and consultants to move forward with the most recent district map from Commissioner Hayes-Santos, which splits the boundaries of Precinct 25, amending the draft ordinance to be brought back for First Reading.

Interim City Attorney Daniel Nee introduced the item.

Mayor Poe left the meeting at 4:48 PM.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee consider a final plan for city election districts and, if the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has adopted the precincts, 1) give authority to the consultants to adjust district boundaries to conform to the precincts approved by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, based upon the adopted criteria and final concept approved by the City Commission, 2) give authority to the consultants to finalize the city election districts to be adopted by ordinance, and 3) set future meetings for adoption of the ordinance.

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Mayor Poe

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Duncan-Walker commented about Wild Spaces, Public Places. Phil Mann, Advisor to the Interim City Manager, spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Ward commented about the Commission considering modifying the time of the General Policy Committee meetings to begin in the morning.

NEXT MEETING DATE - May 12, 2022

ADJOURNMENT - 5:22 PM