

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

3:30 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee

*Mayor Craig Lowe, Chair
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER - 3:35 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present: Craig Lowe and Thomas Hawkins

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The AFLC adopted the agenda by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**110277. Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee Minutes (B)**

The AFLC approved the minutes by consensus.

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee approve the minutes, of August 8, 2011, as circulated.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS**090601. City Election Issues - Permanent Election Date Referral (B)**

City Auditor Brent Godshalk gave a presentation regarding the legislative history of this item. Committee members discussed several possible scenarios available for transitioning to fall elections.

NOTE: Mayor Lowe said that he would bring this item up at an upcoming City Commission Meeting to evaluate whether other Commissioners would support a permanent election date and other changes to future City elections.

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee continue to discuss possible solutions for establishing permanent dates for future City elections, including options raised by previous Charter Review Committees. Provided as backup information is a July 6, 2011 memo from the City Attorney regarding previous Charter Review Committee processes and the October 10, 2005 final report from the City's Charter Review Committee.*

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100920. Commissioner Thomas Hawkins - Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (B)

Executive Director for Alachua Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Scott Winzeler gave a presentation.

City Manager Russ Blackburn and Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree made comments.

NOTE: This item was continued so that staff can bring back alternatives and the financial impact of this program.

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee hear a presentation from Scott Winzeler, Executive Director for Alachua Habitat for Humanity, Inc., regarding a proposed tax increment financing program based on increases in the City's assessed value due to construction by Alachua Habitat for Humanity and take appropriate action.*

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110278. 2012 State Legislative Agenda (B)

Legislative and Grants Coordinator Chris Cooper gave a presentation.

NOTE: Committee member provided suggested revisions to the 2012 State Legislative Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee: 1) Discuss the draft 2012 State Legislative Agenda; and 2) submit the approved draft to the City Commission.*

Recommended for Approval, as revised

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

Bob Wilson

Mr. Wilson made comments favoring moving to fall elections.

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 22, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT - 4:55 PM