

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

February 11, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

## **General Policy Committee**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER - 1:00 PM**

**"The City of Gainesville encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers direct their comments to the Chair. Signs, props and posters are not permitted in the meeting room."**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Modifications: #200718 (first item), #200736 (second item) and #200737 (2:00 for a time certain).*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Commissioner Saco

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, and Commissioner Ward

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[200778.](#)

**Approval of Minutes from the General Policy Committee Meetings of October 22, 2020 and January 28, 2021 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of October 22, 2020 and January 28, 2021.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Commissioner Saco

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, and Commissioner Ward

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

[200718.](#)

**Advisory Board and Committee Annual Reports (B)**

*Bill Berger, Chair of the Public Recreation and Parks Board gave a presentation.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission receive and review the advisory board and committee annual reports.*

**Heard****200736.****Mayors for a Guarantee Income (MGI) (B)**

*Motion: 1) Approve placing a resolution and a Memorandum of Understanding on the February 18th, 2021 agenda; and 2) Agree to work with MGI, Community Spring and others to support a pilot for a guaranteed income in Gainesville.*

*Fiona McLeod, Intern gave a presentation.*

*Mayor Poe gave a presentation.*

*Lindsay Kallman, Executive Director of Community Spring gave a presentation.*

*Cameron Burns, Mayors for a Guaranteed Income introduced himself.*

*Darlene Pifalo, Armando Grundy-Gomes, Kali Blount and Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**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:** 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**190895.****Making the Code of Ordinances Gender Neutral (B)**

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco: 1) Request that the Charter Officers look through the code to degender the language where appropriate. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola absent; 2) Direct the City Attorney and the City Manager to conduct research and report back on the practical and legal issues (if any) associated with the City, allowing females toplessness. Motion failed 3-3. Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Ward in dissent. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola absent.*

*Zeriah Folston, Policy Oversight Administrator gave a presentation.*

*Emily Duplantis, Donald Shepherd, Hannah Hill, Lucien Mann, Tiffany Lewis, Allyson Hayes, Darlene Pifalo, Armando Grundy-Gomes, Nick, Maureen and Duncan spoke to the matter.*

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

**Approved, as shown above**

[200737.](#)

**City Lighting Policy (B)**

*Motion: 1) Staff put together a policy task force and bring back a budget estimate on the vegetation maintenance increment, and the increase in lighting and dark increment; 2) Referring the issue of lighting safety to the Police Advisory Council and the Tree Advisory Board; and 3) Staff to look at high crime areas where there is an overlay with low lighting.*

*Zeriah Folston, Policy Oversight Administrator introduced.*

*Charlotte Coon, Policy Research Fellow gave a presentation.*

*Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Lawrence Calderon, Planner III gave a presentation.*

*Jamie Kurnick, GPD Captain gave a presentation.*

*Andrew Persons, Interim Director of Sustainable Development spoke to the matter.*

*Ed Bielarski, GRU General Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Tom Brown, Chief Operating Officer.*

*Commissioner Arreola arrived at 4:15 pm.*

*Donald Shepherd and Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

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

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

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

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Ward - NAACP Soil Collection Blessing Over the Jars.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**February 25, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT - 4:57 PM**