

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

September 27, 2018

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

General Policy Committee

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

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CALL TO ORDER**AGENDA STATEMENT**

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ROLL CALL**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[180292.](#)**General Policy Committee Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of August 9, 2018.

[180292 August 9 2018 Minutes 20180927.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS[180215.](#)**Commission Rules (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee discuss.

Legislative History

7/19/18 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[180215 City Commission Rules 20180927.pdf](#)

[180257.](#)**Food Policy, Food Economy and Urban Agriculture (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee discuss.

Legislative History

8/2/18 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

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[180257_C Arreola Food Policy 2_20180927.pdf](#)

[180115.](#)

Implementation of Dockless Mobility System (B)

This item refers to the implementation of a pilot program to regulate the operation of dockless mobility systems in Gainesville.

Explanation: The operation of dockless mobility systems has been widespread over the world and most recently around the United States. In several communities dockless systems have popped up before local regulations were enacted to guide the operation causing concerns associated with improper parking, blockage of pathways, and abandoned scooters to name a few, and resulting in an undue burden on local officials. Communities had to adapt quickly to address the issues and ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system.

Dockless mobility systems consist of non-station based shared bicycle and electric scooters. The systems allow users to begin and end trips at any location following local parameters for parking. Mobility is enhanced as the devices can provide 'door to door' access and are not limited to station locations.

Based on research of practices adopted in communities throughout the nation, program requirements should include:

- *Adoption of a city resolution;*
- *Determination of program size and number of operators. There is a wide variety in the number of operators allowed and in the number of dockless units made available in each jurisdiction. The simplest method of selection appears to be in the Ft. Lauderdale model which will be based on a first come/first serve basis, requiring a substantially completed application.*
- *Fleet size regulation. In order to manage the available fleet size some programs have a specified minimum number of rides by unit. In Austin, TX operators must demonstrate a minimum utilization rate of 2 rides per unit, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL the minimum should be 3 rides per unit.*
- *Equity. In order to allow an equitable distribution of units some programs have requirements for the placement of a percentage of fleet (up to 20%) in disadvantaged areas as well as requirements for waivers of any initial deposits and a cash option for payment.*

- *Fee schedule that adequately covers the cost of program staffing and administration.*
- *Emergency plan for temporary removal and storage of units in anticipation of severe weather events similar to the Ft. Lauderdale, FL model.*
- *Requirement for performance bond.*
- *Data sharing requirements including rider demographics, safety issues, and overall system performance.*
- *Requirement for an education plan to alert users of safe operation and parking requirements.*

This proposal is for the implementation of a 8-month phased pilot program that will allow the initial operation of dockless scooters and be open for the operation of dockless bicycles after June 1, 2019. The pilot program may be extended for up to 20-months. The introduction of bicycles is delayed to meet contract provisions associated with the Zagster bike share system. The recommendation is for the permitting of 3 to 5 operators, with up to 200 devices each. The program will allow for expansions in increments of 50 devices upon demonstration of use of at least 3 rides per device. The initial application fee is recommended at \$5,000 for up to 100 devices (Tier 1) or \$7,500 for up to 200 devices (Tier 2). The program will also include a \$75 fee/device for removal or relocation of devices, a \$50 fee/device/day for storage, and a performance bond of \$80/device capped at \$10,000.

The revenue associated with the permitting fees will be used to fund a temporary part-time position to assist with enforcement and outreach/education.

Fiscal Note: There are no fiscal impacts associated with the implementation of a pilot dockless system program. Staff will collect and analyze data during the pilot period and report the findings to the City Commission. Coordination of the pilot project can be accomplished with existing staff. Fees generated by the program will be used to offset operational expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the City Manager to implement the pilot program and execute all necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Legislative History

6/21/18 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[180115_DocklessSystemPresentation_GPC_20180927.pdf](#)

[180285.](#)

Storm Water off of the GRU Bill (NB)

Explanation: GRU bills storm water and refuse service on behalf of General Government to residential customers inside the city limits and storm water service to business customers inside the city limits. Funds collected for refuse and storm water are transferred to General Government on a monthly basis.

At their August 16, 2018 regular meeting, the Commission noted that they frequently hear that we should take storm water off the GRU bill. The Commission wants to know what that would entail and what effect it would have on the overall bill.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss storm water billing and provide direction to staff if any action is deemed appropriate.*

Legislative History

8/20/18 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[180284.](#)

Discussion of 100% Renewal Energy for the City/GRU for all Services (B)

Explanation: At their August 16, 2018 regular meeting, the Commission made a referral to the General Policy Committee to discuss what it would take to get all of the City's energy from 100% renewable resources.

Fiscal Note: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss the possibility of using 100% renewable resources for the City's energy needs.*

Legislative History

8/16/18 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[180284 GRU's Pathway to Renewable Energy 20180927](#)

[180390.](#)

General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss.*

[180390 Referral List 20180927.pdf](#)

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