

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

February 26, 2020

5:00 PM

City Commission Workshop

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

City Commission

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

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CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 PM

AGENDA STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Kali Blount spoke to the matter.

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Johnson

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Johnson arrived at 5:02 PM.

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Code Enforcement Workshop (B)

Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.

Dan Hoffman, Assistant City Manager and Pete Backhaus, Neighborhood Enhancement (Code Enforcement) Manager gave presentations.

Commissioner Warren arrived at 5:22 PM.

Suggestions/Recommendations from Mayor and Commissioners Below

Mayor Poe - Wants staff to bring back what a fully funded plan would look like to deal with most dangerous properties immediately and coordinate that along with an outreach effort to notify owners of potential action.

Commissioner Johnson - Be careful "not to treat" everyone the same

since there are different circumstances for each owner. Be creative to find solutions.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos - Wants to move forward to deal with properties, try to salvage and reuse as much material from existing homes into their reproposal use, both for an environmentally friendly approach and preserving some historical value.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward - Call on community partners to help property owners rehab/fix homes, especially those who can't help themselves. Start shrinking the issue by moving forward.

Commissioner Simmons - Need to address the issues, especially when it creates unsafe environment/encourages criminal activity. Also need to prepare to deal with pest control issues that may result from demolitions. Wants to look at a home repair program for CRA.

Commissioner Warren - Look at who/why properties are in this condition. Develop relationship with YouthBuild, UF/Santa Fe construction and Habitat for Humanity to help develop vocational skills for demo, rehab opportunities.

Staff will prepare an analysis on all level 4 & 5 properties with photos, reasons for it being listed as dangerous and current foreclosure status (if applicable).

Sophia Corugedo made a presentation on Clearboarding Buildings.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos wants Commission to pass an ordinance requiring clearboarding.

Dotty Faibisy, Donald Shepherd, Sharon Bauer and Mark Van Soestbergen spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from staff and discuss.*

Heard

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Arreola - Consider not having workshops for one item topics. Staff is left without clear direction after having spent hours

discussing these items.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward - Doesn't mind having special meetings, but also doesn't mind workshops for discussion.

Commissioner Johnson - Wants a discussion around policy analysis on codes research done at 3/12/20 GPC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:21 PM