

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

5:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room 16

Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee

*Mayor Ed Braddy, Chair
Commissioner Craig Carter, Member*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Braddy called the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee meeting to order at 5:02PM

ROLL CALL

*Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Carter
Guests: Commissioner Warren*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[140696.](#) **Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2015 (B)**

Attachments: [140696_Jan Meeting Minutes_20150203.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee approve the minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting as submitted.*

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

The minutes are a summary of the meeting and are not verbatim discussion. A copy of the meeting recording will be provided upon request.

[140359.](#) **Future Annexation Strategy (B)**

Attachments: [140359A_Rusk Report 1997_20150203.pdf](#)
[140359B_Rusk Report 2007_20150203.pdf](#)
[140359C_Taxable Property Map_20150203.pdf](#)
[140359D_Adopted Annexation Policies_20150203.pdf](#)
[140359E_Urban Reserve Map_20150203.pdf](#)
[140359F_Annexation History_20150203.pdf](#)
[140359G_Future Annexation Strategy Ppt_20150203.pdf](#)
[140359H_Future Annexation Strategy - Modified_20150203.pptx](#)
[140359_Future Annexation Strategy_20150303.pdf](#)

Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree introduced Lila Stewart, Sr. Strategic Planner, who presented a PowerPoint on annexation history and future

annexation strategies in Gainesville.

The strategy for annexation is long-term growth. The benefits for the City include property taxes, an increase in our state revenue sharing, and the ability to continue growing. Building trust and overcoming myths is necessary and incentives are needed to encourage commercial annexation. Committee members suggested that citizen comments from past annexation campaigns be utilized to identify which policies might need to be reformed, tweaked or possibly scrapped (ie., the tree ordinance). As part of an annexation strategy, Assistant City Attorney David Schwartz mentioned that the City should try to maintain the reserve areas through the existing Boundry Adjustment Act allowing a long-term approach to annexation planning so that we are not in a race with other municipalities that are extending in the same direction.

Following a robust conversation about annexation, the members recommended 1) Developing a list of strengths and weaknesses for commercial property and developers, as well as the strengths and weaknesses for residential property owners; 2) Compile a list of myths to overcome and ideas of how to build trust in our community; 3) Create a list of the residential and commercial areas where we would have the best chance for successful annexation; and 4) Keep this agenda item in committee for another month to continue the conversation.

RECOMMENDATION *The Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee hear a presentation by staff, then discuss or take action as appropriate.*

Retain in Committee for further discussion

[130877.](#)

Canvass Board Responsibilities (B)

Attachments: [130877 Board of Canvassers - City Code 20150203.pdf](#)

Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree explained that currently under Section 9-14 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances, the City Canvass Board consists of 1) the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore or a member of the City Commission; 2) a citizen appointed by the City Commission; and 3) the Clerk of the Commission or designee. In the event the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore or a member of the City Commission is unable to serve because of a conflict of interest, the City Auditor or designee shall replace that member.

It was previously suggested that the Canvassing Board responsibilities could be filled more appropriately by the City Auditor. If the City Auditor is moved into a primary role on the Canvass Board, a replacement person would be required. This change would need to be modified through an ordinance.

After discussion of this item, the members of the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee recommended 1) referring this item to the City Commission on consent with no change to the Canvass Board; and 2) to remove it from the committee referral list.

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss the Canvass Board composition and recommend the City Commission 1) Direct the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk to advertise a change in the ordinance to reflect new responsibilities as discussed; and 2) Remove this item from the referral list.*

Remove from Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee referral list

140296. **Future Living Wage Appropriations (B)**

Attachments: [140296A Article IX Living Wage Requirements 20150203.pdf](#)
[140296B Original Ordinance- Living Wage 20150203.pdf](#)
[140296C Living Wage History 20150203.pdf](#)

Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree introduced this item. The ordinance requires companies who employ 50 or more persons and who provide covered services purchased by the City under a single contract over \$100,000 to provide a living wage. Staff has interpreted this to mean that the City should set an example and pay a living wage to City employees. Effective March 1, 2015 wages will be adjusted for City employees with a fiscal impact for the remainder of FY15 of \$5,100.

Following discussion of this item, the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee members recommended the City Commission direct the City Attorney to review and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise a change which expressly includes City employees in this ordinance. Members recommended removing this item from the Committee referral list.

RECOMMENDATION *The committee members 1) Discuss the Living Wage ordinance; 2) Take any action deemed appropriate; and 3) Remove this item from the referral list.*

Recommended the City Commission direct the City Attorney to review and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise a change which expressly includes City employees in this ordinance. Members recommended removing this item from the Committee referral list.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 3, 2015 at 5:00PM in the Roberta Lisle Kline conference room #16

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Braddy adjourned the meeting at 6:30PM