

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

June 3, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Gail Johnson (At Large, Seat B)*  
*Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)*  
*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**CALL TO ORDER - 1:03 PM****AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**INVOCATION****CA ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (CA) - GRU, General Government, Audit & Finance Committee and General Policy Committee Items**

*Nick Gonzalez spoke to the matter.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

**CA-1**    [200176.](#)    **Ratification of Agreement between the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 2157, Professional Firefighters Bargaining Unit and the City of Gainesville for October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**    *The City Commission ratify the Agreement between the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 2157, Professional Firefighters Bargaining Unit and the City of Gainesville, extending the Agreement through September 30, 2024.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-2**    [210051.](#)    **City Commission Special Meeting - Budget Updates GG/GRU (NB)**

**RECOMMENDATION**    *The City Commission approve a special meeting scheduled for June 7, 2021 at 3:00 PM.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-3**    [210052.](#)    **Approval of Minutes from the May 6 (2), May 20 (2), May 24, and May 26,**

**2021 City Commission Meetings (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve the May 6 (2), May 20 (2), May 24, and May 26, 2021 minutes.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-4**    [210028.](#)

**Selection of Marsh USA, Inc. as the City of Gainesville's Property and Casualty Broker/Agent and Risk Management Consultant**

This item involves a request for the City Commission to approve the rankings of the competitive bid process selecting Marsh USA, Inc. as the City's property and casualty broker/agent and risk management consultant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) approve the ranking of the responders, and 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the top ranked firm for a period of three years with two annual extensions, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality. If an agreement cannot be reached with the top ranked firm, authorize the City Manager or his designee to initiate negotiations with the next ranked firm, continuing through the rankings until an agreement is reached.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA**

*Modification: File #210049 (Commissioner David Arreola - City Commission Travel Budget) - Changed Text File*

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

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*Nathan Skop  
Brian O'Brien  
Debbie Martinez  
Mike Register  
Tom Mayton  
Kathy Benton  
Pastor Ron Rawls  
Armando Grundy-Gomes*

*Commissioner Arreola arrived at 1:27 PM.*

*Tony Cunningham, GRU Water/Wastewater officer spoke to MFL process and the protection of resources.*

**BD BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS (BD) - GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent.**

**BD-1 [210029](#). Appointments to the Board of Trustees for the Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan, Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board, Nature Centers' Commission and Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board (B)**

*Walt Barry spoke to his application for the Board of Trustees Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan.*

*Steve Varvel spoke to his application for the Board of Trustees Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Appoint Walt Barry and Steve Varvel to the Board of Trustees for the Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent. Donald Shepherd, Brian O'Brien and Nick Gonzalez spoke to the matter.*

*Andre Soucy spoke to his application for the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board.*

*Jaokim Nordqvist spoke to his application for the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco: Appoint Jaokim Nordqvist to the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent.*

*Madilena Campbell spoke to her application for the Nature Centers' Commission.*

*Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Saco to appoint Madilena Campbell to the Nature Centers' Commission. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent.*

*Andre Soucy spoke to his application for the Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board.*

*Logan Ladnyk spoke to his application for the Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco: Appoint Andre Soucy to the Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss appointments to the Board of Trustees for the Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan, Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board, Nature Centers' Commission and Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board and take appropriate action.*

**Approved as Shown Above.**

**BD-2**      [201235.](#)

**Organizational Culture Assessment and Report (B)**

*Motion: Accept recommendations 2 through 5, and move forward on 1, but make sure that it still leaves a lot of flexibility for the commissioner.*

*Ginger Bigbie, City Auditor gave a presentation.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Brian O'Brien, Nathan Skop and Armando Grundy-Gomes.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Auditor recommends the City Commission review the Internal Auditor's report and A) per recommendation #1, The City Commission direct the Charter Officers to propose an enhanced policy research process flow and present it the City Commission for final approval, and B) per recommendations #2-5, the City Commission direct the Charter Officers to work with Human Resources to: create and implement a citywide*

*policy management framework; enhance leadership training programs; consider approaches to internal conflict resolution assistance; and consider opportunities to support capturing employee suggestions.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**BD-3** [210049.](#)

**Commissioner David Arreola - City Commission Travel Budget (NB)**

*Motion: Refer to Policy Team the allowable uses/expansion of Commissioner's travel and training budget, including payment of Interns working for Commissioners.*

*Phil Mann, Interim City Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Donald Shepherd, Brian O'Brien, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Mary Lou Hildreth.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

## **CC COMMISSION COMMENT**

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson - Schedule July 15, 2021 Commission meeting, the Pro Bono team who might be representing the City for HB1.*

*Commissioner Arreola - Urgent Care Center next to GTEC Facility.*

**RECESS - 4:00 PM**

**RECONVENE - 5:30 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PR PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (PR)**

**PR-1 [210011.](#) Presentation of Executive Fire Officer Certificate to Joseph Shawn Hillhouse, Assistant Fire Chief (NB)**

**This item recommends recognition of Gainesville Fire Rescue Assistant Chief Joseph Shawn Hillhouse for his successful completion of the U.S. Fire Administration’s Executive Fire Officer Program.**

*Fire Chief Dixon introduced.*

*Joseph Shawn Hillhouse, Assistant Fire Chief accepted the special recognition.*

RECOMMENDATION *The Mayor and the Fire Chief present the EFO certificate to Assistant Chief Joseph Shawn Hillhouse.*

Heard

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*Donald Shepherd  
Mike Powell  
Pastor Ron Rawls*

**RESOLUTIONS (RE) - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

**RESOLUTIONS (NBR) - NON BINDING**

**NBR-1 [210036.](#) Mayor Lauren Poe - Resolution Urging the Florida Legislature to Permit**

**Ranked-Choice Voting in all Jurisdictions (B)**

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Darlene Pifalo and Susan Bottcher.*

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**NBR-2** [201098.](#)

**Mayor Lauren Poe - Resolution Denouncing the Discrimination Against the Asian American Communities (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (PH) (including Planning Petitions)****SR      ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (SR)**

**SR-1** [200726.](#)

**Quasi-Judicial - Rezoning 4.46 Acres of Property Located at 423 SE Williston Road (B)**

Ordinance No. 200726

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Zoning Map Atlas by rezoning approximately 4.46 acres of property generally located at 423 SE Williston Road, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Residential Multi-Family (RMF-6) to Mixed-Use Low-Intensity (MU-1); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**SR-2**     [200720.](#)

**Clearboarding of Structures - Amendment to Section 16-20 (B)**

Ordinance No. 200720

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Section 16-20 of the Code of Ordinances to require certain openings of vacant structures be sealed with clear or semi-clear shatter-proof polycarbonate material; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd*

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**SR-3**     [201151.](#)

**Ordinance Amending Insurance Requirements for Micromobility Services (B)**

ORDINANCE NO. 201151

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending section 26-195 of Chapter 26, Article VII by changing the insurance requirements for micromobility services; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**FR ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (FR)**

**FR-1 [201147](#) Code Amendments Regarding Residential Rental Unit Permits (B)**

Ordinance No. 201147

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Chapter 14.5, Article I titled "Residential Rental Unit Permits"; amending Appendix A. titled "Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges" to revise Residential Rental Unit Permit fees; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing effective dates.

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

*Sylvia Warren, Acting Equity & Inclusion Director spoke to the matter.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Jeremiah Tattersall and Christine McLoud.*

**RECOMMENDATION**                      *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**FR-2 [200886](#) Land Use Change - 83.79 Acres of Property Located on the 755-1100 Block on the South Side of NE 39th Boulevard (B)**

Ordinance No. 200886

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use category of approximately 83.79 acres of property located on the 755-1100 block on the south side of NE 39th Boulevard, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Planned Use District (PUD) to Commercial (C), Residential Medium-Density (RM), and Residential Low-Density (RL); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

*Nathaniel Chan, Planner gave a presentation.*

*Clay Sweger, EDA gave a presentation.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos: Approve with one modification, that the eastern portion -- the portions touching the single-family zoning areas have a land use that allows U-4 zoning and that the other residential areas would have a U-6 zoning, Motion died for lack of a second.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson left at 6:35 PM.*

*Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Adopt the proposed ordinance on first reading by title only. Motion failed 2-2. (need 4 votes). Commissioner Hayes-Santos and Mayor Poe in dissent. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent. Andrew Persons and Nicolle Shalley spoke to the matter. Josh Winnea, Mike Perkins, Brian O'Brien, Donald Shepherd and Darlene Pifalo spoke to the matter.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos: Continue the item and ask the applicant and staff to come back with something that has two-family dwellings in the R-L areas and a mixed-use somewhere on the property as well. Motion failed for lack of a second.*

*Motion to reconsider the original motion by first reading by title only. Motion passed 3-2. Commissioner Arreola and Commissioner Saco in dissent. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco: 1) Continue to July 15, 2021; and 2) Re-advertise and make one change to the urban mixed-use land area, and that the R-L area next to the single-family neighborhoods remains the same. Motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Arreola in dissent. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent. Armando Grundy-Gomes, Mike Perkins and Brian O'Brien spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**Approved as Shown Above**

**FR-3**    [200887.](#)

**Quasi-Judicial - Rezoning 83.79 Acres of Property Located on the 755-1100 Block on the South Side of NE 39th Boulevard (B)**

Ordinance No. 200887

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Zoning Map Atlas by rezoning approximately 83.79 acres of property generally located on the 755-1100 block on the south side of NE 39th Boulevard, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Planned Development (PD) to Automotive-Oriented Business (BA), Multi-Family (RMF-8), and Single-Family (RSF-4); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

*Andrew Persons spoke to the matter.*

*Nicolle Shalley spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Continued to July 15, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

## COMMISSION COMMENT

*Commissioner Ward - Rethink a way to do a citizens land use and zoning academy. Andrew Persons spoke to the matter.*

## ADJOURNMENT - 7:52 PM