

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 7, 2002

5:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Tom Bussing (At-Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Warren Nielsen (At-Large)

Commissioner Chuck Chestnut (District 1)

Commissioner Edward Braddy (District 2)

Commissioner Tony Domenech (District 3)

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CALL TO ORDER - 5:11 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present: Tony Domenech, Edward Braddy, Chuck Chestnut, Warren Nielsen and Tom Bussing

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Chestnut moved and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Nielsen seconded to adopt the agenda.

(VOTE: 5-0, MOTION CARRIED)

ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES**020247 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE MORE EVENLY STAGGERED TERMS OF COMMISSION OFFICES (B)**

City Attorney Marion Radson and Charter Review Committee Member David Welch gave presentations.

FIRST MOTION:

Commissioner Domenech moved and Commissioner Braddy seconded to hear public comment and continue the meeting until 5:30 PM tomorrow evening (Thursday, August 8, 2002).

Chair Bussing recognized Citizen Mark Goldstein, Debbie Martinez, Harold Saive, Sarah Poll, Nora Gibbons and Mac McEachern who spoke to the matter.

RECESS: 6:19 PM, August 7, 2002

RECONVENE: 5:31 PM, August 8, 2002

NOTE: Chair Bussing passed the gavel to Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Nielsen.

FIRST MOTION: Commissioner Domenech moved and Mayor Bussing seconded to direct the City Attorney to draft language for the November ballot to amend the Charter to ask "Shall the City Commission maintain at 5 members instead of increasing to 7 members".

NOTE: Chair Bussing passed the gavel to Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Nielsen in order to second the previous motion.

(VOTE: 3-2, Mayor Bussing, Commissioner Domenech and Commissioner Braddy - Yes, Commissioner Chestnut and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Nielsen - No, MOTION CARRIED)

City Attorney Marion Radson gave a presentation.

AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUS MOTION:

Chair Bussing moved and Commissioner Domenech seconded that in addition to the first motion to include a statement that the City Commission is committed to following the provisions of the current Charter as they become applicable, pending the results of the referendum.

(VOTE: 2-3, Mayor Bussing and Commissioner Domenech - YES, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Braddy and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Nielsen - NO, MOTION FAILED)

Chair Pro Tem Nielsen recognized Citizens Debbie Martinez, Harold Saive, Mac McEachern, Officer Jeff McAdams, Randy Scudder, Nora Gibbons, and Sarah Poll who spoke to the matter.

Mayor Bussing moved and Commissioner Domenech seconded to continue this item to the Regular City Commission Meeting Monday, August 12, 2002 and ask the Clerk of the Commission to prepare a modification to the agenda for Monday's meeting. (VOTE: 5-0, MOTION CARRIED)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) approve a proposed charter amendment and ballot question to provide more evenly staggered terms of commission offices; 2) authorize the City Attorney to prepare, and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise, an ordinance adopting an amendment to the City Charter, subject to the approval of the voters at the November 5, 2002, general election.*

A motion was made by Mayor Bussing, seconded by Commissioner Domenech, that this matter be Continued for August 12, 2002. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Tony Domenech, Edward Braddy, Chuck Chestnut, Warren Nielsen and Tom Bussing

ADJOURNMENT - 6:46 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission