

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**February 9, 2017**

**1:00 PM**

**Roberta Lisle Kline Room**

## **General Policy Committee**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Helen Warren (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)*  
*Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)*  
*Commissioner Craig Carter (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****AGENDA STATEMENT**

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**ROLL CALL**[160733.](#)**General Policy Committee Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of January 26, 2017.*

[160733\\_minutes\\_20170209.pdf](#)

[160263.](#)**Chapter 4, Article III Underage Prohibition in Alcoholic Beverage Establishments (B)**

**An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to persons under the age of 21 in alcoholic beverage establishments; by amending Chapter 4, Article III to regulate persons under 21 being present in alcoholic beverage establishments which have a high number of underage alcohol violations.**

*Explanation: In the past year, concerns were raised regarding Chapter 4, Article III of the Alcohol Beverages ordinance regarding the enforcement and penalty process for underage prohibition orders. The Gainesville Police Department was tasked with drafting some potential changes to alleviate these concerns while at the same time attempting to deal with ongoing public safety concerns. General revision concepts to Chapter 4 have been presented to both the former Public Safety Committee and Community Alcohol Coalition with positive responses. The Public Safety Committee referred the issue to the Commission for final action. GPD has proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Article III which would help alleviate the problems of persons under 21 years of age from consuming*

*alcoholic beverages in alcoholic beverage establishments.*

*The Gainesville Police Department held two meetings with stakeholders on September 19th and 21st, 2016. The first meeting (19th) was attended by two representatives from UF student government. UF Student Body President Susan Webster suggested two ID requirements for bars to utilize.*

*GPD members met with bar owners and employees on September 21st in regards to the possible changes to the ordinance. Their concerns/requests were as follows: 1) Cost of Permit; 2) Cost of any required staff training and time frame for how long training was good for; 3) Costs of purchasing ID scanners; 4) Associating bar occupancy with requirement due to cost of hiring police as exterior security; 5) Time frame for reset of permit violations; and 6) Allowing persons under 18 years of age to attend music events at alcoholic establishments without a guardian/parent.*

*Fiscal Note: None*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear an update from GPD staff members on the proposed ordinance changes.*

**Legislative History**

6/18/15	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
11/10/16	General Policy Committee	Discussed

[160263A Underage Prohibition Presentation 20161110](#)

[160263B GPD Alcohol Presentation Slides 20161110.pdf](#)

[160263C COG Alcohol Ordinance Executive Summary 20161110.pdf](#)

[160263 Alcohol Ordinance Executive Summary 20170209](#)

[160652.](#)

**Homeless Services (B)**

**This is a request for the General Policy Committee members to discuss homeless services, including potentially issuing a new RFP and/or exploring other options for homeless services.**

*Explanation: On February 11, 2014, the City entered into a three-year contract with the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry (ACCHH) to provide homeless services at the Empowerment Center. That contract was originally scheduled to expire on September 30, 2016, however, the City Commission extended it for one (1) additional year. The extended contract expires on September 30, 2017. The expiration of that contract gives the City Commission several new options for providing homeless services. Those options include transferring the direct provision of services at Dignity Village from City Staff to a more appropriate service provider. For these reasons, City staff is requesting policy direction from*

*the City Commission regarding the provision of homeless services, beginning in FY18.*

*Starting with the original contract, the costs for homeless services at GRACE Marketplace have been shared equally between the City and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners. In the original contract, the budget for homeless services was \$308,000 for the first year. That budget has gradually increased every year.*

*The budget for the current contract between the City of Gainesville and the ACCHH (for FY17) is \$874,000 (\$437,000 from the City and \$437,000 from Alachua County). That budget, however, does not include the cost of bus passes (approximately \$15,000 combined, for FY16 and FY17), or the \$5,535 for the local match for the \$55,350 transportation disadvantaged grant. Additionally, since 2015, the City has provided management and oversight of the Dignity Village Camping area which was an unintended result of opening the Empowerment Center. The cost of the management and oversight of Dignity Village, including the Dignity Village Manager and Law Enforcement, is estimated to be \$228,014, annually. That does not include the City Manager's office, Facilities, and Housing & Community Development staff time.*

*City Staff believes that the expiration of the contract with ACCHH provides a good opportunity to discuss homeless services, including combining camping services into one contract rather than having two entities managing homeless services at the Empowerment Center and Dignity Village location. It also provides a good opportunity to discuss other options for homeless services.*

*City Staff estimates that it will take approximately four months to complete the RFP process for a provider. Furthermore, staff plans to coordinate with County Management staff, since the County shares in the funding of homeless services at GRACE Marketplace. At the General Policy Committee meeting, staff will provide options on how services can be provided to the homeless.*

*In the past, the local Continuum of Care (CoC) and most of its membership supported and implemented Transitional Housing Programs. More recently, however, the CoC has begun to implement the Housing First model, which emphasizes placing homeless residents directly into permanent housing and permanent supportive housing. This Housing First model requires organizations to try to reduce their barriers to entry to homeless shelters and to reduce the number of days in the shelter to approximately 30 days. The Housing First model also strongly emphasizes going to clients, that is to where they stay or congregate in order to provide case management and other services. Nationally, the Housing First model is generally considered the best practice model and is financially supported by the Federal government. In contrast, the Federal government no longer is supporting most transitional housing (there are some exceptions for domestic violence*

shelters) and therefore, the local CoC's that support this model are no longer receiving funding as a priority from HUD. Thus, in order to continue to receive Federal government support to provide services to the homeless, our community must continue to move toward the Housing First model.

Permanent supportive housing for people who need constant case management in their daily function, is also a high priority for the Federal government. There has been no proposed changes to this policy by the new Administration.

*Fiscal Note:* The estimated total cost of providing homeless services is \$1,177,899 (grants, general funds, and county funds) including management oversight of the homeless services contract and Dignity Village. This amount excludes in-kind supportive services to the management.

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The General Policy Committee members hear a presentation from staff on the pros and cons of each option; and provide policy direction.*

**Legislative History**

1/5/17            City Commission            Referred to the General Policy Committee  
[160652\\_Staff Analysis Homeless Services\\_20170209.docx.pdf](#)

[150991.](#)

**City Commission Discussion of Key City/County Issues (B)**

**This is a request for the General Policy Committee to discuss key City/County issues.**

*Explanation:* The City/County relationship/partnership is of great importance. The City and County have many common interests and existing partnerships that work to the benefit of both the City and County. In reviewing key outstanding issues between the City and County, staff believes the City Commission would be well served by dedicating time today to discuss some of the key City/County issues.

*Fiscal Note:* None

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The General Policy Committee discuss key City/County issues.*

**Legislative History**

5/5/16            City Commission            Referred to the General Policy Committee  
 10/13/16        General Policy Committee    Discussed  
 12/8/16        General Policy Committee    Approved, as shown above

[150991A\\_Fire Services Assistance Agreement Oct 2006\\_20170209.pdf](#)

[150991B\\_Interlocal Agreement Dec 2015\\_20170209.pdf](#)

[150991C\\_Presentation Update on Transition SW\\_20170209.pdf](#)

[150991D\\_Letter from Chair Cornell - Modification of the FSAA Interlocal Agreeen](#)

## ADJOURNMENT