

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

November 30, 2017

1:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)*

*Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)*

*Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)*

*Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)*

*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*

*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**ROLL CALL - 1:08 PM**

**Present** 7 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

**AGENDA STATEMENT**[160652.](#)**Services at the Empowerment Center for the Homeless (B)**

**This item is a request to review and provide staff direction on the operation of homeless services at the Empowerment Center from both a programmatic focus and funding perspective to determine the best level of services for the Homeless.**

*Mayor Poe read into the record a letter from the County Commission.*

*Motion by Commissioner Goston, seconded by Commissioner Warren: 1) Direct the City Manager to enter into a contract negotiation with ACCHH in the amount of 22% above the cost of last year's budget for nine months, which would give us time to work with the County on a MOU for managing Grace Marketplace Empowerment Center; 2) Direct the City Manager to take 12% of the cost that the coalition is asking and direct it toward funding for the Reichert House; 3) Direct the City Manager to utilize the additional percentage to increase the housing budget and bring back a plan on how we can fit the local codes to build tiny houses and utilize some of the housing that may not be up to par for persons that are sleeping on the ground; and 4) Direct the City Manger to develop a plan to close Dignity Village within 90 days.*

*The above motion was split into two parts: The first part will be to increase funding of 22% for the existing contract with the split between Reichert House and the Gainesville Housing Authority. (Motion failed 1-6. Commissioner Goston voting yes). The second part is to Direct the City Manager to come up with a plan to close Dignity Village within 90 days. (Motion failed unanimously).*

*Motion: 1) Offer \$855,000 (direct staff to identify a funding source for the additional money) funding for a 9-month contract to ACCHH - half the city, half the county, approximately \$100,00 from each for nine months; 2) Direct staff to immediately work on a contingency plan to take over services of the Grace Marketplace on January 1, 2018 if the contract is not accepted; 3) Refer to the GPC the discussion of Dignity Village and rapid rehousing and permanent housing; and 4) Authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the County Commission indicating what action was taken. (Motion passed 7-0).*

*Jim Konish, Joe Jackson, Jo Beaty, Kent Vann, Bob Lunberg and Arthur Stockwell spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) enter into a month-to-month contract with ACCHH in the amount \$72,800 per month not to exceed \$656,000 for FY 2017/2018; 2) direct the City Manager or designee to negotiate or make minor changes to the draft contract for the provision of homeless services, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; 3) direct the City Manager to discuss with the County the feasibility of taking over homeless services for the City and bring this item back to the City Commission by Spring 2018; 4) discuss homeless services at the Empowerment Center at the Joint City-County Commission meeting on December 11, 2017; and 5) staff come back to City Commission to discuss Dignity Village and Rapid Rehousing.*

*Alternative Recommendation A*

*The City Commission: 1) Declare an impasse and authorize staff to engage in Emergency Services for Homeless Services; 2) direct the City Manager to discuss with the County the feasibility of taking over homeless services for the City and bring this item back to the City Commission by Spring 2018.*

*Alternative Recommendation B*

*The City Commission: 1) Declare an impasse and authorize staff to engage in Emergency Services for Homeless Services; 2) rebid the Homeless Services RFP for 2017/2018; and 3) direct the City Manager to discuss with the County the feasibility of taking over homeless services for the City and bring this item back to the City Commission by Spring 2018.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

[170632.](#)

Dignity Village

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Refer to Committee*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Referred to the General Policy Committee, due back on 4/30/2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

[170633.](#)

Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Housing

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Refer to Committee*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Referred to the General Policy Committee, due back on 4/30/2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

**ADJOURNMENT - 2:54 PM**

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**Sharon D. Williams**  
**Interim Clerk of the Commission**