

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 14, 2011

1:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Craig Lowe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Thomas Hawkins (At Large)

Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)

Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)

Commissioner Susan Bottcher (District 3)

Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)

Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:05 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins moved and Commissioner Scherwin Henry seconded to adopt the agenda.
(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

ROLL CALL

Present: Craig Lowe, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Thomas Hawkins, Randy Wells, Todd Chase and Susan Bottcher

CITY MANAGER

110142. Annual Funding Recommendations for the Community Grant Program (B)

The City Commission is requested to consider approval of the City's State Housing Initiatives Partnership Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) funding recommendations for allocating the FY 2011-2012 Community Grant Program funds.

Neighborhood Planning Coordinator John Wachtel, CACCD Chair Juanita Miles Hamilton and Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree gave presentations.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) consider approval of the AHAC's funding recommendations for the Community Grant Program; 2) consider approval of the AHAC's recommendation to add Pet Care for Homeless Individuals and Families to the list of activities that are eligible for Community Grant Program funding in FY 2012-2013; and 3) authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the funding agreements and other related documents with the approved agencies to disburse the grant funds, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Henry, that this matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Todd Chase, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins

110143. FY 2011-2012 Funding Recommendations and Annual Action Plan (Application) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds (B)

The City Commission is asked to consider recommendations for allocating CDBG and HOME funds for FY 2011-2012; and to authorize the submission of an Annual Action Plan (Application) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on the funding allocations that are approved by the City Commission.

Housing and Community Development Supervisor Deneace Joshua, CACCD Chair Juanita Miles Hamilton and Assistant City Manager Fred Murry gave presentations.

Mayor Lowe recognized Rosa B. Williams and John Alexander of the Reichert House; Michael Jordan with Education and Neighborhood Development; and Eartha Wright who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommended Motion: The City Commission: 1) consider recommendations from the CACCD for the outside agencies that are designated to receive FY 2011-2012 CDBG and HOME funds ; 2) approve the FY 2011-2012 CDBG and HOME set-aside funding for City projects: City Housing Programs; Block Grant Administration; Code Enforcement; and Cold Weather Shelter for the homeless; 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare and submit the FY 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan (Application), including all understandings and assurances contained therein, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for financial assistance under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and to act on behalf of the City of Gainesville in all matters pertaining to the CDBG and HOME Programs; 4) authorize the City Manager or designee to take actions as appropriate to allocate the FY 2011-2012 CDBG and HOME funds; and 5) authorize the City Manager to execute subrecipient agreements with those outside agencies that are designated to receive FY 2011-2012 CDBG and HOME funding, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins, that this matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Todd Chase, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins

110135. General Government Budget (B)

Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree, Gainesville Police Chief Tony Jones, Interim Code Enforcement Manager Chris Cooper, Assistant City Manager Fred Murry and EO Director Cecil Howard gave presentations.

Mayor Lowe recognized Gainesville HIPPY Program Representatives Nicole Duncan, Charna Cohn and Reverend Kevin Thorpe; and Gordon Tremaine who spoke to the matter.

RECESS: 3:59 PM

RECONVENE: 4:18 PM

MOTION: Commissioner Chase moved and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins seconded to approve the spreadsheet as presented by Ms. Becky Rountree and is attached to this item.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

Mayor Lowe recognized Mary Anderson, Reverend Kevin Thorpe and Gordon Tremaine who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear presentations from staff and take action as appropriate.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins, that this matter be Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Todd Chase, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins

ADJOURNMENT - 4:45 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission