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RESOLUTION NO. 140729

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A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, creating a Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee on Economic Competitiveness; providing for its composition; establishing responsibilities and use of City resources; establishing provisions for operation; and providing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is concerned about providing for economic development and desires to enhance the image of the City as a city of opportunity for new and existing business; and

WHEREAS, this task will require energy, ideas and resources from a wide range of individuals and groups; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has the power to designate and create committees by resolution as necessary for the study of special projects or programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that it wishes to create a blue ribbon advisory committee to review all aspects of the City’s business environment and recommend changes to enhance the City’s business environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Intent. It is the intent of the City Commission to create a blue ribbon advisory committee to be tasked with researching, investigating and exploring best practices for business development and subsequently making recommendations to the City Commission on how the City can improve its business environment. This resolution creates the advisory committee and outlines the structure, responsibilities and powers of the advisory committee.

Section 2. Creation and Composition of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee on Economic Competitiveness

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1 (a) The City Commission hereby establishes a Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee on
2 Economic Competitiveness that consists of 23 members, appointed as follows:

3 (1) Fourteen members appointed by the City Commission, with the Mayor and each
4 City Commissioner appointing two members; and

5 (2) Two members appointed by the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce; and

6 (3) Two members appointed by the Gainesville/Alachua County Association of
7 Realtors; and

8 (4) Two members appointed by the Builders Association of North Central Florida;
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10 (5) One member appointed by the University of Florida; and

11 (6) One member appointed by Santa Fe College; and

12 (7) One member appointed by the Gainesville Area Innovation Network (GAIN)

13 (b) In the event an appointed member is unable to continue to serve, the vacancy will be
14 filled by the Mayor.

15 (c) The Committee members shall not be deemed employees of the City of Gainesville, nor
16 entitled to compensation, pension, or other retirement benefits on account of service on the
17 Committee.

18 (d) The Committee and its members shall be subject to the provisions of Florida's
19 Government in the Sunshine Law (Section 286.012, Fla. Stat.), Florida's Code of Ethics for
20 Public Officers and Employees (Part III, Chapter 112, Fla. Stat.), and Florida's Public Records
21 Law (Chapter 119, Fla. Stat.), all as may be amended from time to time.

22 **Section 3. Responsibilities of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee on Economic**
23 **Competitiveness**
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1 The Committee's primary responsibility is to study, research, evaluate, and make
2 recommendations to the City Commission concerning changes to the City's regulations,
3 organization, processes, technology, and staffing to improve the City's business environment.

4 The Committee should examine the business environments of other relevant cities and
5 organizations. The Committee shall provide periodic updates as requested by the City
6 Commission. The Committee will prepare and present a final report approved by majority vote
7 of the Committee to the City Commission by December 17, 2015, recommending ways the City
8 can improve, proposing changes, and recommending short and long term strategies.

9 **Section 4. City Resources**

10 (a) At the direction of the Charter Officers of the City of Gainesville, City Staff shall prepare
11 such reports, analysis and recommendations as the Committee deems necessary to remain fully
12 informed and to carry out its responsibilities as set forth in this resolution.

13 (b) The City Attorney, or her designee, shall serve as legal advisor to the Committee.

14 (c) The City Manager shall designate a staff member to serve as Clerk to the Committee.

15 The Clerk shall publish the notice of meetings, shall prepare an agenda and shall record and keep
16 minutes of each committee meeting. The Chairperson or if unavailable, the Vice Chair shall
17 approve the meeting agenda prior to its distribution.

18 (d) Subject to approval by the City Manager and in accordance with City policy and State
19 law, the Committee may expend City funds for the purpose of bringing in speakers, consultants
20 and experts to assist the Committee in its task.

21 **Section 5. Committee Meetings and Procedure**

22 (a) One of the Mayor's appointees, as designated by the Mayor, shall be the chairperson. The
23 vice-chairperson shall be selected at the first meeting of the Committee by majority vote.

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1 (b) The Committee shall conduct business in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, latest
2 revised edition, except when in conflict with this Resolution or other rules established by
3 majority vote of the Committee.

4 (c) The Committee shall hold a minimum of one regular monthly public meeting at such
5 times and places as it may designate in accordance with Florida's Government in the Sunshine
6 Law.

7 (d) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Committee, however a
8 smaller number may adjourn a meeting. Official action may be taken by a vote of the majority of
9 the quorum present.

10 (e) The Committee may establish subcommittees for specific subject analysis or tasks from
11 among its members.

12 (f) In carrying out its duties the Committee may request information and assistance from the
13 Charter Officers as the Committee finds necessary.

14 (g) The recommendations from the Committee will be placed on a City Commission meeting
15 agenda for discussion and action by the City Commission. The City Commission shall determine
16 whether changes to the City's Code, rules and regulations or policies and practices are necessary
17 or desirable. Any changes shall be made in accord with law.

18 **Section 6. Sunset**

19 This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption. This Resolution
20 shall be valid and effective until December 31, 2015, at which point the Committee shall be
21 deemed sunsetted, unless extended by further resolution of the City.

22 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of March 2015.

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**EDWARD B. BRADDY
MAYOR**

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ATTEST:

Approved as to form and legality

**KURT M. LANNON
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION**

**NICOLLE M. SHALLEY
CITY ATTORNEY**