

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

April 8, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[200995.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the General Policy Committee Meeting of March 25, 2021 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of March 25, 2021.*

[200995_March 25, 2021 Minutes_20210408.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[200989.](#) **General Policy Committee Administration Session (B)**

Explanation: In order to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of the General Policy Committee, the Committee will plan its work by quarter. At this meeting, the Committee will decide which items will be heard during the third quarter of FY21 and will schedule them accordingly. General Policy meetings are scheduled for April 8th, April 22nd, May 13th, May 27th, June 10th.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee will set their agendas for the second quarter of FY21.*

[200989_GPC Administrative Session - April 2020_20210408.pdf](#)

Time Certain - 1:30 PM

[180257.](#) **Local Food System Action Plan - Key Project Updates and Discussion (NB)**

AGENDA UPDATE - REMOVE ITEM (The Presenter is unable to make this meeting. This item will be back on at a future meeting).

Explanation: On 12/3/2020 the City Commission approved to host and participate in a workshop on January 12, 2021 to hear staff present and update on the Local Food System Action Plan, and to engage in a discussion with staff around next steps. The topics discussed in this workshop, including possible projects that the City Commission may consider investing in to

improve our local food system, included recommendations and feedback shared with staff by city neighbors over the past two years. The workshop presentation was also informed by the motion passed at the Joint City/County Commission meeting on 12/15/2020 when item #200604 “Collaborative Community Food Projects” was presented by City Commissioner Johnson and County Commissioner Prizzia.

The discussion around the Local Food System Action Plan and potential projects continued at the 2/25/2021 General Policy Committee meeting, at which time a motion passed detailing direction for staff to work on a Community Grocery Store Initiative. This initiative, as well as others passed in the 12/15/2020 joint City/County motion continued to be discussed on 3/29/2021 at a Joint City/County meeting. During the 3/29/2021 Joint City/County meeting a motion was passed that called for the formation of a Joint City/County subcommittee that will focus on collaborative community food projects.

As staff will participate in the subcommittee to develop plans for next steps for these collaborative community food projects, creating a process for community engagement will be a key area of focus. As noted in the 2/25/2021 GPC meeting, partnering with local organizations and community members currently engaging in community-driven efforts to improve food access and food sovereignty will be essential to City’s efforts. Therefore, the local nonprofit Grace Grows has been invited to provide the City Commission with an update on the USDA grant funded Community Food Project they are facilitating in SE Gainesville to improve food access and food sovereignty in the community.

The presentation included in this item is related to the City’s Local Food System Action Plan, which aligns with Goal 1: Equitable Community and is deemed High Priority by the City of Gainesville’s Strategic Plan.

Fiscal Note: TBD

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission will hear a presentation by Grace Grows (nonprofit) on the USDA grant funded Community Food Project they are facilitating in SE Gainesville to improve food access and food sovereignty.

Legislative History

8/2/18	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
9/27/18	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above
2/12/19	City Commission	Heard
3/14/19	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)
1/12/21	City Commission	Heard
2/25/21	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above

[200739.](#)**General Fund Transfer (B)**

AGENDA UPDATE - REVISED BACK-UP and ADDITIONAL BACK-UP

Explanation: During the FY21 budget hearings, the City Commission directed staff to retain a consultant to provide options for the development of formulas for the General Fund Transfer. In October 2020, nFront Consulting LLC was selected for this project. Staff is presenting the two primary options provided by the consultant.

Fiscal Note: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Hear a presentation from staff and take any action deemed appropriate.

Legislative History

3/25/21 General Policy Approved, as shown above
 Committee

[200739 GRU GFT Presentation to GPC 20210325](#)

[200739 GRU GFT Options Evaluation 20210120 20210325](#)

[200739 nFront Response Letter 2021 01 29 F 20210325](#)

[200739 nFront Response Letter 2021 02 04F 20210325](#)

[200739 GRU GFT Options Evaluation Commission Presentation Rev 202103](#)

[200739 GG GFT Presentation 20210408.pdf](#)

[200739 GRU Follow-Up to GFT Presentation 2010408](#)

[201007.](#)**Community Resource Guide (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.

[201007 CCG PHHP Committee Proposal 20210408.pdf](#)

[200718.](#)**Advisory Board and Committee Annual Reports (B)**

Explanation: At the September 17, 2020 meeting the Commission moved to request annual reports from all Advisory Boards and Committees.

In accordance with the motion, the reports in the backup have been compiled. The City Clerks' Office will continue working with the Advisory Boards and Committees to submit outstanding reports.

Fiscal Note: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission receive and review the advisory board and committee annual reports and hear a presentation.

Legislative History

1/21/21	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
1/28/21	General Policy Committee	Heard
2/11/21	General Policy Committee	Heard
2/18/21	City Commission	Approved, as shown above
3/4/21	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
3/25/21	General Policy Committee	Heard

[200718_FY20 PRC Annual Report a_20210304](#)

[201008.](#)

Downtown Strategic Plan Project Update & Engagement Brief (B)

AGENDA UPDATE - ADDED ITEM

Explanation: The City of Gainesville has retained a consulting team, led by MKSK and Gainesville-based EDA, to develop a Strategic Plan for Downtown, a Top Priority project for the City Commission City Strategic Plan: 2020 - 2025 - 2035. A contract, co-funded by the City of Gainesville (funded from the GCRA) and the University of Florida (UF), was executed in November 2020. This project is assigned to the Office of Capital Asset Planning & Economic Resilience (CAPER).

Since project initiation, the project team has held introductory meetings with internal stakeholders, including City staff, GCRA Advisory Board, City Commissioners, Alachua County staff, and UF staff, as well as site visits, and information gathering.

MKSK and a Core Working Group including community builders from GCRA, Office of Equity and Inclusion, Office of Communications and Engagement, UF, and led by CAPER, have crafted a project Engagement Plan, which will be discussed at this presentation.

Strategic Connection

Downtown Strategic Plan is an FY 2021 top priority policy action item listed under Goal 3: A Great Place to Live & Experience.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

Hear presentation and provide input.

[201008 Gainesville Engagement Brief final 20210408](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 22, 2021

ADJOURNMENT