

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

September 9, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

## **General Policy Committee**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Gail Johnson (At Large, Seat B)*  
*Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)*  
*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**CALL TO ORDER - 1:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Modification: Adopt the agenda, striking Item No. 200718.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted with Modification. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Saco, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[210358.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the August 26, 2021 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *The General Policy Committee approve the August 26, 2021 minutes.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Saco, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION** *The City Commission receive and review the advisory board and committee annual report from the Regional Transit System Advisory Board.*

**Withdrawn**

[210163.](#) **Revised Timeline for Redrawing City's Election Districts (B)**

*Motion: Approve the proposed timeline; the City Clerk schedule special*

*meetings for public engagement in January and February; and to provide time for residents to present proposed district maps to the City Commission.*

*Attorney Sean McDermott introduced the item.*

*Shelby Taylor, Director of Communications, spoke about public communication and engagement efforts regarding redistricting.*

*1:09 PM: Johnson arrived*

*1:17 PM: Saco arrived*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee: 1) approve the proposed accelerated redistricting timeline, 2) provide guidance as to the extent of public participation in the redistricting process, and 3) review and provide comments to the Resolution.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

[210333.](#)

**State Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY 2022-23 (B)**

*Motion: Adopt the recommendation with the following modifications: 1) Add funding for a central receiving facility and CRP police interrupters program; 2) Job growth funding from the state departments; and 3) Authorize Mayor to send a letter to the Alachua Board of County Commissions notifying them that the City Commission is making University and 13th Street a number one funding priority and asking them to do the same; and to send a letter to the UF President and Board of Trustees and to Florida Not One More asking the same.*

*Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item.*

*Ryan Matthew and Angela Drzewiecki, state lobbyists, spoke to the matter.*

*City Manager Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee review and discuss the draft list of State Legislative items and establish FY 2022-23 State Legislative priorities for both our state lobbying team and our state legislative delegation.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**201093.**

**Annexation Policy (B)**

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to discuss surveying residents in the unincorporated area to gauge interest in annexation.

*Lee Feldman, City Manager, introduced the item.*

*Andrew Persons, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, spoke to the item.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd and Tana Silva.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee receive a presentation from staff and provide direction on survey questions.*

**Discussed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Donald Shepherd  
Tana Silva  
Al Holmes*

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Arreola: Filing resolution in support of reproductive rights. Thanked everyone for checking in during this recent absence.*

*Commissioner Saco: Suggests refraining from public conversations on vaccine mandate while litigation pending. Commissioner Hayes-Santos and Commissioner Ward commented.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE - September 23, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT - 2:40 PM**