

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 12, 2012**

**6:00 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 - 6:08 PM

## ROLL CALL

Present: Craig Lowe, Scherwin Henry, Thomas Hawkins, Randy Wells and Susan Bottcher

Absent: Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Todd Chase

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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*MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bottcher, seconded by Commissioner Wells to adopt the agenda.*

*(VOTE: 4-0, Commissioners Chase, Henry and Mastrodicasa - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

*NOTE: Commissioner Henry entered the meeting room at 6:10 PM.*

## CITY MANAGER

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### 110705.

#### **General Government FY2013-14 Preliminary Budget Discussions (B)**

**The City Commission discuss the assumptions provided in the five-year financial forecast and provide direction to staff for the development of the FY2013-14 biennial budget.**

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*INTRODUCTION: City Manager Russ Blackburn gave introductions.*

*STAFF PRESENTATIONS: Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree gave a presentation.*

*Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Director Steve Phillips and RTS Transit Maintenance Manager Paul Starling made comments.*

#### *COMMISSION DISCUSSION*

*MOTION - (Referral): A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins to refer the issue of some form of sales tax rebate for low income people to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee - (See following referral item #110822).*

*(VOTE: 5-0, Commissioners Chase and Mastrodicasa - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

*SECOND MOTION (Referral): A motion was made by Commissioner Bottcher, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins to refer the issue of Solid Waste*

can sizes and fees to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee. (See following referral item #110858).  
(VOTE: 5-0, Commissioners Chase and Mastrodicasa - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

*CITIZEN COMMENT: Mayor Lowe recognized Jeff McAdams and John Isaacson who spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission: 1) receive a presentation from staff; and 2) provide any exceptions or specific guidance related to the assumptions used in the five-year forecast for the development of the FY2013-14 biennial proposed budget.*

**Discussed**

110705\_PP FY13-FY14 Budget Process\_20120312.pdf

**110822.**

**Sales Tax Rebate (NB)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission refer the issue of sales tax rebates for low income people to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins, that this matter be Referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee, due back on September 12, 2012. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**110858.**

**Solid Waste - Can Sizes and Fees (NB)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission refer the issue of Solid Waste can sizes and fees to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bottcher, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hawkins, that this matter be Referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee, due back on September 12, 2012. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:39 PM**

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Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission