

City of Gainesville

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Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

October 24, 2019

1:00 PM

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multi-Purpose Room

General Policy Committee

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

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:06 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Modification: Hear GPD item first on Agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, that this Matter be Adopted with Modification. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

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Gainesville Police Department Quarterly Tactical Briefing (B)

Motion: 1) Discuss technology in policing and privacy at GPC; and 2) Request policy staff to research actions in other communities.

GPD Chief, Tony Jones, gave a presentation.

Commission Simmons asked a question about crime reports. Chief Jones, Chief Inspector Jorge Campos, and other GPD staff responded.

Commissioner Johnson asked a question. Mr. Campos responded.

Commissioner Arreola arrived at 1:13 pm.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward asked a question regarding retail theft. Chief Jones responded.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question regarding parking lot crashes.

Chief Jones responded.

GPD Captain presented on use of technology .

Commissioner Warren asked a question about surveillance cameras. GPD Captain responded.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question about license plate readers. GPD Captain responded.

Commissioner Simmons asked questions about customizing technology, factors that will be considered. GPD Captain responded. Commissioner Simmons asked about the ultimate goals. GPD Captain, Chief Jones and another GPC officer responded.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward asked if Commissioner Hayes-Santos would refer this issue to the Digital Access Subcommittee before sending to Commission. Commissioner Hayes-Santos agreed.

Mayor Poe asked a question about the City's participation in doorbell cameras. Chief Inspector Campos, Chief Jones and other officer responded.

Mayor Poe thanked GPD for information. Requested a 1-2 page summary for Commission and City Manager's Office to understand the camera policies. Asked clarifying questions.

Sergeant Kerkau presented on the school zone laser project.

Captain Ferrara presented on the Criminal Investigations Division, Gun Violence Initiative.

Mr. Campos presented on personnel/staff and internal affairs.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward asked a question about vacancies. Mr. Campos responded.

Assistant Chief presented on GPD initiatives supporting the COG Strategic Framework.

GPD Staff presented on the Heroes Program.

Commissioner Warren asked a question about youth intervention and housing. GPD staff responded.

Mr. Savoie from Meridian Behavioral Health spoke about the Co-responder Program.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question about the program. GPD and Mr. Savoie responded.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked about a timeline for the deflection program. Chief Inspector Campos responded, estimating 2-4 months.

Mayor Poe thanked GPD.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear a Quarterly Tactical Briefing Update by the Gainesville Police Department.*

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

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

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Community Engagement Toolkit (B)

Dr. Anne Wolf, Department of Strategic Initiatives, gave a presentation on the Community Engagement Toolkit.

Commissioner Simmons asked a question. Dr. Wolf responded.

Andrew Persons, Interim Director, Department of Doing commented about community engagement.

Commissioner Johnson asked a question about implementation. Dr. Wolf responded. Commissioner Johnson commented about operationalizing the toolkit across the organization. Dr. Wolf serves as a consultant to other departments on strategies. Suggested a simpler toolkit for departments to use for operationalizing community engagement.

Dr. Wolf responded, Interim City Manager Deborah Bowie responded. Commissioner Johnson thanked Dr. Wolf and staff.

Commissioner Warren commented.

Mayor Poe thanked Dr. Wolf for the toolkit. Commented in support of fostering an environment to support learning around community engagement.

Commissioner Arreola thanked staff.

Matthew Umanos and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

Mayor Poe asked that when staff return with a final version of the toolkit that GRU be included in how it will be incorporated into operations.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee 1) hear a presentation on the Community Engagement Toolkit and 2) provide input prior to finalization and use of the Toolkit by Departments.*

Discussed

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State Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY 2020 (B)

Interim City Manager Deborah Bowie introduced Thomas Harrington, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator.

Mr. Harrington gave a presentation on State Legislative Priorities. Requested dialogue and direction from the Commission regarding requests for state appropriations.

Mayor Poe commended about appropriation requests and matching funds; and central receiving facility. Asked staff question about mental health service usage. Donald Savoie, Meridian Health, responded. Mayor Poe commented about state legislature supporting mental health funding; and appropriations/funding for central receiving facility.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented.

Commission Warren commented about housing and mental health. Mr. Savoie responded. Commissioner Warren commented in support of mental health services.

Mayor Poe thanked staff.

Mr. Harrington commented about County appropriation requests and mental health appropriations. Asked for direction to give lobbyists on request amount. Mayor Poe responded.

Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Arreola commented about broadband and Smart City funding, suggested Commission discussing for future years. Mayor Poe asked if these were state appropriations or grants. Mr. Harrington responded.

Commissioner Simmons asked a question about Opportunity Zones. Staff responded.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked Commissioner Arreola about legislative agenda. Arreola responded. Mayor Poe responded. Mr. Harrington responded.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss the selected list of State Legislative items and provide further direction for the two legislative items requiring appropriations applications with our state legislative delegation and lobbying team for FY 2020.

Discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Warren: Staff to move forward with planning a community event in January, 2020 (on or near MLK week) to introduce the City's race and equity work with a community-authored resolution; unveiling new EO Office; update community on work; and introduce framework for the "Brown Ribbon Committee". Motion passed 7-0.

NEXT MEETING DATE - November 14, 2019

ADJOURNMENT - 4:25 PM