

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

**November 5, 2020**

**1:00 PM**

**MODIFIED AGENDA**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **City Commission**

*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 - 1:02 PM**

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CA ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (CA) - GRU, General Government, Audit & Finance Committee and General Policy Committee Items**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**CA-1 [200448.](#) Approval of Minutes from the October 15, October 19, October 22, October 27, and October 28, 2020 City Commission Meetings (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the October 15, October 19, October 22, October 27, and October 28, 2020 minutes.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-3 [191194.](#) Thelma Boltin Center Renovations Design Services - Authorization to Enter into a Design Services Agreement with Wannemacher Jensen Architects, Inc. (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) approve the allocation of \$235,000 of the WSPP unobligated fund balance toward this project.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-4 [200181.](#) Infill Housing Opportunities (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *City Manager to the City Commission: Approve GCRA funding for the NE 9th Avenue Roadway Improvements in the Duval Neighborhood as described.*

*GCRA Advisory Board to the City Commission: Approve the Staff Recommendation.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-5    [200490.](#)    **Schedule a Virtual Joint City Commission Meeting with University of Florida Student Government in January, 2021 (NB)****

**RECOMMENDATION**    *The City Commission approve a virtual Joint City Commission meeting with University of Florida Student Government.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-6    [200496.](#)    **Resignation of Christopher Cleary from the Pension Review Committee (B)****

**RECOMMENDATION**    *The City Commission accepts the resignation of Christopher Cleary, effective immediately.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-2    [200471.](#)    **Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (B)****

**RECOMMENDATION**    *The City Commission appoint:*

*Lesly Jerome, Sagar Kumar, Chirayu Patel, Marie Small and Andrea Wagner to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development whose terms will expire on 11/1/2023 and Aditya Basu-Dutta to the student seat for a term to expire on 9/30/2020.*

*Mary Lou Hildreth to the City Beautification Board for a term to expire on 11/1/2023.*

*Trish Everitt to the Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust for a term to expire on 9/30/2023.*

*Saeed Khan and Marcie Stefan to the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board for terms to expire on 9/30/2023.*

*Amy Carpus, Karen Garren, Michael Hill and Penny Wilson-Weber to the Nature Centers Commission for terms to expire on 11/1/2023.*

*Sean Johnson to the Public Recreation and Parks Board for terms to expire 6/1/2021.*

*Andre Bostic, Nicholas Lomurro and Kevin Trejos to the Student Community Relations Advisory Board for terms to expire 9/30/2021.*

*Aditya Basu-Dutta, Jamie Bell, Mary Lou Hildreth, Saeed Khan, Eric McLarthy, Michael Raburn and Shayna Rich to SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for terms to expire on 7/1/2022.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA**

*Commissioner Johnson arrived at 1:13 PM.*

*Amendment: Approve File #160937 (Ordinance Relating to Non-Motorized Vehicles for Hire) - Additional Back-up Added.*

*Recess - 1:09 PM*

*Reconvene - 1:14 PM.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Members of the public may speak for up to three (3) minutes per meeting on any item not on the agenda. Individuals may choose to speak during any one of the General Public Comment periods during the meeting.**

*Monica Cross*

**BD-1**    [200498.](#)    **Virtual Groundbreaking Ceremony - Unity Park (NB)**

*Karen Jeter, Pastor Karl Anderson and Betsy Waite spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

**Heard**

**BD-2**    [200493.](#)    **Supplemental Rules of Procedure for In-Person Public Meetings and Virtual Workshops During COVID-19 (B)**

Resolution No. 200493

A resolution amending and restating the supplemental rules of procedure governing in-person public meetings and virtual workshops during the declared State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal and conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date and duration.

*Motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Simmons*

*to waive the City Commission rules, and take this resolution in the afternoon. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Johnson absent.*

*Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward to adopt the resolution. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Johnson absent.*

RECOMMENDATION            *City Commission adopt the Resolution.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**BD      BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS (BD) - GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent.**

**BD-3    [200473.](#)      Appointments to the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board, City Plan Board, and the Development Review Board (B)**

*James Cain and Taylor Spangler spoke to their applications for the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board.*

*Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro-Tem Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward to appoint Taylor Spangler to the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Sophia Corugedo and Jason Hurst spoke to their applications for the City Plan Board.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Simmons to appoint Robert Ackerman, Jason Hurst, David Rountree and Stephanie Sutton. Motion failed 3-4. Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward and Mayor Poe in the affirmative.*

*Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Sophia Corugedo, Robert Ackerman, Jason Hurst and David Rountree. Motion failed 3-4. Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Johnson and Mayor Poe in affirmative.*

*Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos to appoint Robert Ackerman, Jason Hurst, Sophia Corugedo, Stephanie Sutton to the City Plan Board. Motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Simmons in dissent.*

*Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Schedule a joint meeting with the City Plan Board and have the recommendations discussed at the last meeting be updated and*

*presented at that meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward to appoint Jamie Bell to the Development Review Board and readvertise for student seat. Motion passed unanimously.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission discuss appointments to the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board, City Plan Board, and the Development Review Board and take appropriate action.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**BD-4**    [200477.](#)

**Approval of the Quarterly Joint City Commission/Utility Advisory Board Meetings for 2021 (NB)**

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos to meet as needed. Motion died for lack of second.*

*Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Saco to schedule dates, and only meet if needed, at the discretion of Mayor Poe and Chair of the UAB, Motion passed 6-1. Commissioner Hayes-Santos in dissent.*

*Mayor Poe's EA will schedule meetings between the UAB Chair and Mayor Poe ahead of City Commission meetings, to discuss items to be put forth on the agenda.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve the following quarterly meetings for the Joint City Commission/Utility Advisory Board meetings:*

*1st Quarter - January 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
2nd Quarter - April 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
3rd Quarter - July 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
4th Quarter - October 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM*

**Approved, as shown above**

**BD-5**    [200439.](#)

**Office of Capital Asset Planning and Economic Resilience (CAPER) (B)**

*Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Erik Bredfeldt, Economic Development and Innovation Director spoke to the matter.*

*Armando Grundy-Gomes spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission hear a presentation from staff on the newly-formed City department.*

**Discussed**

**BD-7**    [200479.](#)

**Equitable Development Update: Timeline and Heritage Overlay Districts (B)**

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

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

*Jason Straw and Gregory Stez poke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Commission review the materials and provide guidance or direction as appropriate.*

**Discussed**

**BD-6**    [200497.](#)

**Status Update on Equitable Development Motion (B)**

*Motion: Directing staff to not forward in the drafting of an ordinance for a moratorium. Motion passed 5-2. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola and Commissioner Johnson in dssent.*

*Motion: Neighborhood narrative program is part of neighborhood development, 2) Neighborhood narrative program be considered as part of a heritage overlay process; 3) Referral request to the Historic Preservation Board; and 4) Putting the scope of the community land trust RFP on a City Commission agenda as soon as it is ready for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

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

*Tana Silva, Michael Hill and Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

*Continue the Heritage Overlay District discussion to the next General Policy Committee meeting.*

**Recess - 4:38 PM**

**Reconvene - 5:30 PM**

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission hear an update on the Equitable Development Motion and take action as necessary.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**PR PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (PR)****RE RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (RE)****RE-1 [200414.](#) Resolution Recognizing the Second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Gainesville (B)**

Resolution No. 200414

A Resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day; resolving to honor and promote the wellbeing and growth of Gainesville's American Indian and Indigenous community; and providing an immediate effective date.

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed Resolution.*

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

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

**RE-2 [200489.](#) Commissioners Harvey Ward and Adrian Hayes-Santos - Resolution on Assuring the Protection of the 2020 General Election Results (B)**

Resolution No. 200489

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, on assuring the Protection of the 2020 General Election Results.

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (PH)****SR ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (SR)****SR-1 [191126.](#) Vacation of Public Right-of-Way - East of NW 13th Street, between SW 4th and SW 5th Avenues. (B)**



Ordinance No. 191126

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, to vacate, abandon, and close a certain public right-of-way generally located south of SW 4th Avenue, west of SW 12th Street, north of SW 5th Avenue, and east of SW 13th Street, as more specifically described in this ordinance, subject to terms and conditions; providing directions to the Clerk of the Commission; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

## **FR        ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (FR)**

### **FR-1     [160937](#).        Ordinance Relating to Non-Motorized Vehicles for Hire (B)**

Ordinance No. 160937

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending and creating new sections within Chapter 28, Article II of the Code of Ordinances relating to Non-Motorized Vehicles for Hire; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Amendment: Striking lines 392 and 393.*

*Michael Barnes gave a presentation.*

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Simmons, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading, as amended (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

FR-2 [200431.](#)**Ordinance Changing "Violator" to "Alleged Violator" and Making a Clarification to Code Violation Process (B)**

Ordinance No. 200431

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, making scrivener's revisions to several code sections to change "violator" to "alleged violator" and amending Sec. 2-388.1(a) to clarify process for a violation; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

BD-8 [200492.](#)**Recess Dates for City Commission (B)**

*Amendment: Instead of December 15th, change to December 16th, 2020.*

*Nathan Skop, Jo Beaty and Armando Grundy-Gomes spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION            *City Commission select and approve dates for recess.*

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

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

BD-9 [200275.](#)**Business Improvement Grant Program (B)**

*Daniel Blumberg, GCRA Project Manager gave a presentation.*

*Armando Grundy-Gomes spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION            *City Manager to Gainesville City Commission: Approve the Business Improvement Grant program.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**BD-10** [200276.](#)

**Neighborhood Paint Program (B)**

*Modifications: 1) Owner-occupied; 2) Allow attached units to qualify; and 3) Income qualification.*

*Chelsea Bakaitis, GCRA Project Manager II gave a presentation.*

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*Sarah Vidal-Finn, GCRA Director spoke to the matter.*

*Armando Grundy-Gomes spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION

*City Manager to City Commission: Approve the Neighborhood Paint Program Guidelines and Application.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Simmons

**CC COMMISSION COMMENT**

*Mayor Poe read into the record a thank you letter from Mayor of Alexandria to GRU mutual aid crews.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos - Staff to put on a City Commission agenda - provide an update on the Hogtown Creek Greenway (easements, current status, etc.).*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola - NW 23 Avenue and NW 43rd Street. Staff to engage with the County. Put this on the December 15th Joint CCOM/County agenda.*

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:06 PM**