

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

July 14, 2022

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

## **General Policy Committee**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)*  
*Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut (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 - 1:02 PM****AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[211392.](#)**Approval of Minutes from the May 26, 2022 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee approve the May 26, 2022 minutes.*

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

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

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**[211266.](#)**GNV4ALL Update on the Gainesville Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center (B)**

*Motion: Adopt the staff recommendation that the General Policy Committee set aside \$350,000 of American Rescue Plan Revenue Replacement Funds for this initiative. The committee also requested that staff send a letter notifying the County Commission of this contribution and requesting its support for this initiative.*

*Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry introduced the item.*

*James Lawrence presented on behalf of GNV4ALL.*

*Public comment: Kali Blount, Maureen Tartaglio, Edward Block*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola joined the meeting at 1:05 pm.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee hear an update from the GNV4ALL representatives and direct staff as appropriate.*

**A motion was made that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[201087.](#)

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update(B)**

*Motion: Adopt the staff recommendation that the General Policy Committee approve releasing \$1 million of ARPA funding for eviction protection and assistance programs to the General ARPA funding category for Affordable Housing initiatives. Approve \$4,016,228 for a General Government Services Set-Aside out of the Unrestricted/Revenue Replacement ARPA category. Approve \$500,000 for the Language Access/GINI initiative out of the Unrestricted/Revenue Replacement ARPA category. Approve \$350,000 for Gainesville For All out of the Unrestricted/Revenue Replacement ARPA category. Approve \$250,000 for the Central Receiving Facility out of the Unrestricted/Revenue Replacement ARPA category. Approve \$250,000 for feasibility studies for the Cultural Arts Center and Sportsplex/8th and Waldo out of the Unrestricted/Revenue Replacement ARPA category.*

*Motion amended by Hayes-Santos: Set the GINI Initiative funding allocation at \$300,000 and set aside \$200,000 remaining funds to be reallocated.*

*Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry introduced the item. Cintya Ramos, Advisor to Charter Officer for Budget and Finance, spoke to the matter.*

*Zeriah Folston, Interim Director of Equity and Inclusion, spoke to the matter.*

*Anthony Cunningham, Interim General Manager of GRU, spoke to the matter.*

*Corey Harris, Senior Housing Strategist, spoke to the matter.*

*Public comment: Kali Blount*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee:*

1. *Approve releasing \$1 million of ARPA funding for the Eviction Protection and Assistance program to the General ARPA funding category for Affordable Housing initiatives.*

2. *Approve \$4,016,228 for a General Government Services Set-Aside out of the Unrestricted/Revenue Replacement ARPA category.*

3. *Approve \$500,000 for the Language Access / GINI initiative out of the Unrestricted/Revenue Replacement ARPA category.*

4. *Approve \$350,000 for Gainesville For All out of the Unrestricted/Revenue Replacement ARPA category.*

5. *Approve \$250,000 for the Central Receiving Facility out of the Unrestricted/Revenue Replacement ARPA category.*

6. *Approve \$250,000 for feasibility studies for the Cultural Arts Center and Sportsplex/8th and Waldo out of the Unrestricted/Revenue Replacement ARPA category.*

**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 Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

[211387.](#)

**HOME-ARP and CDBG-CV1 and CDBG-CV3 (B)**

*Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.*

*Vian Cockerham-Guinyard, Housing and Community Development*

*Supervisor, spoke to the matter.*

*The City Commission receive staff update on CDBG-CV3, HOME-ARP and HUD requirements related to utilization of allocations.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission receive staff update on CDBG-CV3, HOME-ARP and HUD requirements related to utilization of allocations.*

**Discussed**

[211397.](#)

**Commissioner David Arreola - Update on GRACE Marketplace (B)**

*Motion: Refer the proposal for staff to return with recommendations for funding these requests in two weeks.*

*Jon DeCarmine, Executive Director of GRACE Marketplace, presented updates and a proposal.*

*Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.*

*Public comment: Gordan Bernstein*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee discuss.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Kali Blount*

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Chestnut discussed public comment phone call system.*

*Commissioner Arreola commented on discussing exclusionary zoning.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**ADJOURNMENT - 2:51 PM**