

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

December 13, 2018

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)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:00 PM

ROLL CALL

- Present** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Arreola

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Amendment: Pull Item No. 180498 (Referral List), Item No. 180211 (General Fund Transfer Resolution Discussion) and Item No. 180487 (Commission Guidelines).

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

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

- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

180571. General Policy Committee Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of November 8, and December 13, 2018.*

No Action Taken

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

180498. Discussion of Referral List (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss the referral list and process.*

Withdrawn

180394. Response to requests from Gainesville Housing Authority (B)

This item requests the General Policy Committee receive a status report regarding several issues and requests made by the Gainesville Housing Authority.

Motion: 1) Involve staff doing an inventory of City lands for surplus, including the

escheated properties; 2) Look at an inventory of commercial properties that are in the City that could be considered for the linkage fee; 3) Staff look at the analysis of the availability of doing a non-discrimination, based on income and residency; 4) Look at the nine requests that were submitted by the Housing Authority and the feasibility of working with them; 5) Look into the housing bond and doc stamps with the County and how it would look like coming from the City; and 6) Look at the request at the Booker T. Washington and the College Park neighborhood to make sure they are in the opportunity zone areas.

Fred Murry made a presentation.

Craig Carter gave opening remarks.

Pamela Davis made a presentation.

Ron Islon, Information Technology Auditor spoke to the matter.

Pamela Davis spoke to the matter.

Kali Blount, Mary Anderson, Gabe Kaimowitz, Gary Hankins, Avis Butler, Scott Winzeler, Faye Williams and Sharon Bauer spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee provides staff with guidance regarding Gainesville Housing Authority's requests.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

180211.

General Fund Transfer Resolution Discussion (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff.*

Withdrawn

160461.

State Legislative Agenda (B)

Motion: Staff to work with lobbyists on the following items: 1) Broadband; 2) Santa Fe Downtown Campus; 3) Project at Grace Marketplace; 4) Doc list Preemption; and 5) Food Policy.

Deborah Bowie gave an introduction.

Ryan Matthews and Bill Peebles spoke to the matter.

Kali Blount and Gabe Kaimowitz spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer to the General Policy Committee discussion of the State Legislative Agenda.*

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded

by Commissioner Johnson, that this matter be Approved as Shown Above. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1- Commissioner Arreola

[180487.](#)

Commission Guidelines (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from staff.*

Withdrawn

[180611.](#)

First Amendment to Employment Agreement - Anthony Lyons (B)

Dan Hoffman, Sarah Vidal-Finn, Sarit Sela, Phoebe Dade-Miles, Kali Blount, Diane Gillroy, Ivan Oelrich, Richard Miles, Gabe Kaimowitz, Evelyn Fox, Dyonne McGraw, Avis Butler, Pastor Green, Sharon Bauer, Meg Neiderhofer, Natalie Kinsey, Juanita Miles-Hamilton, Elizabeth Lanier, Carrie Bush, Deborah Bowie, Alexandra Roque, Anne Wolfe, Chad Harris, Brian O'Brien, Nikwanda Jah, Dee Hendricks and Rana Saco spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission (1) approve the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement between the City and City Manager Lyons; and (2) support the transition plan as presented.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

[180612.](#)

Interim City Manager (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss process to appoint an Interim City Manager.*

No Action Taken

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Johnson - Thanks to employees and former employees for allowing their voices to be heard. Asked Equal Opportunity Director Teneeshia Marshall to discuss ideas shared during one-on-one. Teneeshia Marshall spoke regarding a "climate survey" conducted by an outside party with regards to employee morale.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Simmons: Teneeshia Marshall bring back at the January 3, 2019 Commission meeting more detailed information about what a climate survey is, how you go about them, what they measure, and what input the Commission could have. Once there is a consensus

about what that looks like, then do an RFP. Ed Bielarski spoke to the matter. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Arreola absent.

Commissioner Simmons - Loves the idea of working together with the Office of Equal Opportunity. Doesn't understand how we are here. City Commission should have addressed this a lot sooner. We need to look at the City Commission as a whole, and do what we say we would do and lead by example.

Commissioner Ward - Reminder for self-evaluations to come back at the January 3, 2019 City Commission meeting, with an agenda item at the January 17, 2019 City Commission meeting to discuss evaluations. Wants to know how/where, "we as a body, are not accountable," if there's areas where he has not, welcomes an opportunity to discuss.

Commissioner Johnson - Respect the diversity we have at the table - because each Commissioner is called into rooms/conversations that may be different. We bring it to the table to talk it out. That's our strength, and that's to be celebrated.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos - Agrees diversity is our strength. Wants to know what procedure was not followed.

Commissioner Ward left the meeting at 5:03 PM.

Commissioner Warren left the meeting at 5:04 PM.

Mayor Poe - Looks forward to a process moving forward. Meeting initiated by Clerk on ethics, procedures and policy process will be an important one to find what works for our city/community.

Juanita Miles-Hamilton, Kali Blount, Gabe Kaimowitz, Faye Williams and Greg Bradley spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Simmons left the meeting at 5:12 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT