

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

May 5, 2016

1:00 PM

MODIFIED AGENDA

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Commissioner Craig Carter (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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1:00PM - CALL TO ORDER AFTERNOON SESSION**INVOCATION****PROPHET GEORGE YOUNG****ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS**

GRU, General Government, Audit & Finance Committee and General Policy Committee Items

[150940.](#)

Amendment to the FY 2015-2016 Funding Recommendations for the Community Grant Program (B)

The City Commission is requested to consider approval of an amendment to the City's FY 2015-2016 Community Grant Program funding allocation.

Explanation: In FY 2010-2011, the City Commission approved the Community Grant Program (CGP). The purpose of the CGP is to provide small subsidies to non-profit organizations performing community services that advance City goals, and to support activities that serve a public purpose and improve the quality of life for Gainesville residents. Since the inception of the CGP, the City Commission has approved an annual allocation of \$125,000. The maximum annual grant award is \$3,000 per eligible non-profit organization.

For FY 2015-2016, as required by the CGP guidelines, the City's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) reviewed the agency applications and made funding recommendations at its May 18, 2015 public meeting. The City Commission approved the AHAC's funding recommendations on June 18, 2015.

For the past several years, the City has coordinated with the United Way of North Central Florida to utilize a web-based application system for the CGP. This system allows agencies to apply for funding utilizing an online application system. The system compiles a list of completed applications, and generates a list of all agencies that applied for CGP funding. Staff was recently advised of a technical glitch in that system, when an agency inquired about the status of their application. As such, staff reexamined the web-based system to confirm if the agency had submitted an application for CGP funding. During the reexamination of the web-based application system, staff learned that the system notified an applicant, the 4Ws Network, that the agency had completed their application requesting \$3,000.00; however, the system did not generate a completed application for 4Ws Network. For that reason, the 4Ws Network application was not included in the list of agencies that the AHAC recommended for CGP funding.

Therefore, staff explored several alternatives to resolve the error in the web-based system. One option included a review of the status of the currently funded agencies. Staff noted that one of the agencies, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, recently ceased operations. After several unsuccessful attempts to contact that agency, along with supporting documentation, staff determined that this agency was no longer eligible for their FY 2015-2016 CGP funding award in the amount of \$2,565.00. As a result, the City could award those funds to another agency.

On February 17, 2016, the AHAC revisited its CGP funding recommendation, considering the new information, particularly the glitch in the online application system. At that meeting, the AHAC changed its funding recommendation to fund the 4Ws Network, rather than Big Brothers Big Sisters in the amount of \$2,565.00. Per the AHAC funding recommendations, \$2,565 is the average grant amount awarded to a majority of the agencies in FY 2015-2016 in efforts to allocate an equal share to all of agencies that applied for CGP funding.

Fiscal Note: None. The City Commission allocated \$125,000 for the FY 2015-2016 Community Grant Program, with \$112,500 available for program awards and a 10% set aside for program administration. The proposed amendment deletes funding for Big Brothers & Big Sisters for \$2,565.00, and adds funding for the 4Ws Network for \$2,565.00. The total number of agencies funded and the total amount of funds allocated do not change.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) consider approval of the AHAC's revised funding recommendations for the FY 2015-2016 Community Grant Program; and 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the funding agreements and other related documents with the approved organizations to disburse the grant funds, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Alternative Recommendation

The City Commission does not consider approval of the AHAC's revised funding recommendations for the FY 2015-2016 Community Grant Program.

[150940A_CGP FY 2016 AHAC Recommendation to CC 20160505.pdf](#)

[150940B_CGP FY 2016 AHAC Recommendation to CC Rev 20160505.pdf](#)

[150940C_BBBS Contract Termination CGP 20160505.pdf](#)

[150940D_GSun Article Dec 17 2015 BBBS 20160505.pdf](#)

[150940E_WCJB TV Report Dec 17 2015 BBBS 20160505.pdf](#)

[150824.](#)

Traveler Information System (GPS System) (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to approve agreements with TransLoc, Inc. and the University of Florida Board of Trustees in order to provide a Traveler Information System.

Explanation: The City of Gainesville entered into an agreement with the University of Florida (UF) on December 12, 2007, that allowed UF to have an advanced vehicle location system (AVL) for a Traveler Information System installed in fifty (50) Regional Transit System (RTS) fixed route buses. The system that was selected was TransLoc, Inc.'s Transit Visualization Systems. The original equipment and services were funded and procured solely by UF. Since 2007, the remainder of the fleet has been added.

TransLoc's system allows travelers to access real time bus schedule information via the internet and provides RTS dispatchers a method to visually monitor bus location and performance. Having an AVL system on the entire fleet of RTS buses has helped improve service reliability and on-time performance by allowing dispatchers to have better situational awareness of the bus fleet and make adjustments to service routes as needed. Additionally, TransLoc's software provides information and data that are valuable tools in management and route planning.

RTS worked with the Purchasing department to issue a Request for Proposals in FY15 for alternative AVL systems and determined that it would be more cost effective and efficient to upgrade the existing system. RTS staff and customers are already very familiar with the functionality of TransLoc's software and equipment. In addition, the integration or merging of multiple AVL systems is not possible due to the proprietary nature of operating systems hardware and software.

RTS is requesting approval to enter into a Technology License and Service Agreement with TransLoc, Inc. for vehicle tracking and passenger information service. The Transloc Agreement includes \$62,700 one-time equipment fees, and a recurring monthly service fee of \$195 per bus for 128 buses, or \$24,960/month (totaling \$299,520 per year). The term is for 5 years making the total for the contract with TransLoc come to \$1,560,300.

UF has agreed to partner with RTS to continue the bus tracking service; a separate agreement which will provide financial support for the project will be required between UF and RTS. In exchange for RTS contracting to provide TransLoc's web-based service that allows the public to track the location of RTS buses, UF shall pay RTS \$12,870 monthly (totaling \$154,440 per year). This would provide \$772,200 over a 5 year period.

Fiscal Note: The Technology License and Service Agreement with TransLoc, Inc. will cost \$1,560,300 over a 5 year term. RTS has a capital grant from the FTA for the \$62,700 one-time equipment fees. UF has agreed to provide \$772,200 in funding for this project, leaving \$725,400 for RTS to fund (\$145,080 annually). RTS has funding budgeted and available in the FY16 operating budget to cover their portion of the annual expenses for this service.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a Technology License and Service Agreement with Transloc, Inc. and all related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a Bus Tracking Services Agreement with the University of Florida and all related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

[150824A_Draft Transloc Agreement_20160505.pdf](#)

[150824B_Draft UF Agreement_20160505.pdf](#)

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2017 City Election (NB)**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission direct the City Attorney to prepare and the Clerk of the Commission advertise an ordinance setting March 14, 2017, as the date for the City Election and April 11, 2017, as the date for the run-off election (if needed).

[150960.](#)

Affirmative Action Plan(s) (B)

Explanation: Pursuant to EO Policy #3, the Office of Equal Opportunity has completed both 2016 Affirmative Action Plans for General Government and Gainesville Regional Utilities. The plans are aligned with data received from the Human Resources Department. Each year, the City Commission receives and approves Affirmative Action Plans for both General Government and Gainesville Regional Utilities.

In developing and implementing these voluntary Affirmative Action Plans, the City has been guided by its established policy of providing equal employment opportunity. These Affirmative Action Plans are voluntary management tools designed to ensure equal employment opportunity and focuses on the underutilization of minorities and women in the workforce. These voluntary Affirmative Action Plans have been developed in strict reliance upon the Guidelines on Affirmative Action issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) (29 C.F.R. Part 1608)

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission receive and approve both 2016 Affirmative Action Plans for General Government and Gainesville Regional Utilities as prepared.

[150960A_AA Plan-GG_20160505.pdf](#)

[150960B_AA Plan-GRU_20160505.pdf](#)

[150960C_PPT AA Plans-GG &GRU_20160505.pdf](#)

150972. Meagan Lamothe v. City of Gainesville; Case No. 2015-CA-3399; Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Alachua County, Florida. (NB)
MODIFICATION - Added Item to the Consent Agenda.

Explanation: On June 17, 2014, Ms. Meagan Lamothe, a student at the University of Florida, was riding her bicycle westbound in the designated bicycle lane on Museum Road, on the campus of the University of Florida. A Regional Transit System bus was also traveling west on Museum Road, and had passed Ms. Lamothe a few minutes prior to the accident. The bus stopped at a marked bus stop immediately east of Fraternity Row to allow a passenger to disembark. The bus waited for the passenger to cross Fraternity Row on foot prior to departing the bus stop to turn right onto Fraternity Row. As the bus proceeded to turn right, Ms. Lamothe had already begun to pass the bus with the intention of traveling straight on Museum Road. The bus driver appeared to activate the right turn signal after Ms. Lamothe had pulled even with the bus. Consequently, the bus struck Ms. Lamothe in the intersection, and pinned her under the weight of the bus. Gainesville Fire and Rescue responded to the scene, and used air bags to lift the bus and extricate Ms. Lamothe, who was transported to Shands Hospital for emergency care.

Among other injuries and damages, Ms. Lamothe suffered severe injuries to her right thigh and left ankle. Including the emergency care, surgical intervention, and necessary physical therapy and rehabilitation, Ms. Lamothe incurred medical bills through April 2015 totaling \$464,235.57. Her attorney reports that there are outstanding liens of over \$295,000. If this case were to proceed to trial, the past medical bills would be only a part of the damages Ms. Lamothe would seek to recover. The permanent and ongoing nature of Ms. Lamothe's injuries would lead her to also seek damages for future medical expenses, pain and suffering, mental anguish, inconvenience, loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, loss of earnings, and loss of ability to lead and enjoy a normal life.

The City Attorney's Office and Risk Management Department conducted a thorough evaluation and investigation of this lawsuit. Per the application of Florida's limited waiver of sovereign immunity contained in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, the City's liability and authority to settle claims such as this is limited to \$200,000. A negotiated settlement was achieved, wherein representatives for the City agreed to recommend a settlement in the amount of \$175,000 subject to the approval of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, and in exchange Ms. Lamothe will provide a full and complete Release to the City including waiving the pursuit of a claims bill to the Legislature. It is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office and the Risk Management Department that the

case be settled for that amount.

Fiscal Impact: Funds are available in the City's General Insurance Fund.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission 1) approve the terms of the negotiated settlement agreement; and 2) authorize the City Attorney to settle the claim of Meagan Lamothe arising from an accident that occurred on or about June 17, 2014.*

[150987.](#)

General Policy Committee Meetings (NB)

MODIFICATION - Added Item to the Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission schedule a General Policy Committee meeting for Thursday, May 12 at 1:00PM in Room 016 and refer the following topics to the committee: 1) Organizational Topics; 2) Key City/County Issues; and 3) Election Services Agreement*

[150988.](#)

City Manager Employment Agreement (B)

MODIFICATION - Added Item.

Explanation: On November 5, 2015, City Manager Russ Blackburn resigned. During the Commission Meeting on November 5, 2015, the City Commission appointed Anthony Lyons as the Interim City Manager, and authorized the Human Resources Department to engage the services of an Executive Search Firm to initiate a search to fill the vacant City Manager position.

Colin Baenziger & Associates conducted a search and provided finalist candidate materials. Candidates were selected for interviews on April 7th, and interviewed on April 19th & 20th.

The City Commission selected a City Manager and authorized the Mayor to negotiate a contract with Anthony Lyons on April 21st.

Fiscal Note: Salary of \$183,846 is included in the FY 16 budget. \$38,154 in projected savings from non-departmental expenditures in the General Fund will be transferred to the City Manager's budget for the remainder.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the employment agreement of Anthony Lyons.*

[150988_MOD_Lyons_Employment_Agreement_20160505.pdf](#)

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENT

For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent

[150221.](#)

AMEND THE RETENTION LETTER WITH WINSTON & STRAWN LLP TO CONTINUE REPRESENTATION OF THE CITY IN THE REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATED TO THE BIOMASS POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (NB)

Explanation: In 2015, the City Attorney's Office assisted the General Manager for Utilities, in confirming the qualifications of Winston & Strawn LLP, an international firm with depth of qualified personnel and experience in renewable energy power purchase agreements, to assist the City d/b/a GRU in the review of issues related to the Biomass PPA as requested by the new General Manager for Utilities. On August 6, 2015, the City Commission approved the retention of Winston & Strawn LLP to represent the City d/b/a GRU in the review of the Biomass PPA with a cap of \$100,000 in legal fees. Since the City d/b/a GRU is approaching the \$100,000 cap, the General Manager and City Attorney request approval to amend the retention letter to allow for the expenditure of up to an additional \$100,000 in legal fees related to the review of the GREC PPA.

Fiscal Note: The rates quoted by Winston Strawn, LLP are hourly rates of \$880 for Ms. Cottle. It is unknown at this time exactly how many hours of work will be requested of outside counsel. The additional amount of up to \$100,000 will be paid either from GRU budgeted funds for legal expenses or from unanticipated cost savings that GRU realizes.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Office of the City Attorney, on behalf of the General Manager for Utilities, to amend the retention letter with Winston & Strawn LLP for the representation of the City d/b/a in the review of issues related to the Biomass PPA to reflect a maximum cap of \$200,000 in legal fees.

Legislative History

8/6/15 City Commission Approved as Recommended

[150898.](#)

Request Approval to Contract with vRide, Inc. to provide a Van Pool Program as Requested and Funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (B)

This item is to request that the City Commission authorize the Regional Transit System (RTS) to enter into a contract with vRide, Inc. to continue to provide a commuter van pool into the City of Gainesville and Alachua County per a request from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). **Estimated Staff Presentation 5 Minutes**

Explanation: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested that RTS act as a pass through for funding to allow the current Van Pool Program to continue to operate, otherwise the program will likely end in June of 2016. There are twelve vans currently in operation bringing workers into Gainesville to the VA Hospital and UF Health/Shands Medical Center. The vans currently originate in Lake City, Ocala, Jacksonville and Putman County. State funds are available through FDOT to fund the current Van Pool Program with vRide, Inc. FDOT has assured RTS that minimal staff time will be required to oversee this grant program. Staff believes this role is consistent with the mission of RTS and would like to avoid the potential loss of the services provided through the Commuter Assistance Program.

FDOT proposed a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA), discussed in agenda item #150897, to provide funding for this program and specified vRide, Inc. as a sole source provider of this service.

This contract is for a five year period.

Fiscal Note: The FDOT grant will fully fund this project in the amount of \$201,000. No funding is required from the City. The City will not be responsible for managing day to day operations or maintenance/replacement of the vans used in the Van Pool Program. The administrative cost of RTS staff to oversee and monitor this project on behalf of FDOT is expected to be minimal and is proposed to be absorbed by RTS staff. If the staff time necessary for oversight turns out to be more than expected or sustainable with existing staff, RTS can seek additional FDOT financial support.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract with vRide, Inc. and related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

[150898_Draft vRide Contract_20160505.pdf](#)

[130598.](#)

Compressed Natural Gas (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to hear a presentation on the implications of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling by the Regional Transit System (RTS).

****Estimated Staff Presentation 15 Minutes****

Explanation: On February 11, 2016, Regional Transit System (RTS) staff presented to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs, and Public Works Committee their findings on the impacts of transitioning the RTS fleet to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). RTS recommended and the Committee agreed that the presentation should be brought before the entire City Commission for review.

Nationwide, the use of alternative fuels in transit buses has increased over 300% in the last 15 years with over 40% of agencies now utilizing alternative fuels. RTS staff was tasked with conducting a comprehensive cost study on alternative fuels options for RTS.

The main findings of this study include:

* Compared to the base diesel scenario, the energy costs of CNG are so low that even after accounting for its higher capital and O&M costs the average cost savings per bus per year is more than \$13,000.

* The total cost per bus per year for hybrid and electric buses, is \$10,560 and \$4,944 (respectively) higher than the base diesel scenario.

* Electric buses offer comparable energy saving as to CNG buses and offer much lower O&M costs than all other fuel sources, but their high capital cost makes them not cost effective.

* Initially two CNG implementation scenarios were considered. One explored a procurement scenario where RTS's maximum fleet age remained constant and the other explored a procurement scenario where capital expenditures remained constant.

* Under the fixed maximum age scenario, cumulative net savings are over \$43 million constant 2016 dollars by year 2045. At the end of year 2029, which is 13 years into the project, annual savings from employing CNG buses pay off anticipated financing (principal and interest) requirements.

* Under the fixed capital scenario, cumulative net savings is approximately \$30 million constant 2016 dollars by year 2045. When financing is accounted for it takes two additional years to fully pay off all costs under this scenario. Using the net savings to purchase additional CNG buses, any bus purchase difference will be rectified by 2034 with the total number of replaced buses the same between the CNG and the base diesel scenarios.

* Lastly, a modified fixed capital scenario was developed to rectify deficiencies in the two original scenarios by including an upfront bus loan and using future year savings to purchase additional CNG buses. If a \$5 million bus loan is acquired and a fixed annual loan payment is set at \$583,000, the internal rate of return (IRR) is 20% and the payback period is 7.9 years.

** All efforts were made to build results from conservative assumptions but the energy sector is inherently prone to fluctuations and risk that are difficult to fully account for.*

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact associated with the discussion of this item.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear the presentation; 2) approve RTS to apply for applicable capital grants; and 3) approve RTS to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to evaluate implementing CNG fueling through a public-private partnership (P3).

Legislative History

12/5/13	City Commission	Referred to the Public Works Committee
2/11/16	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Discussed

[130598A_Alt Fuel Cost Report_20160211.pdf](#)

[130598B_Alt Fuel Presentation_20160211.pdf](#)

[130598A_CNG Presentation_20160505.pdf](#)

[130598B_CNG Report_20160505.pdf](#)

[150938.](#)

Interlocal Agreement with Alachua County for Local Option Fuel Tax (B)

This is an informational item. Section 336.025, Florida Statutes allow counties to impose a local option gas tax of one- to eleven-cents on motor fuel sold in a county, with the revenue generated by such tax to be used by county and municipal governments only for transportation expenditures authorized by law. There are three interlocal agreements with Alachua County identifying the formulas for the distribution of these funds.

MODIFICATION - New Back-up

Explanation: This is an informational item. Section 336.025, Florida Statutes permits the County the authority to levy a local option gas tax upon every gallon of motor fuel and special fuel sold in the County and taxed under the provisions of Chapter 206, F.S. Alachua County first levied the 4th, 5th, and 6th cents of the gas tax in 1985, and in June 2015 extended the levy by ordinance until August 31, 2016. The gas tax proceeds are distributed in accordance with an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gainesville, effective September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016. The distribution of the 4th, 5th and 6th cents established in this Interlocal Agreement is Alachua County 60.36% and the City of Gainesville 33.33%, with the remainder distributed amongst the other municipalities.

The Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and the City of Gainesville for the distribution of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cents is effective

September 1, 1988 to August 31, 2018. This distribution is Alachua County 43.94% and the City of Gainesville 43.94%, with the remainder distributed amongst the other municipalities. There is a third Interlocal Agreement that was entered into in May 2007 and expiring August 2018 for the additional five cents of local option gas tax, which distributes 52.10% to Alachua County and 38.635% (average of the two previous distribution percentages) to the City of Gainesville.

Based on an average of mileage of roadway and population distribution, Alachua County would receive 51.884% and the City of Gainesville 37.468%. If the formula was based on percentage of road mileage the distribution would be 62.023% to Alachua County and 25.141% to the City of Gainesville. Using just population, the distribution is 41.745% Alachua County and 49.795% City of Gainesville. Using the default formula of transportation expenditures, the City of Gainesville distribution is approximately 66.67%.

After numerous attempts by City staff to initiate negotiations on the gas tax after a one year extension of the interlocal agreement for the 4th, 5th and 6th cents in June 2015, Alachua County and City of Gainesville staff met on March 28, 2016 to discuss the possibility of combining the Interlocal Agreements into one Interlocal Agreement for all eleven cents of the gas tax. The term of the tax and distribution formula were discussed as well.

City staff will provide a presentation and address questions. Based on City Commission discussion and guidance as well as any further discussions with County staff, an agenda item can be placed on the May 19, 2016 agenda for City Commission action on an interlocal agreement.

Fiscal Note: The current annual distribution to the City is approximately \$4.66 million or 38.635% of overall gas tax revenues.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear an informational presentation from City staff and 2) provide guidance including direction that the Interlocal Agreement for Distribution of the Local Option Gas Tax be placed on the May 19, 2016 City Commission agenda.

[150938A Gas Tax Graph 20160505.pdf](#)

[150938B Gas Tax Estimates under Different Agreement Options 20160505.pdf](#)

[150938-MOD Gas Tax Powerpoint 20160505.pdf](#)

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

Items placed on the agenda by the Audit & Finance Committee or General Policy Committee on moved from Consent

OTHER POLICY DISCUSSION ITEMS

If the Commission does not get to these items, they are continued to the next regular Commission meeting or such other regular or special meeting or

workshop, as the Commission directs

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Items that do not request or require any Commission action. If the Commission does not get to these items, they are continued to the next regular Commission meeting or such other regular or special meeting or workshop, as the Commission directs

4:30 - 5:30PM DINNER BREAK

5:30PM - CALL TO ORDER EVENING SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

[150957.](#)

Regional Drinking Water Taste Test Winner (NB)

Explanation: GRU has over 60 employees who support our drinking water treatment, delivery, and compliance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We believe that the hard work and dedication of these people directly correlates to the quality of our community's drinking water. That dedication was rewarded recently when GRU competed against 9 different utilities in the region for the distinction of having the best tasting drinking water. Water was judged on clarity, taste, color, and odor. We are happy to report that GRU won the judges' choice for the Best Tasting Drinking Water of 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission recognize GRU staff for winning the Regional Drinking Water Taste Test.

[150958.](#)

Drop Savers Water Conservation Contest Winners (NB)

Explanation: To reach future generations and spread the water conservation message, the annual Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) Drop Savers Poster Contest is sponsored by GRU to help teach local youth about the importance of conserving our most valuable resource - water. Amazed by the creativity displayed by the participating students, the audience at the Drinking Water Taste Test had a difficult time choosing this year's winners.

First, second and third place winners were selected from each class division:

1st Place:

Division 1: Elena Westling (1st Grade) - Ms. Whitehead's class, Littlewood Elementary

Division 2: Dylan Fitzpatrick (2nd Grade) - Ms. Teague's class, JJ Finley Elementary

Division 3: Chiarra Tumminia (5th Grade)- Ms. Merritt's class, JJ Finley Elementary

Division 4: Anthony Madorsky (6th Grade) - Dr. Winant's class, Howard Bishop Middle School

Division 5: Victoria Collins (12th Grade) - Ms. Paxson's class, Gainesville High School

2nd Place:

Division 1: Sumari Botes (1st Grade) - Ms. Whitehead's class, Littlewood Elementary

Division 2: Zoe Sumerlin (2nd Grade) - Ms. Teague's class, JJ Finley Elementary

Division 3: Alvaro Munoz-González (4th Grade) - Ms. Merritt's class, JJ Finley Elementary

Division 4: Bea C. (7th Grade) - Ms. Wheeler's class, Westwood Middle School

Division 5: Mary Beth Taylor (12th Grade) - Ms. Paxson's class, Gainesville High School

3rd Place:

Division 1: Aiden Ostrov (Kindergarten) - Ms. Whitehead's class, Littlewood Elementary

Division 2: Amara Hochman (2nd Grade) - Ms. Teague's class, JJ Finley Elementary

Division 3: Alison Lind (4th Grade) - Ms. Meyers's class, Meadowbrook Elementary

Division 4: Eden Ivines (7th Grade) - Ms. Wheeler's class, Westwood Middle School

Division 5: Sarina Steffen (11th Grade) - Ms. Paxson's class, Gainesville High School

From those winners, the five first place posters were entered into the state-wide FSAWWA competition. Three won at the state level: Dylan placed 2nd, Anthony placed 2nd and Victoria placed 3rd and they will be receiving Amazon gift cards from FSAWWA.

In support and recognition of the winning poster contributors, GRU and FSAWWA is providing parties to the winning classes and recognizing the teachers involved in helping educate the students in the value of water conservation.

Fiscal Note: The fiscal impact is less than \$1,000. The funds were budgeted in the Water & Wastewater Systems Operations & Maintenance Budget as part of the GRU water conservation education efforts, which are required as part of our consumptive use permit.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission recognize local student winners from the Drop Savers Water Conservation Poster Contest.

[150964.](#)**Drinking Water Week - May 1-7, 2016 (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

Gainesville Regional Utilities Water/Wastewater Officer Tony Cunningham, Utility Engineer 4 Rae Hafer and Murphree Water Treatment Plant Manager Rick Davis and FSAWWA Region XI Chair Kristen Sealey to accept the proclamation.

[150964_DrinkingWater_20160505.pdf](#)

[150922.](#)**Collins Walter Duncan Day - April 21, 2016 (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Collins Walter Duncan to accept the proclamation.

Legislative History

4/21/16 City Commission Placed on File

[150922_CollinsDuncan_20160421.pdf](#)

[150962.](#)**Internal Audit Awareness Month - May 2016 (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

North Central Florida Chapter Institute of Internal Auditors Vice President Lisa Dalrymple and Secretary Eileen Marzak to accept the proclamation.

[150962_InternalAudit_20160505.pdf](#)

[150963.](#)**Elks National Youth Week - May 1-7, 2016 (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

Gainesville Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Dayna Miller and Esteemed Leading Knight Linda Califf to accept the proclamation.

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GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENT

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PUBLIC HEARINGS**RESOLUTIONS**

[150897.](#)

Resolution for a Commuter Assistance Grant providing for Oversight of an Existing Van Pool Program (currently provided by vRide) to Transition From the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to the Regional Transit System (RTS) (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to adopt a resolution to allow the Regional Transit System (RTS) to apply for and accept a grant to oversee the Van Pool Program currently overseen by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Explanation: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has requested that RTS act as a pass through for funding to allow the current Van Pool Program to continue to operate, otherwise the program will likely end in June of 2016. There are twelve vans currently in operation bringing workers into Gainesville to the VA Hospital and UF Health/Shands Medical Center. The vans currently originate in Lake City, Ocala, Jacksonville and Putman County. State funds are available through FDOT to fund the current Van Pool Program with vRide, Inc. FDOT has assured RTS that minimal staff time will be required to oversee this grant program. Staff believes this role is consistent with the mission of RTS and would like to avoid the potential loss of the services provided through the Commuter Assistance Program.

A resolution passed by the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to execute and file applications is needed to obtain the grant for the Van Pool Program. RTS is requesting that the City Commission adopt a resolution thereby allowing the grant application to go forward enabling RTS to oversee the program. RTS oversight of the Van Pool Program may potentially provide future opportunities to develop additional van pools.

Fiscal Note: The FDOT grant will fully fund this project in the amount of \$201,000. No funding is required from the City. The City will not be responsible for managing day to day operations or maintenance/replacement of the vans used in the Van Pool Program. The administrative cost of RTS staff to oversee and monitor this project on behalf of FDOT is expected to be minimal and is proposed to be absorbed by RTS staff. If the staff time necessary for oversight turns out to be more than expected or sustainable with existing staff, RTS can seek additional FDOT financial support.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) adopt the Resolution; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute related Joint Participation Agreement(s) with FDOT, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

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ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED[150418.](#)**QUASI-JUDICIAL - REZONING TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PD) - 1206 W UNIVERSITY AVENUE (B)**

ORDINANCE NO. 150418, PETITION NO. PB-15-69PDV

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Zoning Map Atlas by rezoning approximately 0.64 acres of property that is generally located at 1206 W University Avenue, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Urban Mixed-Use District 2 (UMU-2) to Planned Development District (PD); adopting a PD report with land development regulations; providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

MODIFICATION - Revised Back-up from City Attorney's office and New Back-up from Applicant.

Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

This ordinance will rezone approximately 0.64 acres of land that is generally located at 1206 W University Avenue from Urban Mixed-Use District 2 (UMU-2) to Planned Development District (PD). PD zoning is an entirely voluntary method for landowners or developers to submit unique proposals that are not provided for or otherwise achievable in the zoning districts established by the City of Gainesville Land Development Code. The property owner has proposed to construct a restaurant with a drive-through facility on the subject property; however, a drive-through facility is prohibited in the UMU-2 zoning district. This PD rezoning will allow eating places with or without a drive-through facility on the subject property, as well as other uses appropriate for the surrounding area. It will also allow the applicant to use flexible design standards that are unique to the subject property and consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The property is located on the north side of West University Avenue (SR 26), between NW 12th Street and NW 12th Terrace, and is the location of a Texaco gas station that was demolished in 2004. A single-story, residential structure abuts on the north along with the University Heights - North Historic District, West University Avenue (SR 26) to the south, NW 12th Street to the east, and NW 12th Terrace to the west.

This PD rezoning is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan because it will allow a mixture of retail, service, research and office uses, which the property's underlying UMU-2 land use category supports. According to Future Land Use Element, Policy 4.1.1, one of the essential components of the UMU-2 land use district is the multi-modal character of the area. Therefore, by allowing multi-modal

transportation facilities (i.e., sidewalks, bike racks, parking spaces and drive-throughs) the proposed PD rezoning is also consistent with the intended character of the UMU-2 land use district.

The City Plan Board on September 24, 2015, voted to recommend approval of this rezoning, and on December 3, 2015, the City Commission approved the associated petition (Petition No. PB-15-69 PDV).

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two hearings and will become effective immediately upon adoption.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

Legislative History

11/5/15 City Commission Continued (Petition)

12/3/15 City Commission Approved (Petition), as amended

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ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

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VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION - PROPERTY OWNED BY THE EMORY GROUP, LLC, AND PRAIRIE GROUP TRUST - SOUTH OF SW WILLISTON ROAD AND WEST OF THE GAINESVILLE CITY LIMITS (B)

Ordinance No. 150818

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, annexing certain property that comprises Tax Parcel No. 07176-002-000 and a portion of Tax Parcel No. 07176-000-000, which are generally located south of SW Williston Road, west of Tax Parcel No. 07176-006-000 and the existing city limits, north of SW 56th Avenue, and east of Interstate 75, as more specifically described in this ordinance, as petitioned for by the property owner(s) pursuant to Chapter 171, Florida Statutes; making certain findings; providing for inclusion of the property in Appendix I of the City Charter; providing for land use plan, zoning, and subdivision regulations, and enforcement of same; providing for persons engaged in any occupation, business, trade, or profession; providing directions to the Clerk of the Commission; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: This ordinance will annex certain property into the City of Gainesville corporate limits that is unincorporated, compact, and contiguous to the current boundaries of the City. On March 17, 2016, the City Commission received and accepted a petition for voluntary annexation of the property at the request of the property owners. The property is generally located south of SW Williston Road, west of Tax Parcel No. 07176-006-000 and the existing city limits, north of SW 56th Avenue, and east of Interstate 75.

The adoption of an annexation ordinance is the final stage in the annexation process set forth in the Municipal Annexation or Contraction Act in Chapter 171, Florida Statutes. Because this is a voluntary annexation, no referendum is required.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two hearings and will become effective immediately upon adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Legislative History

3/17/16	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
4/21/16	City Commission	Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance)

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Ordinance No. 150749; Petition No. PB-15-155 ZON

An ordinance amending the Zoning Map Atlas of the City of Gainesville, Florida, by rezoning approximately 0.627 acres of property generally located at 1947 N Main Street, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from General Business (BUS) to Automotive-Oriented Business District (BA); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

This ordinance will rezone a developed, 0.63-acre property located at 1947 N Main Street (east side of Main) from General Business (BUS) to Automotive-Oriented Business District (BA). This corridor is increasingly used for automotive business purposes, as envisioned by the Gainesville Comprehensive Plan. This rezoning will eliminate one of the few properties fronting North Main Street between North 16th and NE 23rd Avenues that do not have BA zoning. This property contains a single-story, 4,331 square-foot, concrete block building that was built in 1975. It was the site of a retail futon and bedding store until several years ago, and the building is currently vacant.

The applicant has received several inquiries about use of the property for automotive uses that are not allowed by the property's current BUS zoning. Unlike the BUS district, the BA zoning district allows: Automotive dealers (MG 55); the wholesale distribution of Motor vehicles, parts and supplies (IN 501); and Automotive repair, services and parking (MG-75). The surrounding properties have BA zoning as does most of the North Main Street corridor between NE 16th Avenue and NE 39th Avenue.

The proposed rezoning to BA is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and its policy of continuing to restrict auto sales and relatively intense auto service to North Main Street north of North 16th Avenue.

The City Plan Board held a public hearing on February 25, 2016, and voted 5-0 to approve the petition.

Fiscal Note: None.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two hearings and shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Legislative History

4/21/16 City Commission Approved (Petition) and Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance)

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PLANNING PETITIONS**CITIZEN COMMENT**

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COMMISSION COMMENT**10:00PM or earlier - ADJOURN**