

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

October 19, 2021

1:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)
Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (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 - 1:04 PM**AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

Present 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**[201087.](#)****American Rescue Plan Act (B)**

Mayor Poe introduced the item. Requested to direct staff to include inclusion language in all projects approved.

Lee Feldman, City Manager, spoke to the matter.

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

Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward to: 1) authorize funding for utility debt forgiveness in the amount of \$250,000, \$1.9 million for housing stabilization (energy rehabilitation) and \$1 million for eviction assistance; and \$7 million for non-profit organizations.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola amended the motion, with the agreement of the seconder, as follows: 1) authorize staff to return to the Commission with implementation plans for the \$250,000 for utility debt forgiveness, \$2.9 million for housing stabilization and eviction assistance; and \$7 million funding for non-profit organization; 2) to schedule another special meeting to discuss allocation of remaining ARP funds, possibly holding a joint meeting with other local boards; 3) direct the Office of Equity and Inclusion to develop a funding application for non-profits and a process for evaluating

applications, including community engagement opportunities for organizations to understand the process, and criteria for staff recommendations; and 4) request that staff analyze and bring back information on language inclusion requirements for funded initiatives/projects. Motion passed 4-2. Dissent: Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco.

Individual Commissioners work with staff and bring back-up information on project proposals to be included in the discussion (including funding for healthcare services in East Gainesville beyond an urgent care center).

Commissioners should ask Charter Officers for assistance with information proposed project for discussion at the next meeting.

Public Comment: Joanne Inglebert, Mike Ryan, Greg Larson, Betsy Riley, Robin Louis, Nathan Skop, Armando Grundy-Gomes, Ethan Dell, Candace King, Diane Dampiro, Tana Silva, Cynthia Chestnut, Telford Cartwright, John Carmichael, Nancy Darren, Veronica Robleto, Jane Moraski, Kali Blount, Bryan Eastman, Michael Frazier, Donald Shepherd, Greg Harband, Meg Tallison and Darlene Pifalo.

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the allocations of ARPA funds. Authorize coming back with an NGO allocation process.*

No Attachments at this time

Approved, as shown above

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola - clarify that in the motion there was instruction for implementation plans that were voted on.

ADJOURNMENT - 4:20 PM