

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

September 27, 2019

2:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)*  
*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**CALL TO ORDER - 2:00 PM**

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

[180612](#) **City Manager Executive Search (B)**

*Motion: Authorize Mayor to negotiate an employment agreement with Lee Feldman, bring to Commission for approval.*

*Mayor Poe introduced the item.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos thanked candidates. Commented on Lee Feldman as his top choice.*

*Commissioner Arreola thanked candidates. Commented in favor of re-opening the search.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward thanked search firm, HR, candidates, City Manager's staff, and colleagues. Ready to select a candidate, commented in favor of Lee Feldman.*

*Commissioner Warren recognized candidates, spoke in favor of selecting Lee Feldman.*

*Commissioner Simmons thanked candidates, spoke in support of Lee Feldman. Named Harry Black as her second choice.*

*Commissioner Johnson thanked the candidates and search firm. Commented in support of Lee Feldman as her first choice.*

*Mayor Poe thanked Commissioners, commented that a majority has been reached. Commented in support of all of the candidates. Named Lee Feldman as his first choice.*

Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked to consider a three-year contract with renewal option. Mayor Poe responded asking to discuss at General Policy Committee.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Interim City Manager Deborah Bowie for her service.

Deborah Bowie thanked Assistant City Managers Fred Murry and Dan Hoffman. Thanked Commission for the opportunity.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos thanked Ms. Bowie and the Assistant City Managers.

Commissioner Warren thanked Ms. Bowie.

Gabe Kaimowitz, Nick Gonzalez and Mary Lou Hildreth spoke to the matter.

Mayor Poe will reach out to Lee Feldman to congratulate him and begin contract negotiations. Will try to have the item added to the next Commission meeting agenda. Commented on the candidate search process.

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission: 1) The City Commission conduct interviews for the position of City Manager; and 2) authorize the Mayor to negotiate an employment agreement with the selected candidate*

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

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

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **MEMBER COMMENT**

Commissioner Johnson commented about in-kind use of a facility. Would like Commission to give permission to hold a youth dance event at a City facility in June 2020. Mayor Poe asked staff to bring an update to the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented that an ordinance was passed to institute a process for facility use.

Assistant City Manager Dan Hoffman spoke to the matter regarding hosting events at the Senior Center. Interim City Manager Deborah Bowie spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Johnson motioned to allow use of Senior Rec Center for Teach Me To Dance event on June 19, 2020; seconded by Arreola. City Attorney Nicolle Shalley commented about taking action during a Special meeting. Will hold for next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos suggested speaking with staff and bringing information on use of facilities for events in the future.

*Mayor Poe thanked Fraternal Order of Policy for unanimously approving police union contract for three years. Thanked everyone involved for their work.*

*Mayor Poe thanked Liz Waratuke, City employee of 28 years, for her service upon her retirement.*

*Commissioner Simmons invited the public and Commissioners to unveiling of Skybridge program at the Porter's Community Center on Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm. Thanked everyone involved in the partnership to make the program possible.*

**ADJOURNMENT - 2:49 PM**