

# **City of Gainesville**

*City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 24, 2011**

**6:00 PM**

**City Commission Special Meeting**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Craig Lowe (At Large)*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)*

*Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)*

*Commissioner Lauren Poe (District 2)*

*Commissioner Warren Nielsen (District 3)*

*Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)*

*Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)*

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## CALL TO ORDER - 6:04 PM

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Commissioner Poe moved and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Mastrodicasa seconded to adopt the agenda, as modified.*

*(VOTE: 5-0, Commissioners Henry and Wells - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

*NOTE: Commissioners Henry and Wells entered the meeting room at 6:09 PM.*

### *MODIFICATIONS:*

- 1. Proposed Merger of GPD and ASO Key Points/ Issues and Provisions of the Proposed Bill (new back-up attached).*
- 2. Resolution (new back-up attached).*

## ROLL CALL

Present: Warren Nielsen, Craig Lowe, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Lauren Poe, Thomas Hawkins and Randy Wells

## CITY MANAGER

### **100639. Alachua County Legislative Delegation Meeting on Abolition of the Gainesville Police Department (B)**

**The Alachua County Legislative Delegation will hold a meeting on January 31, 2011. The purpose of the City Commission's Special Meeting is to provide the City Commission with the opportunity to discuss proposed legislation that could lead to the abolishment of the Gainesville Police Department and determine any position and testimony the Commission would like to provide to the Alachua County Legislative Delegation.**

*City Manager Russ Blackburn gave a presentation.*

*Mayor Lowe recognized the following citizens.*

- 1. Kali Blount*
- 2. Mark Goldstein*
- 3. Jack Carter*
- 4. Rosa Williams*
- 5. Mike Patel*
- 6. Bruce Delaney*
- 7. Jeff McAdams*
- 8. Susan Botcher*
- 9. Walter Willard*

10. Adrienne Heft
11. Richard Williams
12. Jimmy Harnsberger
13. Bob Cohen
14. Karen Edwards

*ADDITIONAL MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded to authorize the City Manager to implement the communication strategies as articulated.*

*(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*After careful consideration, staff recommends that the City Commission oppose legislation that would establish a Gainesville/Alachua County Law Enforcement Unification Study Commission and adopt a resolution expressing that opposition. Any decision to explore consolidation or alternative options for delivery of police services can be made by the Gainesville City Commission and Alachua County Commission should the local officials elected by the residents of the City of Gainesville and Alachua County choose to do so as provided by the Florida Constitution.*

*Alternative Recommendation*

*The City Commission provide other guidance as appropriate.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Poe, seconded by Commissioner Henry, that this matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Aye: Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Lauren Poe, Craig Lowe, Scherwin Henry, Thomas Hawkins and Warren Nielsen

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:53 PM**

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Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission