

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

October 22, 2020

1:00 PM

Virtual Teleconference Meeting

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (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 - 1:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[200369.](#)

Approval of Minutes from the General Policy Committee Meeting of September 24, 2020 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of September 24, 2020.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

200351. **State Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY 2021-22 (B)**

Motion: 1) Opposition to the Anti-Protest Act Bill language (authorize legal staff to work with other organizations opposing potential challenges to the bill); 2) Support legislation to allow virtual local government meetings at times declared emergencies; and 3) Support legislation for halting evictions during natural disasters.

Lee Feldman, City Manager introduced the item.

T.J. Harrington, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator reviewed the draft list of State Legislative ideas and Departmental/Charter appropriations requests for the FY 2021-22 State Legislative Session.

Ryan Matthews, State Lobbyist spoke to the matter.

Armando Grundy-Gomes and Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee review and discuss the draft list of State Legislative items and establish FY 2021-22 State Legislative priorities for both our state lobbying team and our state legislative delegation.

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

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

200420.

General Policy Committee Administration Session (B)

Zeriah Folston, Policy Oversight Administrator gave a presentation.

November 12, 2020 GPC Agenda

Update on the Panhandling Ordinance; 2) Staff's Strategic Plan; and 3) Place-holder for any issues related to housing that come out of the November 5th meeting.

December 10, 2020 GPC Agenda

1) Federal Legislative Agenda; and 2) Public Health Update and Economic Outlook.

Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee will set their agendas for the last quarter of FY20.

Discussed

200410.

Real Estate Market Update (B)

The City Commission hear a presentation by Colliers International introducing themselves and providing an overview of the real estate market.

Lee Feldman introduced the item.

Ken Krasnow, Dan Drotos and Suzzane McDonough, Colliers International gave presentations.

Armando Grundy-Gomes and Tana Silva spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear the presentation from Colliers International and provide input and feedback deemed appropriate.*

Heard

[200422.](#)

Commissioner Harvey Ward - Homeless Services Specific to the South Main Street Area (B)

Motion: 1) Ask City Manager to add garbage cans to the area surrounding Lynch Park on South Main Street; 2) Add a minimum of two portable toilet facilities to the area; 3) Request a report on adding lockers to the vicinity from management; 4) Mayor send a letter to the County Commission to ask for support with housing-based social work outreach; 5) Manager's office work with Mr. DeCarmine on a social work plan if the county cannot meet those needs; 6) Work with Gainesville Housing Authority to find housing subsidy vouchers; or to obtain housing vouchers; 7) Request an overview of what County social services are already occurring related to homeless street outreach; and 8) An update from staff at the November 19, 2020 City Commission meeting.

Kimber, Frank Edwards, Alfredo Morales, Hanna Bunkin, Nathan Skop, Kim and Jon DeCarmine spoke to the matter.

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

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

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

[200439.](#)

Office of Capital Asset Planning and Economic Resilience (CAPER) (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff on newly formed City department.*

Postponed to the next City Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT- 6:05 PM