

# City of Gainesville

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



## **Minutes - Final**

**November 30, 2015**

**5:00 PM**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **General Policy Committee**

*Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)  
Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)  
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)  
Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)  
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)  
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Carter (District 3)  
Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)*

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**ROLL CALL - 5:03 PM**

**Present** 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Goston, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Chase

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

[150448.](#) **Habitat/City Partnership Potential (B)**

**This item is a request for the City Commission to hear a presentation from Blake Hakimian, a senior Political Science major at the University of Florida (UF), on how UF students can participate and give back to the community through a community partnership and volunteers program.**

*Commissioner Chase arrived at 5:12 PM.*

*Blake Hakimian and Fred Murry made presentations.*

*Jim Konish spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *The City Commission direct the City Manager to identify a staff liaison to work with Mr. Blake Hakimian to identify community projects and volunteer opportunities for students at the University of Florida as well as other educational institutions in our area.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

[150465.](#) **The State of Homelessness in Gainesville - Alachua County and the impact of GRACE Marketplace and Dignity Village on Homeless Services (B)**

This is a request for the City Commission to hear and discuss an update on local homeless services and begin planning future steps toward ending homelessness.

*Motion: City Manager to work with staff to come back with a proposal for City*

*participation in the continuum of care for the next five years of community-wide services.*

*Fred Murry, Steven Belk, Betty Baker, Theresa Lowe and Angela Montgomery made presentations.*

*Peter Davenport, Judy Chase, Mark Venzke, Scott Hesh, Jim Konish, Kali Blount and Jessica Miller spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss homeless services provided in Gainesville - Alachua County and provide policy direction to Staff.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

## 150512.

### **UTILITY GOVERNANCE ALTERNATIVES (B)**

*Motion: 1) Refer draft bill to RUC Committee (via City Commission) for a workshop, open to the public and City Commission for continued discussion; 2) No vote on governance in 2016; and 3) forward the view to the State Legislative Delegation.*

*Jim Konish, Frank Lineberger and Nancy Deren spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission: 1) discuss the draft charter amendment ordinance and revisions suggested by the Regional Utilities Committee; 2) discuss the draft non-binding referendum language; and 3) decide whether to take any further action with respect to utility governance alternatives.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

### **ADJOURNMENT - 8:33 PM**

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**Kurt Lannon, Clerk of the Commission**