

26 updating ordinances pertaining to these issues for the purpose of making the City of Gainesville
27 a more sustainable city; and creating a series of environmental ethical ordinances to guide future
28 environmental projects; and answer our guiding questions, and subsequently make
29 recommendations to the City Commission on priorities to be considered for implementation.
30 This resolution creates the advisory committee and outlines the structure, responsibilities and
31 powers of the advisory committee.

32 **Section 2. Creation and Composition.**

33 A. The City Commission hereby establishes the Green Ribbon Panel, which shall consist of
34 fourteen members appointed by the City Commission, with the Mayor and each City
35 Commissioner appointing two members each. In the event that an appointed member is
36 unable to serve, the vacancy shall be filled by the Mayor. The Committee members shall
37 not be deemed employees of the City of Gainesville, nor entitled to compensation,
38 pension, or other retirement benefits on account of service on the Committee.

39 B. The Committee and its members shall be subject to the provisions of Florida's
40 Government in the Sunshine Law (Section 286.012, Fla. Stat.), Florida's Code of Ethics
41 for Public Officers and Employees (Part III, Chapter 112, Fla. Stat.), and Florida's Public
42 Records Law (Chapter 119, Fla. Stat.), all as may be amended from time to time.

43 **Section 3. Responsibilities.**

44 The Committee's primary responsibilities are to identify and make recommendations on
45 environmental issues facing the City, and return to the City Commission a set of actionable
46 ordinances to address these issues. The Committee should prioritize the reduction of carbon
47 emissions, waste reduction, and the assurance of better future water and air quality. The

48 Committee should examine recent environmental ordinances implemented by other relevant
49 cities. The Committee should additionally when possible work with Alachua County and the
50 Alachua County School Board. The Committee will prepare and present recommendations and,
51 approved by majority vote of the Committee, to the City Commission by XXXXXX.

52 **Section 4. City Resources.**

53 A. At the direction of the City Manager, staff shall prepare such reports, analysis, and
54 recommendations as the Committee deems necessary to remain fully informed, and to
55 carry out its responsibilities as set forth in this resolution.

56 B. The City Attorney or designee shall serve as legal advisor to the Committee.

57 C. The City Manager shall designate staff to serve as liaisons to the Committee who will
58 help coordinate preparation of the recommendations of the Committee of the City
59 Commission, publish the notice of meetings, prepare agendas, and record and keep
60 minutes of each Committee meeting. The Chairperson, or if unavailable, the Vice-
61 Chairperson, shall approve the meeting agenda prior to its distribution.

62 D. Subject to approval by the City Manager, and in accordance with city policy and state
63 law, the City shall provide reasonable financial resources to ensure that the needs of the
64 Committee are met.

65 **Section 5. Committee Meetings and Procedure.**

66 A. One of the Mayor's appointees, as designated by the Mayor, shall serve as the
67 Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall be selected at the first meeting of the
68 Committee by majority vote.

69 B. The Committee's business shall be guided by the latest revised edition of Robert's Rules
70 of Order, except when in conflict with this Resolution or other rules established by
71 majority vote of the Committee.

72 C. The Committee shall hold a minimum of one regular monthly public meeting at such
73 times and places as it may designate in accordance with Florida's Government in the
74 Sunshine Law.

75 D. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Committee, however a
76 smaller number may adjourn a meeting. Official action may be taken by a vote of the
77 majority of the quorum present.

78 E. In carrying out its duties the Committee may request information and assistance from the
79 Charter Officers as the Committee finds necessary.

80 F. The recommendations from the Committee will be placed on a City Commission meeting
81 agenda for discussion and action by the City Commission. The City Commission shall
82 determine whether changes to the City's Code, rules and regulations or policies and
83 practices are necessary or desirable. Any changes shall be made in accord with law.

84 **Section 6. Sunset.**

85 This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption. This Resolution shall be valid
86 and effective until XXXXX XX, XXXX at which point the Committee shall be deemed
87 sunsetted, unless extended by further resolution of the City.

88 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this XX day of XXXXX XXXX