

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

July 27, 2017

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium, 200 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL

## **General Policy Committee**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Helen Warren (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)*  
*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### AGENDA STATEMENT

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### ROLL CALL

[170238.](#)

#### **General Policy Committee Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of June 22, 2017.*

[170238\\_GPC Minutes\\_20170727.pdf](#)

[160675.](#)

#### **Urban Development Standards (B)**

*Explanation: Development and redevelopment in urban areas is complicated. Case by case exceptions create a challenging development review process for staff and the development community. Mutually supportive utility, building and landscaping development policies and requirements is critical for efficiency.*

*At their October 6, 2016 regular meeting, the Commission asked that GRU and City Planning look at the development standards in redevelopment areas. This item was referred to the General Policy Committee. There is no existing policy in place that is specific to Urban Redevelopment. GRU follows development standards that are set forth in the Water/Wastewater Standards and Energy Delivery Service Guide.*

*In January 2017, the Committee asked staff to:*

- Benchmark other communities' development standards.*
- Review case studies in Gainesville.*
- Evaluate alternative standards in urban areas.*
- Evaluate policies and requirements to identify areas to facilitate urban development.*

- Present evaluations and recommendations to General Policy Committee.

Staff returns today to present these findings.

*Fiscal Note: None*

**RECOMMENDATION**

1) Hear a presentation from staff. 2) Direct staff to continue working on appropriate modifications to LDC and Utility Standards to minimize challenges in development review and put solutions in writing by December 2017.

**Legislative History**

1/26/17      General Policy      Heard  
                         Committee

[160675 Urban Development Standards Presentation 20170727.pdf](#)

[160311.](#)

**Discussion of Reducing Minor Arrests by GPD (B)**

**This item will outline GPD's request to use pre-arrest diversion initiatives (Adult Civil Citations). \*\*ESTIMATED PRESENTATION TIME 15 MINUTES\*\***

*Explanation: Communities across the country are launching pre-arrest diversion initiatives designed to better address law enforcement's encounters with people who have challenges with drug use and mental health. These pre-arrest/pre-booking initiatives enable law enforcement officers, when appropriate, to divert eligible individuals away from the criminal justice system and into community-based behavioral health interventions and social services. In this way, law enforcement becomes a new and sizable pathway to treatment and social services.*

*Simultaneously, federal, state and local governments and organizations are advocating for increased attention to and implementation of diversion initiatives that feature partnerships among police, treatment, and the community. The reasons for growth in these diversion initiatives are many: they promise reduced crime and recidivism, improved community/law enforcement relations, reduced burden on the justice system, restored lives, and cost savings.*

*What's been missing from the conversation about this emerging movement is a forum where national police, treatment and community leaders can join together.*

*Fiscal Note: None*

**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee: 1) hear a presentation from Peria Duncan, Director of

County Court Services regarding pre-arrest diversion initiatives; 2) and consider moving the City toward using these initiatives.

Legislative History

8/18/16 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[160311a Pre-Arrest Diversion PPT 072717](#)

[160331b PTAC Collaborative Brief 072717](#)

160349.

**Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee Recommendations (B)**

**This item includes recommendations from the Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee for quick changes to the tree ordinance.**

**\*Estimated Staff Presentation 10 Minutes\***

*Explanation: At the December 8, 2016 regular General Policy Committee meeting, the Commission discussed short and long-range options to make changes to the Tree Ordinance. The Commission directed staff to form a diverse stakeholder committee to make recommendations for quick changes to incentives for tree preservation, equity of mitigation requirements, uses of mitigation funds, and the economic impact of mitigation.*

*Since that time, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs and the Department of Doing teamed up to form a Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee, who drafted recommendations for changes to the Tree Ordinance. For more information, please refer to Legislative file number 150167.*

*At the May 25, 2017 regular General Policy Committee Meeting, the Commission heard a presentation from the Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee on quick changes to the Tree Ordinance. The Commission directed staff to bring the item back at a future meeting to allow for time to absorb all of the information.*

*Fiscal Note: The Tree Mitigation Fund has a balance of \$2,780,285. Of these funds, \$720,563 have been committed to a variety of projects including NW 1st Avenue, NW/SW 6th Street, Rail Trail, Depot Avenue (segment 2), miscellaneous projects through a contractor, etc.*

RECOMMENDATION

*The General Policy Committee hear a report from the Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee.*

Legislative History

9/1/16 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

5/25/17 General Policy Committee Heard

[160349A Final Team Charter 20170525](#)

[160349B Presentation Final 20170525](#)

[160349C Peer City Analysis 20170727](#)

[160349D Staff Recommendation 20170727](#)

[160819.](#)

### **Roam Towing Issues (B)**

**In response to several complaints involving aggressive towing practices, the City Commission requested a discussion of towing processes be brought to the General Policy Committee. The GPD Towing and Vehicle for Hire Administrator will give a presentation. \*\*ESTIMATED PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES\*\***

*Explanation: Members of the City Commission have received messages from Gainesville residents with complaints of threats from some towing companies. A rise in complaints shows that we need to revisit our towing ordinance.*

*The City Commission referred this discussion to the General Policy Committee for review.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from the GPD Towing Administrator with current regulations and proposed changes recommended by staff.*

#### **Legislative History**

3/2/17 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[160819 CityTrespassTowingOrdinancePresentation 20170413](#)

[170023.](#)

### **Open Container Policies/Chapter 4, Article III Underage Prohibition in Alcoholic Beverage Establishments (B)**

**An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to persons under the age of 21 in alcoholic beverage establishments; by amending Chapter 4, Article III to regulate persons under 21 being present in alcoholic beverage establishments which have a high number of underage alcohol violations. \*\*ESTIMATED PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES\*\***

**This item includes the original title from the previous agenda item on updating Underage Prohibition in Alcoholic Beverage Establishments, Item # 160062.**

*Explanation: In the past year, concerns were raised regarding Chapter 4, Article III of the Alcohol Beverages ordinance regarding the enforcement and penalty process for underage prohibition orders. The Gainesville Police Department was tasked with drafting some potential changes to alleviate these concerns while at the same time attempting to deal with ongoing public safety concerns. General revision concepts to Chapter 4 have been presented to both the former Public Safety Committee and Community Alcohol Coalition with positive responses. The Public Safety Committee referred the issue to the Commission for final action. GPD has proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Article III which would help alleviate the problems of persons under 21 years of age from consuming alcoholic beverages in alcoholic beverage establishments.*

*The Gainesville Police Department held two meetings with stakeholders on September 19th and 21st, 2016. The first meeting (19th) was attended by two representatives from UF student government. UF Student Body President Susan Webster suggested the two ID requirement for bars to utilize.*

*GPD members met with bar owners and employees on the 21st in regards to the possible changes to the ordinance. Their concerns/requests were as follows: 1) Cost of Permit; 2) Cost of any required staff training and time frame for how long training was good for; 3) Costs of purchasing ID scanners; 4) Associating bar occupancy with requirement due to cost of hiring police as exterior security; 5) Time frame for reset of permit violations; and 6) Allowing persons under 18 years of age to attend music events at alcoholic establishments without a guardian/parent.*

*Fiscal Note: None.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee authorize GPD and City staff to move forward proposing amendments to Chapter 4, Article III, relating to Underage Prohibition Orders.*

**Legislative History**

5/4/17 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[170023\\_Alcohol Ordinance Exec Summary\\_20170727](#)

**170195.**

**Paid Parental Leave (B)**

**This is a request for the General Policy Committee to hear a presentation from staff and to discuss Paid Parental Leave options.**

*Explanation: Presently, the City's leave benefits do not include a Paid Parental Leave component. Paid Parental Leave has been a topic of discussion at all levels of government, and many states, counties and cities have either*

*discussed implementation of a paid parental leave benefit, or have implemented such a benefit.*

*In the course of recent policy meetings, Charter Officers discussed a number of options around Paid Parental Leave. The output from those discussions is included in the attached staff presentation.*

*Fiscal Note: There is no immediate fiscal impact.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff and discuss Paid Parental Leave options.*

**Legislative History**

7/6/17      City Commission      Referred to the General Policy Committee

[Paid Parental Leave2.pdf](#)

[170237.](#)

**General Policy Committee Referral Lists (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed appropriate.*

[170237 General Policy Committee Referral List July 27 2017.docx](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**