

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

August 27, 2013

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)
Commissioner Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Commissioner Susan Bottcher (District 3)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Randy Wells (District 4)*

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**ROLL CALL****AGENDA STATEMENT**

"Citizens are encouraged to participate in City of Gainesville meetings. In general, speakers will be limited to 3 (three) minutes per agenda item. Additional time may be granted by the Mayor or by the City Commission as directed. The City of Gainesville encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers limit their comments to specific motions and direct their comments to the Chair. Signs or Props are not permitted in the meeting room. Citizens are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the Clerk of the Commission before meetings and/or during meetings for inclusion into the public record. Citizens may also provide input to individual commissioners via office visits, phone calls, letters and e-Mail, that will become public record. In some instances, i.e., Quasi-Judicial Hearings, these particular contacts may be prohibited.

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Charter Review Item Regarding Local Government Structures (B)

Explanation: On July 29, 2013 the City Commission held a special meeting to review and discuss the City's Charter and evaluate possible changes. The City Commission requested the City Auditor to schedule presentations on forms of local government from representatives of the University of Florida, Santa Fe College or professional organizations, as practicable.

We have arranged for Dr. Michael Scicchitano from the University of Florida to present an overview on local government structures. Dr. Scicchitano is an associate professor of political science and the director of the Masters Program in Public Affairs at UF, where he has taught courses on public budgeting, computer applications, program evaluation and public policy and administration to graduate and undergraduate students. He is also Director of the Florida Survey Research Center <<http://www.flsurveyresearch.org/>> at UF and has implemented hundreds of survey research and program evaluation projects. He is also editor of State and Local Government Review, which is the official journal for American Society for Public Administration's section on intergovernmental management. His research on issues related to public policy and public affairs have been widely published.

The City Manager has also arranged for Kurt Bressner, a Range Rider for ICMA, to present information on the Council/Manager form of government following Dr. Scicchitano's presentation. Mr. Bressner is a retired City Manager who most recently served as the Boynton Beach City Manager. In his role as a Range Rider for ICMA, Mr. Bressner provides information to communities discussing the Council/Manager form of government and serves as a recruiter for small cities and counties seeking to fill manager positions.

This item is related to legislative file # 120125 - Overall Charter Review Process Referral.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear presentations regarding forms of local government and 2) take appropriate action.

[Michael J Scicchitano Bio.PDF](#)

[130250A-Scicchitano Presentation-Local Government Structures.PDF](#)

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[130250F_Best Places to Live - Money Magazine_20130827.pdf](#)

[130250G_CNNMoneyTop100for2011_20130827.pdf](#)

[130250H_Range Rider Program Flyer_20130827.pdf](#)

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Charter Review Item Regarding City Elections (B)

Explanation: On July 29, 2013 the City Commission held a special meeting to review and discuss the City's Charter and evaluate possible changes. The City Commission requested the City Auditor to provide background information regarding discussions within the City's Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee leading to the proposed Charter amendment on City elections, which failed to pass by referendum in March 2013. This item is related to legislative file # 120125 - Overall Charter Review Process Referral.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a report from the City Auditor and 2) take appropriate action.

[130251-Charter Review-City Elections Issues to AFLC.PDF](#)

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CITY CHARTER- REVIEW OF ANY SCRIVENER'S ERRORS AND OUTDATED PROVISIONS (NB)

Explanation: On July 29, 2013, the City Commission held a special meeting to review and discuss the City Charter and evaluate possible changes. The City Commission requested the City Attorney's Office prepare a presentation regarding any existing scrivener's errors and outdated provisions specifically referring to transitional provisions and references to four-fifths supermajority requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a report from the City Attorney's Office and 2) provide any further direction as appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT