

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

March 14, 2019

1:00 PM

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multi-Purpose Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)

Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:03 PM

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Modification: Move Item No. 180402 (Construction Contracts of a Certain Size - Percentage of Apprenticeship Jobs if Awarded) to second on the regular agenda.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Simmons

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[180799.](#)

General Policy Committee Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the February 14, 2019 minutes.*

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Simmons

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[180762.](#)

GTEC Management Services Agreement between the City and Santa Fe CIED (B)

Interim City Manager, Deborah Bowie gave an introduction.

CRA Director, Sara Vidal-Finn made a presentation.

Staff will request direction from Commission to proceed with agreement given GTEC status, etc.

Eric Bredfeldt spoke to the matter on the timeline/points.

Commissioner Simmons arrived at 1:09 PM.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Commission:

Mayor Poe: 1) Santa Fe's role in managing the building during transition under new agreement; and 2) Moving CRA staff to the space; supports the agreement. Sara Vidal-Finn spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Warren: 1) Capacity of other available space to be used and about the incubation process. Eric Bredfeldt and Deborah Bowie spoke to the matter; and 2) CRA's role in property management.

Commissioner Johnson: 1) CRA's role in property management and leases. Sara Vidal-Finn responded; staff requesting a bridge agreement to get through transition, seeking direction from Commission to move forward.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos spoke in support of the proposed agreement.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) In support of the proposal. Asked a question regarding the financial impact of the agreement. Deborah Bowie spoke to the matter; CRA Director Sara Vidal-Finn said that staff will come back with a more detailed analysis.

Commissioner Simmons: 1) GTEC rental rates and revenues; 2) Summary of CRA's role in GTEC building and Santa Fe's role if agreement moves ahead. Sara Vidal-Finn spoke about the lease and building management responsibilities.

Anna Prizzia; Jo Beaty and Nancy Daren spoke to the matter.

The GPC directed to grant staff authorization to continue negotiating the agreement. Deborah Bowie spoke to the process of the item. Will return with more detail on draft agreement, information on options.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission included the added modification to this General Policy Referral Item that would also replace Legistar Item #180775, to include the Interlocal Agreement between City of Gainesville and Santa Fe College for GTEC Incubator Management Services Agreement which requires action by April 1, 2019, the GTEC Building and CRA intent to relocate to this building. This discussion will still occur at the March 14, 2019, General Policy Meeting as initially recommended.

Discussed

[180402.](#)

Construction Contracts of a Certain Size - Percentage of Apprenticeship Jobs if Awarded (B)

Motion: 1) Refer idea of a job apprenticeship program and assistance for disadvantaged workers for a staff analysis to bring back by July 1, 2019; 2) Request that staff research ways to reduce barriers to entry into construction work for disadvantaged people; and 3) Approaches to reducing barriers to entry for non-traditional participants (women, minorities, etc.).

Assistant City Manager Fred Murray spoke about the preliminary nature of today's discussion regarding apprenticeship programs in Gainesville. Staff will return with more detailed analysis at a later point.

Presentation by Builders Association of North Central Florida and Santa Fe, Justin McDougall, Apprenticeship Coordinator for Santa Fe College regarding apprenticeship programs: benefits to contractors and students, types of training offered.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Commission:

Commissioner Ward: 1) Thanked presenters. Commented about need to make students aware of these and other trade skills/training opportunities in Gainesville; 2) Need to create availability of jobs for graduates of job training programs. Referenced model on construction requirements from St. Petersburg (added late to back-up); 3) Send discussion to staff to ask them to review existing models and to bring back recommendations on options that might work for Gainesville.

Building Official John Freeland spoke to the matter, mentioned intern positions in City Building Department.

Commissioner Simmons: 1) Thanked presenters; 2) Spoke to the need to partner with and shared knowledge about availability of these programs; 3) Criteria to participate in these programs. Justin McDougall responded; and 4) Follow-up question about barriers to enrollment and costs. Justin McDougall responded to the questions. Fred Murry spoke to the matter.

Shawn McCoy, Career Source of North Central Florida spoke about available apprenticeship programs and resources available to support potential participants. Discussed recently and received apprenticeship grants, including pending application for federal funding from Department of Labor for apprenticeship programs.

Fred Murry spoke about GRU apprenticeship programs. Wanted to highlight the existence of various resources available in the community and how to address barriers. Budget process - staff will update Commission if it appears that they will encounter delays.

Commissioner Johnson: 1) Santa Fe regarding age requirements for apprenticeship programs.

Debbie Martinez, Jeremiah Tattersall, Sean Graves, Jason Fults and Jo Beaty spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee: 1) hear an update regarding this item and 2) further discuss as needed.

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

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

[180257.](#)

“Gainesville’s Food Systems: A Community Conversation” Update (B)

Motion: Authorize staff to research and return to the Commission models for policy council; 2) City not be the lead on this initiative. Wants UF (land-grant institution) and other partners with expertise in food and agriculture to lead, and to take a regional approach to this issue with the City's support; 3) Ask mobility staff to consider food security and access when updating transit plan; 4) City can also address organics and composting with changing of contracts; and 5) Staff to work on a council, including Transportation Element (report back early Summer of Fall).

Director of Strategic Initiatives Roberta Griffith gave an introduction.

Civic Collaboration Specialist Karissa Raskin made a presentation summarizing the feedback collected at the Food Policy Workshop on February 12, 2019. A report with the information collected at the workshop has been provided to the Commission. Recommendation by staff to establish a food policy council/advisory board. Requesting approval from Commission to research potential models of councils or coalitions to build collective knowledge and capacity related to food systems. Staff would cross-reference with needs in Gainesville and present recommendations to the Commission.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Commission:

Commissioner Johnson: 1) Thanked staff for their work; 2) Existing nearby food policy councils. Karissa Raskin responded to the question; 3) Spoke about recent visit to Washington, D.C. related to food systems. Strongly supports moving in this direction, but doesn't want to lose sight of immediate needs and in the community as it develops. Also wants to be aware of the limited time people impacted by this issue have to participate in these discussions, to ensure diverse and inclusive participation. Would like Commission to think about a separate/sub-set policy group within the food policy council.

Commissioner Simmons: 1) Thanked staff for their work on this topic; 2) Agrees with idea of finding experts, considering idea of a food policy council. As an immediate action, Commission can look at youth programs, summer camps, partnering with organizations, etc. to educate children about healthy food.

Commissioner Warren: 1) City policy regarding food vendors, ability of vendors to go into neighborhoods. Andrew Persons responded with regard to zoning and regulations; 2) Place this item for discussion – barriers to mobile food. Andrew Persons spoke to discussions the City has had with local partners about urban agriculture and potential zoning code changes. They will seek feedback from Commission on moving forward with changes.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos: 1) Supports moving forward with a food policy council; 2) How County has been involved. Karissa Raskin responded regarding County's involvement; 3) Important for Commission to continue moving forward with immediate opportunities to address issue while waiting for policy council; and 4) Food waste aspect; can review existing contracts.

Commissioner Ward: 1) Thanked staff for their work.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) Thanked staff for their work.

Mayor Poe: 1) Appreciates staff's work.

Debbie Martinez, Anna Prizzia, Kali Blount, Maria Huff-Edwards, Leah Cohen, Nancy Daren and Shelly Rogers spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee: 1) Hear a presentation from staff regarding the outcomes of the February 12th "Gainesville's Food Systems: A Community Conversation" Workshop; 2) Discuss the ideas for possible solutions generated by community members at the workshop; and 3) Agree to establish a Local Food System Advisory Board to advise the City Commission on next steps.

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

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

180761.

Special Event Permits - Project Update (B)

Deborah Bowie gave an introduction.

Jacqueline Stetson Pastore and Lila Stewart gave presentations. Provided overview of updates on staff's work regarding special events permitting process; project goals, analysis of City ordinances and recommendations/changes. Will present recommendations on updates to policies and process late in the summer.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Commission:

Commissioner Simmons: 1) Timelines of permitting process. Jacqueline Stetson Pastore and Deborah Bowie spoke to the matter; 2) Process for applicants without internet access. Deborah Bowie spoke to the matter; 3) Accessibility and understandability of the process for the public; and 4) Asked about the process.

Commissioner Warren: Applicants obtaining event insurance. Staff responded to the question.

Commissioner Arreola: Thanked staff for the presentation.

Mayor Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos: 1) Clarification on structure of process. Staff responded; and 2) Event insurance.

Commissioner Ward: 1) Does this process include changes to the City's amplified noise ordinance. Deborah Bowie clarified that it does not; purpose is to improve the permit process. The purpose of this presentation was to provide a general orientation, staff will return with more information.

Mayor Poe: Noted that a separate motion has been made to modernize the City's noise ordinance.

Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff to provide update on Special Events Permitting Process.

Discussed

[180498.](#)

General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss the referral list.

No Action Taken

MEMBER COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kali Blount

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT - 4:14 PM