

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

December 2, 2019

3:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

Jack Durrance Auditorium

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)*  
*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**CALL TO ORDER - 3:01 PM****AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS****I [190700.](#) Infrastructure Surtax (B)****Motion**

*1) City and County staff meet to develop a list of high-priority resilient community investment projects under the following major categories assuming the approximate 90% of the 20-year surtax: a) Public Safety; b) Transportation; c) Economic Opportunity and Housing; d) Extension of Wild Spaces and Public Places; and e) A lower carbon footprint. 2) City and County staff to make a cooperative effort to reach out to stakeholders of the municipalities and advisory boards on surtax priorities for the greater community resiliency. 3) Preliminary draft report which would include funding opportunities prior to 2025, bring back to the Commission as soon as possible, but no later than February 29, 2020. 4) Direct the City Manager and staff to calculate the estimated cost of broadband, if we use a cost of not running on private property and what would be the savings for the residents and bring it back to the Commission.*

*James Harriott, Deputy County Manager gave a presentation.*

*Commissioner Johnson arrived at 3:04 PM.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos arrived at 3:06 PM.*

*Mr. Feldman, City Manager gave a presentation.*

*Sheldon Packer, Jim Konish, Anthony Johnson, Meg Neiderhofer, Tamara Robbins, Anna Prizzia, Nancy Daren and Mark Von Soestbergen spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission discuss infrastructure surtax.*

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Arreola

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**Update on Fairgrounds Redevelopment (B)**

*Shawn McClendon, Strategic Initiatives Manager for Alachua County gave a presentation.*

*Elaine Young, Tamara Robbins and Anthony Johnson spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission discuss the update on fairgrounds redevelopment.*

**Discussed**

[190702.](#)

**Allowable Use for Tourist Development Dollars (B)**

*Motion: Add a discussion of race and equity policies to the next Joint City/County meeting.*

*David Forziano, Senior Assistant County Attorney gave a presentation.*

*Jessica Hurvov, Tourism Manager gave a presentation.*

*Tony Sekaro, Adam McGovern, Anthony Johnson and Eric Godet spoke to the matter.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos left the meeting at 8:45 PM.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission discuss allowable use for tourist development dollars.*

**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:** 6 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

[190704.](#)

**Discussion on Joint Planning Agreement (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The City Commission discuss the Joint Planning Agreement.*

Continued

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT - 8:32 PM**