

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 21, 2012

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee

*Mayor Craig Lowe, Chair
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Lauren Poe, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER - 5:05 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Craig Lowe and Lauren Poe

The following Commissioners were also present:

Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Commissioner Todd Chase, Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls and Commissioner Randy Wells.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

110932. Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee approve the minutes of April 3, 2012, as circulated.*

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION ITEMS

110659. City of Gainesville Elections - Expanded Examination of Several Issues (B)

City Auditor Brent Godshalk and Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter gave presentations.

MOTION: The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee recommended that the City Commission: 1) Approve a City Charter ballot initiative for Spring 2013 that would, if approved by the voters, move City Commission elections to the Fall of even years and extend the term of office to four years; 2) Discuss possible changes to City ordinances regarding qualification requirements for City Commission candidates; 3) Maintain non-partisan elections; 4) Hold a Community Forum to receive input from the public on the proposed ballot initiative; and 5) Refer an overall Charter review process to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee.

Mayor Lowe recognized the following citizens who spoke to the matter:

- 1. Mac McEachern*
- 2. Jo Beaty*

3. *Debbie Martinez*
4. *Darlene Pifalo*
5. *Bob Wilson*
6. *Mary Bird*

RECOMMENDATION

The AFLC discuss this item and take whatever action is deemed appropriate.

Approved as shown above (See Motion)

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT - 7:06 PM