

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Meeting Agenda - Final

April 15, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

### City Commission

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

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The (**B**) after an item's title means that there are materials, called Backup, in support of the item. Click the links on the agenda to view the documents. An (**NB**) after an item's title means there are no Backup materials for the item.

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**1:00pm - CALL TO ORDER - Afternoon Session****AGENDA STATEMENT**

*"The City of Gainesville encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers direct their comments to the Chair. Signs, props and posters are not permitted in the meeting room."*

**ROLL CALL****INVOCATION****CA ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (CA) - GRU, General Government, Audit & Finance Committee and General Policy Committee Items****CA-1 [201052.](#) Approval of Minutes from the March 29, March 31, April 1 (2), April 5, and April 7, 2021 City Commission Meetings (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission approve the minutes of March 29, March 31, April 1 (2), April 5, and April 7, 2021.*

[201052\\_March 29, 2021 Minutes,20210415.pdf](#)

[201052\\_March 31, 2021 Minutes,20210415.pdf](#)

[201052\\_April 1, 2021 CCOM Minutes,20210415.pdf](#)

[201052\\_April 1, 2021 BOT Minutes,20210415.pdf](#)

[201052\\_April 5, 2021 CCOM Minutes,20210415.pdf](#)

[201052\\_April 7, 2021 CCOM Minutes,20210415.pdf](#)

**CA-2 [200889.](#) Naming Facility at Oakview Park to Kiwanis Community Center at Oakview Park (B)**

*Explanation: On February 28, 2005, the City Commission referred the matter of naming City parks, recreation areas, and facilities to the Recreation and the Cultural Affairs Committee. The Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee forwarded their recommendations to the Commission on June 16, 2005. The City Commission adopted the Committee's recommendations at their August 8, 2005 meeting. The general policy states that either the City of Gainesville Public Recreation and Parks Board, Nature Centers Commission or Cultural Affairs Board would be responsible for recommending to the City Commission approval of all names of parks, recreation areas, facilities, and centers managed by the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department.*

*During the February 2020 meeting, the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville approached the Public Recreation and Parks Board (PRPB) to request a naming of the building at Oakview Park to maintain recognition after the park was renamed. Due to COVID-19, the PRPB was unable to meet again until October 21, 2020, where the PRPB accepted a petition from the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville to formally begin the process of name change. On January 13, 2021, Public Comment was heard on the matter, and on February 10th, the PRPB unanimously voted to recommend the naming of the building Kiwanis Community Center at Oakview Park.*

*The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville originally built the building in 1955 for the Girl Scouts who occupied the building until 2014. The park was previously named Kiwanis/Girl Scout Park, and was renamed to Oakview Park due to feedback during open house sessions as part of a Wild Spaces & Public Places park improvement project. The major park improvements were completed in 2020. The building is currently occupied by Aces in Motion who was selected by an RFP process to offer Youth Programming Services for the City of Gainesville.*

*Fiscal Note: The only expense associated with this is the creation of a sign and installation on the building. Estimated cost is \$250 and will be paid with Wild Spaces & Public Spaces funds as part of the completed renovation project of the park and building.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve the request to name the building located at 810 NW 8th Street at Oakview Park as “Kiwanis Community Center at Oakview Park.”*

[200889 Oakview Building Naming Petition 20210325.pdf](#)

[200889 Park Naming Policy Updated 06-20-16 20210325.pdf](#)

**CA-3**      [201003.](#)

**Contracts for Project Management and Purchase of One (1) Zero-Emission Battery Electric Bus and ChargePoint Charging Equipment (B)**

*Explanation: Regional Transit System (RTS) submitted a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA’s) Low or No Emission Vehicle Grant Program after obtaining City Commission approval for its FY20 Program of Projects on March 5, 2020, which outlined RTS’s plans for grant applications during FY20. In submitting for various FTA grants, applicants are permitted to form public-private partnerships. RTS chose to partner with the Center for Transportation and the Environment, Inc. (CTE) because they have been successful in helping applicants obtain grant awards. As the RTS fleet solely consist of Gillig buses, RTS elected to partner with Gillig as the manufacturer of the electric bus to maintain fleet uniformity. On June 2, 2020, project selections were announced by the FTA and RTS was awarded \$1,205,620 for its project, which includes contracting with CTE for project management, and*

*purchase of a Gillig 40' battery electric bus and charging equipment.*

*Both CTE and Gillig were named in the grant application, as required by FTA. The Federal Register announcement, January 24, 2020, page 4349, second paragraph under C.1. states that "If an application that involves such a partnership is selected for funding, the competitive selection process will be deemed to satisfy the requirement for a competitive procurement under 49 U.S.C. 5325(a) for the named entities." There are no proposed changes to the partnership. Therefore, the use of CTE and Gillig are done as a specified source due to the aforementioned grant application and award. RTS has negotiated draft agreements with both CTE and Gillig for the completion of this project.*

*Strategic Connection: This item is connected to Goal 2: Sustainable Community in the City's Strategic Plan, objective #5: Reduce the city organization's carbon footprint by 25% to achieve the climate change goal. Deploying battery electric buses in place of fossil fuel vehicles will reduce energy consumption and harmful emissions, including greenhouse gases and particulates. With this project, the battery electric bus that RTS is proposing to put into service will consume less energy per mile than buses that use other common propulsion technologies used in the transit industry, such as gasoline, diesel, and natural gas engines.*

*Fiscal Note: Funds in the amount of \$1,205,620 have been provided by the federal grant award for this project, with no local match required. This award includes funding in the amount of \$107,000 for a project management contract, and \$1,053,292 for the purchase of a zero emission bus and charging equipment.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission authorize the City Manager or his authorized designee to execute contracts and any necessary associated documents with the Center for Transportation and Environment, Inc. for project management, and Gillig LLC for the purchase of one (1) Zero-Emission Battery Electric Bus and ChargePoint Charging Equipment, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

[201003A Gillig MOSS](#)

[201003B\\_DraftGilligContract](#)

[201003C GilligQuote](#)

[201003D\\_CTE\\_MOSS](#)

[201003E\\_DraftCTEContract](#)

[201003F\\_CTEExhB\\_Proposal](#)

CA-4      [201005.](#)

**Request for Proposal (RFP) Staff Ranking - Rental Housing and Energy Efficiency Inspections C.A.P. Government Inc. (B)**

*Explanation: This item involves a request for the City Commission to approve the staff ranking of the associated RFP and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a professional services contract with C.A.P. Government Inc. for the rental housing inspections and energy efficiency assessments associated with the implementation of the Residential Rental Units Ordinance.*

*On September 20, 2020, the City Commission approved substantial changes to the now obsolete Landlord Licensing Ordinance and established a new Residential Rental Units Ordinance. Part of the scope of the ordinance is to institute mandatory quadrennial inspections and eight-year energy efficiency audits done to qualifying rental properties.*

*On January 9, 2021, City posted a solicitation for the inspections and energy audit components of the ordinance. Two companies responded to the RFP - C.A.P. Government, Inc. and Morgan Engineering Group, LLC. Staff evaluated both proposals and C.A.P. Government, Inc. was ranked highest to perform the work based on a combination of their experience, approach, and understanding of the inspection and energy audit requirements in the ordinance.*

*Strategic Connection:*

*Goal 3 of the City Commission's Strategic Plan concerns making Gainesville a great place to live and experience with the implementation of the rental housing ordinance identified as the top priority under the FY2021 Management Actions.*

*Fiscal Note: The contract expenses will be paid for by the permit fees collected under the Residential Rental Unit Ordinance.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) approve staff's recommended ranking of the firms; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to negotiate a contract and any related documents with C.A.P. Government Inc. subject to approval from the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

[201005A RFP-Rental Housing and Energy Efficiency Inspections 20210415](#)

[201005B RFP-Submittal-C.A.P.-210019 20210415](#)

[201005C Submittal-Morgan-210019 20210415](#)

[201005D Procurement Eval Summary 20210415](#)

[201005E Oral Presentation-C.A.P. 20210415](#)

[201005F Department Recommendation 20210415](#)

**CA-5**      [201096.](#)

**Selections of Staff Liaisons to Support the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee (NB)**

*Explanation: At the February 22, 2021 Joint Water and Climate Policy Board meeting it was requested that staff liaisons from GRU and general government be selected to support the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee together with the County staff liaison.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the City Commission direct the City Manager and the GRU General Manager to each select one staff liaison to support the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee.*

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Members of the public may speak for up to three (3) minutes per meeting on any item not on the agenda. Under the City Commission meeting rules during the COVID-19 health emergency, General Public Comment may be given by phone or by pre-recorded voice message only (see page 2 for details).**

**BD BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS (BD) - GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent.**

**TIME CERTAIN - 1:45 PM**

**BD-1      [200560.](#)      Partnership for Mobile Outreach Clinic at the Cornerstone Campus (B)**

*Explanation: At its December 12, 2020 General Policy Committee meeting, members of the City Commission received a presentation from the Health Equity and Access Advisory Group (HEAAG) regarding the lack of healthcare options in District 1 and provided several recommendations for beginning to address this issue, specifically in zip codes 32641 and 32609..*

*The City of Gainesville's Strategic Plan and Action Agenda prioritizes healthcare equity and access and with the only free-standing healthcare facility in eastern Gainesville being the Alachua County Health Department, the HEAAG recommended that the City focus its attention first on this area.*

*To date, the group has reviewed existing health care data from the Alachua County Community Health Assessment (CHA) and other sources in order to better understand the existing health disparities within the community, conducted policy research on public health partnerships, and most recently organized a community health survey to seek input on the priority health care issues for residents of east Gainesville and eastern Alachua County.*

*Led by Commissioner Gigi Simmons, this group includes members from Santa Fe College, the University of Florida, UF Health, UF HealthStreet, the Community Foundation of North Central Florida, private healthcare*



providers and city staff. In partnership with the University of Florida's Mobile Clinic Program, Commissioner Simmons' leadership and the GCRA Department at the City, UF Health will be parking its Mobile Clinic at the Cornerstone site at 2153 SE Hawthorne Road (where GTEC is located) beginning on May 6, 2021 and providing clinic services to the eastern Gainesville community. At this inaugural event, UF Health will be offering free Covid-19 vaccinations as part of this important event.

The UF Mobile Clinic program is committed to healthcare advocacy and believes in healthcare as a catalyst for reinvesting in our community. Furthermore, it's envisioned that this ongoing collaborative effort help define specific actions and areas of focus for health-related issues in east Gainesville.

These efforts directly align with the GCRA's 10-Year Reinvestment Plan and the GCRA has been facilitating the placement of the Mobile Clinic and also the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Gainesville and UF Health. A majority of stakeholders polled during the community engagement around GCRA priorities listed the Cornerstone/Hawthorne Road corridor as a priority area for future reinvestment efforts and contemplated short-term programming to raise the visibility of the Cornerstone site. The Roadmap also includes an Economic Development directive to develop incentives for specific markets including healthcare, food production/distribution/sales/restaurants and banking services.

At today's meeting, Commissioner Simmons will introduce Dr. Grant Harrell, Director of the UF Mobile Clinic Program, and Ms. Sherice Stewart. Dr. Harrell will review the program's history, offerings and potential schedule for continuing to provide healthcare access for residents at the Cornerstone site. Commissioner Simmons will speak to the importance of this partnership and how it has the capability to catalyze additional improvements to healthcare services and outcomes for neighbors living in District 1. GCRA Director will close out the item with a small tribute to Commissioner Simmons' work as a community leader and elected official in the spirit of "Sine Die."

*Strategic Connection: Goal 1: Equitable Community and Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience*

*Fiscal Note: None at this time*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*City Manager to the City Commission: 1) Hear presentation and 2) Approve finalization of the Memorandum of Understanding included as backup to this Agenda Item, once approved by the City Attorney's Office as to form and legality.*

**Legislative History**

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| 12/10/20 | General Policy Committee | Approved, as shown above |
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[200560A\\_COM\\_Blank\\_MobileClinic-MOU\\_2021.04.15.pdf](#)

[200560B\\_MOC-CityOfGainesville\\_2021.04.15.pdf](#)

[200560C\\_GPC\\_Agenda\\_12-10-20\\_2021.04.15.pdf](#)

## TIME CERTAIN - 2:15 PM

### BD-2      [201053.](#)      **Mask Mandate (B)**

*Explanation:* As a follow-up to the mask discussion from the City Commission meeting of April 1, 2021, this item is to discuss the wearing of facial coverings within Gainesville City limits and thereby extending support of this effort in the best interest of protecting public health.

*Strategic Connection:* Strategic Connection: This item is connected to Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience in the City's Strategic Plan.

*Fiscal Note:* TBD.

**RECOMMENDATION**      The City Commission discuss and take action, as necessary.

[201053\\_Alachua County Emergency Order No. 2021-13\\_20210415.pdf](#)

## TIME CERTAIN - 3:00 PM

### BD-3      [201059.](#)      **2021 Neighbor Survey Findings (B)**

*Explanation:* The City of Gainesville hired ETC Institute to conduct the 2021 neighbor engagement survey. The goal of the survey is to document what we are doing well and what we can improve from the neighbor's perspective. The information can help inform priorities set by the City Commission and City Leadership.

A paper survey was mailed to 9,000 randomly selected residents across the City's four districts. The goal is to have at least 250 respondents per district. The survey was available in English and Spanish. Neighbors could complete the survey by mailing back the survey to ETC in the self-addressed stamped envelope or by completing it online.

ETC Institute will present the findings of the survey during this presentation.

*Strategic Connection:* This item relates to the following areas of the strategic and action plans: GOAL 5: Best in Class Neighbor Services.

*Fiscal Note:* No additional funds required for this project. The cost for this project was

\$38,500.00 and was absorbed into the Strategic Initiatives budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*It is recommended that the City Commission hears a presentation of findings from ETC Institute, the vendor who administered the survey.*

[201059\\_Gainesville 2021 Neighbor Survey Presentation - City of Gainesville\\_20](#)  
[201059\\_Report - City of Gainesville Neighbor Survey \[2021\] Findings Report\\_20](#)  
[201059\\_Appendix A - City of Gainesville Neighbor Survey \[2021\] GIS Mapping\\_](#)  
[201059\\_Appendix B - City of Gainesville Neighbor Survey \[2021\] Open-Ended C](#)

**BD-4**      [201022.](#)

**Water and Wastewater Rate Structure Modifications (B)**

**\*\*This item was presented to the UAB on April 8, 2021.\*\***

*Explanation: On a periodic basis, it is important to analyze and review water and wastewater rate structures in order to evaluate industry best practices and ensure rate structures promote water sustainability, provide sufficient collection of revenue, and are understandable to customers. This review and analysis resulted in several recommendations for modifying the water and wastewater rate structures to meet these criteria. The adjustments will simplify rate structures, provide consistency with other utilities in Florida and adjust revenue, increasing revenues in some rate classes.*

*There are six proposed modifications to the rate structures, which are identified below along with the reason or purpose for making the adjustment:*

1. *Adjust downward the water third tier usage cutoff to <13kgal*
  - *Purpose: Promote water conservation*
2. *Increase City of Alachua wholesale water rate to \$2.67/kgal*
  - *Purpose: Adjust toward cost of service*
3. *Adjust 2nd tier water rate to match general services rate to \$3.87/kgal*
  - *Purpose: Adjust to cost of service and consistency*
4. *Adjust commercial wastewater from 95% to 100% of water usage*
  - *Purpose: Industry best practice and adjust to cost of service*
5. *Convert wastewater rate from winter maximum to water use with 12kgal cap*
  - *Purpose: Simplifying rate structure and industry best practice*
6. *Increase RCW by \$0.23/kgal (RCW rate = \$1.235/kgal)*
  - *Purpose: Promote reclaimed water conservation and adjust to cost of service*

*The intent is to implement these rate structure modifications on October 1st, 2021, along with any other utility rate modifications identified through the budget process.*

*Fiscal Note: Staff anticipates increased revenues as a result of these changes.*

*Potential revenue increases are estimated at:*

*\$100,000 to \$300,000 per year in Water.*

*\$1 million to \$2 million per year in Wastewater.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission:*

- 1) Direct the City Attorney to draft required ordinance language to implement the recommended rate structure modifications*
- 2) Direct the Clerk to advertise later this year along with other rate modifications for an anticipated October 1st, 2021 implementation date*

*At their 4/8/21 meeting, the UAB voted 5-1 to advise the Commission to approve the staff recommendation, except for converting the wastewater rate from winter maximum to water use with 12k gal cap, which they do not support.*

[201022 WWW Rate Analysis Presentation 20210408](#)

**BD-5**

[200718.](#)

**Advisory Board and Committee Annual Reports (B)**

*Explanation: At the September 17, 2020 meeting the Commission moved to request annual reports from all Advisory Boards and Committees.*

*In accordance with the motion, the reports in the backup have been compiled. The City Clerks' Office will continue working with the Advisory Boards and Committees to submit outstanding reports.*

*Fiscal Note: N/A*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission receive and review the advisory board and committee annual reports and hear a presentation.*

**Legislative History**

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| 1/21/21 | City Commission          | Approved as Recommended  |
| 1/28/21 | General Policy Committee | Heard                    |
| 2/11/21 | General Policy Committee | Heard                    |
| 2/18/21 | City Commission          | Approved, as shown above |
| 3/4/21  | City Commission          | Approved as Recommended  |
| 3/25/21 | General Policy Committee | Heard                    |

4/8/21 General Policy Heard  
Committee

[200718\\_NCC\\_Annual\\_Report\\_20210422](#)

[200718\\_2021\\_PRC\\_FY20\\_City\\_Commission\\_Presentation\\_Final\\_20210415](#)

**BD-6**      [201080.](#)      **Commissioner Harvey Ward - Resolution Condemning/Denouncing Genocide (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution..*

[201080\\_HLW\\_City\\_of\\_Gainesville\\_Resolution\\_Opposing\\_Genocide\\_20210415.pdf](#)

**BD-7**      [201081.](#)      **Commissioner Harvey Ward - Resolution In Support of a National Infrastructure Bank (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution..*

[201081\\_HLW\\_City\\_of\\_Gainesville\\_Resolution\\_National\\_Infrastructure\\_Bank\\_2021](#)

**BD-8**      [201082.](#)      **Commissioner Harvey Ward - Resolution National Bee City Program (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

**BD-9**      [201098.](#)      **Mayor Lauren Poe - Resolution Denouncing the Discrimination Against the Asian American Communities (B)**

AGENDA UPDATE - REVISED BACK-UP

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss.*

[201098\\_Mayor\\_AAPI\\_Resolution\\_20210415.pdf](#)

**BD-10**      [201103.](#)      **Update on St. Johns River Water Management District Lake Brooklyn and Geneva Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) (B)**

AGENDA UPDATE - ADDED ITEM

*Explanation: At the April 8, 2021 General Policy Committee (GPC) meeting, staff provided a briefing on the Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) rules for*

*Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva being proposed by the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD). The committee requested that staff put the item on the April 15th Commission meeting agenda to provide an update on the status of the rulemaking process and discussions with the SJRWMD on this issue.*

*Groundwater withdrawals in Florida are regulated by five regional water management districts. GRU has a consumptive use permit (CUP) for the Murphree Wellfield issued by the SJRWMD. A portion of GRU's service area also extends into the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) to the West. The water management districts develop regulatory criteria known as MFLs for individual water bodies in order to ensure that they are not significantly harmed by aquifer drawdowns due to pumping in the region. If it is deemed that a water body is being significantly harmed, the district must issue a recovery plan for restoring water levels. Recovery plans often include projects and other provisions that CUP permit holders must comply with.*

*The SJRWMD has developed proposed MFLs for Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva in Keystone Heights along with a proposed recovery plan. The recovery plan includes construction of the Black Creek Recharge Project which is an \$81 Million project to increase recharge and restore water levels in the lakes. SJRWMD has secured \$48 million in funding for the project, and has proposed cost share agreements for CUP holders to pay toward the project.*

*Staff acknowledges the need for GRU to participate in the cost of the project to offset the environmental impacts of GRU pumping and to meet regulatory obligations. However, discussions are ongoing between GRU and the SJRWMD on what the appropriate cost share for GRU should be and what assurances GRU will receive for its cost participation. The SJRWMD published the proposed recovery strategy on April 5 and has scheduled it to be adopted by the SJRWMD Governing Board on April 13, 2021. The SJRWMD Governing Board is to approve the MFL on May 11, 2021.*

*As was discussed at the April 8 GPC meeting, staff has concerns about the quick timeline at which the SJRWMD is adopting these rules. At the direction of the GPC, the mayor wrote a letter to the SJRWMD requesting that they delay adoption of the recovery strategy in order to allow time for discussion and agreement on the cost participation agreement. Staff are continuing to work cooperatively with the SJRWMD staff to develop an agreement. However, there is the possibility that if an equitable agreement cannot be reached, GRU may have to participate in a challenge to the proposed rule.*

*Staff will provide an update on the process to the City Commission.*

*Fiscal Note: The exact cost for complying with the MFL has not yet been defined.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*City Commission hear an update from staff and authorize staff to work with the City Attorney to*

*participate in a challenge to the rule, if necessary.*

[201103\\_CCom\\_Ltr\\_to\\_SJWMD\\_Re\\_Keystone\\_Lakes\\_Project\\_20210415](#)

## CC COMMISSION COMMENT

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PR PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (PR)

PR-1 [201043.](#) National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week April 11-17, 2021(B)

RECOMMENDATION *Alachua County Sheriff's Office Communications Director Michelle Klement to accept the proclamation. Alachua County Sheriff's Office Employee Kim Kutner to employee to accept the proclamation.*

[201043\\_National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week 2021\\_20210415](#)

PR-2 [201099.](#) Arab American History Month April, 2021 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Arab Community in Gainesville members Rachel Khoury and Nareeman Jamal to accept the proclamation.*

[201099\\_Arab American History Month Proclamation\\_20210415.pdf](#)

PR-3 [201100.](#) Terry Fleming Day April 28, 2021(B)

AGENDA UPDATE - ADDED ITEM

RECOMMENDATION *Family members Vertigo Moody and Hope Kelly to accept the proclamation. Pride Community Center member Linda Bassham to accept the proclamation.*

[201100\\_Terry Fleming Day\\_20210415](#)

## RE RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (RE)

RE-1 [200990.](#) Resolution Local Agency Program Agreements for NW 19th Lane Multimodal Project (B)

*Explanation:* This item involves a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute and enter into agreements, and other documents with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the construction and maintenance of the NW 19th Lane Multimodal Project on behalf of the City.

The FDOT is funding the construction of an eight (8) feet wide path between NW 16th Terrace and US 441/NW 13th Street.

The City of Gainesville is a FDOT Certified local agency. The resolution allows the City to enter into agreements with FDOT who will fund the construction of the project to be implemented by the City. The City will receive reimbursement when FDOT funding is scheduled.

The City is requesting to enter into an agreement with FDOT to extend time for the construction of the NW 19th Lane Multimodal Project and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any and all agreements with FDOT pertaining to this project.

*Fiscal Note:* There is no fiscal impact associated with this request. Refer to the Fiscal Note on CC approved Agenda Item dated 6/2/2016; file number 160011. "The project will be funded 100% by FDOT through LAP agreements for design and construction; a total of \$486,570 is included in the FDOT tentative work program FY17/FY20 for NW 19th Lane."

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission: 1) adopt the resolution; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract agreements, and any other necessary documents with FDOT pertaining to this project, subject to approval of the City Attorney or designee as to form and legality.

[200990A\\_FDOT-LAP adopted resolution AI 160011\\_20210415](#)

[200990B\\_Resolution for NW 19 LN Multimodal Project\\_2021\\_04\\_15](#)

RE-2      [201095.](#)

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Hurricane Irma Disaster Declaration FEMA 4337-DR-FL (B)**

This item is a request for City Commission approval to execute Agreement Number HO473, Project Number 4337-331-R, which is titled "Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement, for a project titled: Gainesville Regional Utilities, Pole Hardening 36 Neighborhoods, Utility Mitigation"

*Explanation:* FEMA has estimated that approximately \$2,044,645 will be allocated to Alachua County for Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP) grants under Hurricane Irma Disaster Declaration, FEMA-4337-DR-FL. Gainesville Regional Utilities identified thirty-six potential projects where there had been repetitive loss of service during past hurricanes and submitted them to the Alachua County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) working group for review and ranking.



All thirty-six of the projects were designed to harden the electrical distribution system in individual neighborhoods and were given funding priority by the LMS. The projects advanced to State and Federal review where it was recommended that the thirty-six projects be consolidated into a single project with multiple performance locations.

In each of the neighborhoods, GRU will upgrade select corner, dead-end, and mid-tangent wooden utility poles with new, higher-rated (in most cases, two-classes stronger) wooden utility poles. In addition, GRU will install guy wires and anchors, where appropriate, to provide lateral support for poles supporting pole-mounted transformers or other electrical distribution equipment in a configuration designed to provide protection against 141 MPH winds. This utility mitigation project intends to minimize the loss of electrical service in the project areas and is estimated to take 36 months to complete.

*Fiscal Note:* This is FEMA Project number 4337-331-R and is funded out of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), 4337-DR-FL, Hurricane Irma Disaster Declaration, and has a 12.5% local match requirement of \$325,681.25 over three years which will be funded from GRU's Capital Improvement Budget. Federal funding in the agreement is \$1,954,087.50 and State funding is \$325,681.25 for a total Project Cost of \$2,605,450.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission authorize the Mayor to execute a resolution to authorize the General Manager, Utilities to execute the grant agreements and related documents, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

[201095 4337-331-R Grant Agreement 20210415](#)

[201095 FEMA Grant Agreement Resolution 20210415](#)

**RE-3**      [200999.](#)

**Acceptance of Grant Funding for Hurricane Shelter Retrofit at Grace Marketplace (B)**

AGENDA UPDATE - ADDED ITEM

*Explanation:* A Resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida accepting the allocation of State Hurricane Shelter Retrofit Grant Funding from the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management and Alachua County Emergency Management for the Grace Marketplace Center Retrofit Project.

Grant Funding, in the amount of \$70,000, has been awarded to Alachua County Emergency Management by the State of Florida, Hurricane Shelter Retrofit Program to retrofit Grace Marketplace Dormitory #15 as an Emergency Hurricane Shelter.

The Grace Marketplace Dormitory Building #15 was constructed in 2007 and currently meets most of the advanced building codes required post

*Hurricane Andrew to house a risk capacity of 252 people.*

*The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) awarded Alachua County Emergency Management reimbursement funding. The City of Gainesville, as a grant sub-recipient, will handle the construction management of the building retrofits. The project shall meet current hurricane shelter guidelines upon completion of the grant scope of work, and remain on the inventory for public shelter space for fifteen (15) years.*

*The scope of the elements of the Grant work are as follows:*

1. *Exterior Fenestration Protection*
2. *Structural Review of Roof and Load-Path Systems*
3. *Construction of Hurricane Protection Enclosures*
4. *Removal of Trees or Other Hazardous Landscaping Features*

*If grant funds are not sufficient to complete the project as designed staff may request additional funds from the FDEM Hurricane Shelter Program.*

*Strategic Connection*

*Goal 1: Equitable Community and is a top priority item.*

*Fiscal Note: The grant is 100% funded by FDEM and does not require a local grant match.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) adopt the resolution; 2) authorize the City Manager or his authorized designee to accept the allocation of State Hurricane Shelter Retrofit Grant Funding; and 3) execute the grant agreement, supplemental agreements, extensions, assurances, certifications and all related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

[200999A FDEM Grace Funding Offer 2021\\_04\\_15](#)

[200999B Resolution Acceptance of Grant Funding 2021\\_04\\_15](#)

**RE-4**      [201058.](#)

**Second Budget Amendment to the FY 2021 General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget (B)**

**Resolution No. 201058**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its general government budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; amending Resolution No. 200316, as amended by resolution No. 200933 by making certain adjustments to the

General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget; and providing an immediate effective date.

*AGENDA UPDATE - ADDED ITEM*

*Explanation: The General Government Financial and Operating Plan, which includes budgets for the General Fund, Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Proprietary, and Pension & OPEB Trust Funds for Fiscal Year 2021, was adopted by the Mayor and City Commission on September 24, 2020 via Resolution No. 200316. The First Budget Amendment was adopted by the Mayor and City Commission on April 1, 2021 via Resolution No. 200933.*

*As the fiscal year progresses, certain routine and periodic budget adjustments and transfers of appropriated funds continue to be appropriate and necessary to ensure prudent financial management. Additionally, certain obligations, plans and projects extend between fiscal years and require an uninterrupted and sufficient source of appropriated funds to meet obligations and complete projects in progress.*

*This resolution seeks authorization to recognize revenue an appropriate funding and process other housekeeping budget transactions as explained in the attached memorandum and as shown in Attachment "A".*

*Strategic Connection*

*This item is connected to Goal 5 "Best in Class" Neighbor Services.*

*Fiscal Note: The recommended amendments are funded either by increases in revenue appropriations or offset by decreases in expenditures.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

[201058 A\\_FY2021 Second Budget Amendment - Resolution\\_20210415.pdf](#)

[201058 B\\_FY2021 Second Budget Amendment - Memorandum\\_20210415.pdf](#)

[201058 C\\_FY2021 Second Budget Amendment - Attachment A\\_20210415.pdf](#)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS (PH)**

### **SR ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (SR)**

**SR-1      [200281.](#)      **Quasi-Judicial - Historic Property Tax Exemption - 716 SE 4th Avenue (B)****

Ordinance No. 200281

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, finding that property located at 716 SE 4th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida, as more specifically described in

this ordinance, qualifies for an ad valorem tax exemption for historic properties; granting an exemption from ad valorem tax for certain improvements beginning January 1, 2021, and continuing for 10 years under certain conditions; authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Covenant between the property owner and the City; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

*Explanation: Chapter 25, Article IV, of the Code of Ordinances authorizes the City Commission to grant ad valorem tax exemptions for historic properties pursuant to Florida law. In order to approve a property for such exemption, the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) and the City Commission must determine that a particular property is eligible for the property tax exemption (i.e., historical designation or contributing property) and that it has been improved consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.*

*The process for a property owner to receive a historic preservation property tax exemption entails two steps. First, the property owner submitted Part 1 (Preconstruction Application) of the Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Application for the restoration, renovation, or rehabilitation of a contributing building listed on the Local and National Register of Historic Places. Part 1 was approved by the HPB on November 7, 2017, with a finding that the property was eligible for the exemption and that the improvements met the required standards.*

*Second, the applicant completed the improvements and submitted Part 2 of the property tax exemption application (Final Application for Review of Completed Work). Staff inspected the completed work and found the work meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings as well as the City's Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings. On September 1, 2020, the HPB approved Part 2 with a finding that the eligible property has been improved consistent with the required standards; the HPB recommended the City Commission approve same. The renovations eligible for the tax exemption are estimated at \$406,302.00. However, pursuant to City Code and State Statute, the actual amount of the exemption will be determined by the County Property Appraiser.*

*The property is located at 716 SE 4th Avenue and includes a residential home constructed in 1955 that is a contributing structure to the Southeast Residential Historic District.*

*This ordinance requires two hearings and will become effective immediately upon adoption; however, the ad valorem tax exemption will be effective as of January 1, 2021, in accordance with Section 196.1997(10), Florida Statutes, and Gainesville Code Section 25-65(g).*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) approve Part 2 of the Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption*

*Application; and 2) adopt the proposed ordinance.*

Legislative History

4/1/21 City Commission Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance) and Approved the Recommendation

[200281\\_HP17-51\\_Staff\\_Report\\_20210401](#)

[200281A-1\\_draft ordinance\\_20210401.pdf](#)

**FR ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (FR)**

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**SD-1**      [201097.](#)      **Commissioner Gigi Simmons (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION      *The City Commission hear remarks.*

**10:00pm or earlier - Adjourn - If later than 10:00pm, the Commission may waive the rules to extend the meeting or may schedule a date/time to continue the meeting**