

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

March 10, 2022

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)
Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut (At Large, Seat B)
Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:02 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Chestnut, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted with Modifications. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

DP-1 [210928.](#) **Recruitment of Women at Gainesville Police Department and Gainesville Fire Department (B)**

Interim Policy Oversight Administrator Morgan Spicer introduced the item.

Erika Klesi, former Policy Research Fellow, gave a presentation.

Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.

GPD Assistant Police Chief Lonnie Scott spoke to the matter.

Fire Chief Joseph Dixon spoke to the matter.

Laura Graeta, Interim Human Resources Director, spoke to the matter.

Lieutenant Renee Guyan, GPD, spoke to the matter.

Public comment: Nathan Skop, James Gardner, Nick Gonzalez, Debbie Martinez

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff and discuss.

Discussed**DP-2** [210424.](#)**Charter Amendment Granting City Commissioners Authority to Appoint Temporary Staff Personnel (B)**

Interim City Attorney Daniel Nee introduced the item.

Commissioner Chestnut presented an alternative internship program for city officials.

Omichele Gainey, City Clerk, spoke to the matter.

Mayor Poe asked the City Clerk to schedule a Commission workshop on Commissioner support and work product, to discuss constituent services, policy research fellows, myGNV, Commission onboarding.

Public comment: Nathan Skop, Jo Beatty, Mary Lou Hildreth, Debbie Martinez, James Gardner

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and direct the City Attorney's Office to advertise an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the ballot.

Approved, as shown above**DP-3** [201087.](#)**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update (B)**

Motion: Request that staff work with Commissioner Arreola to come back with a description of a Youth Corps summer program.

Mayor Poe introduced the item. Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the item.

The Mayor requested that the City Clerk meet with Commissioner Arreola and send a memo to the Commission clarifying the previous motion related to ARPA funding for violence intervention/youth arts/services.

Terrence Pierce, Assistant Police Chief, spoke to the matter.

Public comment: James Gardner

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission accept an update on the ARPA program progress.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

DP-4 [210999.](#)

Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut - Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency (GCRA) (NB)

Motion: Request the City Attorney's office to draft an amendment to the interlocal agreement of the GCRA to expand the boundaries to include the entire city-owned land near the MLK/Citizens Field area.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss staff directives regarding the GCRA boundary for the 8th Avenue and Waldo Road Property. Take action deemed necessary including providing a request to the County regarding the boundary.*

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

DP-5 [210790.](#)

Gainesville Cultural Arts Center Planning Process (B)

Motion: Provide support to the Interim City Manager to obtain consulting assistance to develop a plan for a cultural arts center.

Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry introduced the item.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve that Staff proceed with the solicitation of an external cultural facility specialist to begin the research, neighbor and stakeholder engagement for a cultural arts center to be located in East Gainesville.*

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

POLICY REFERRAL UPDATES

PR-1 [210858.](#)

Swim Lane Items (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee accept the updated Swim Lanes and Policy Timelines for informational purposes.*

No Action Taken

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Gardner

Mayor Poe responded to Mr. Gardner's comments regarding body-worn cameras.

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Chestnut commented about an outreach program to neighborhoods about utility tips from GRU.

Interim City Manager Curry spoke to the matter. Anthony Cunningham, Interim GRU General Manager, spoke to the matter.

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 14, 2022

ADJOURNMENT 3:58 PM