

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

November 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)*  
*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 - 1:02 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Simmons

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

- Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Arreola, and Commissioner Simmons

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[190565](#)

**Approval of Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION                      *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of October 10 and October 24, 2019.*

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

- Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Arreola, and Commissioner Simmons

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

[170423.](#)

**Federal Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY 2020 (B)**

*City Manager Lee Feldman gave introductory remarks. Introduced Harry Glenn, lobbyist for the City, who gave a presentation on the City's federal legislative agenda issues, including Job Corps/Job Training; AV Shuttle Project; Smart Cities and Communities; and Highway and Transit Reauthorization legislation.*

*Mayor Poe commented about process of reviewing the legislative*

*agenda.*

*Mr. Glenn Smart, Cities & Communities spoke about Smart Cities & Communities; and infrastructure and transportation.*

*Mr. Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*Mayor Poe asked a question about broadband access. Mr. Glenn responded.*

*Thomas Harrington, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator, commented about a meeting with Senator Rick Scott's staff and information from the Department of Labor. Commented about housing funding.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question about funding for the 2020 Census; would like an update or plan on strategies for promoting. Mr. Feldman responded that staff will create a program to launch January 1, 2020.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward commented about funding for disaster relief. Asked a question about Opportunity Zones. Mr. Glenn responded. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward asked if the City should consider hiring a director from another community to lead these efforts. Mr. Feldman responded.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward asked to consider City's commitment to renewable energy, wants to be aware of potential federal funding opportunities for municipal utilities to support this goal. Mr. Glenn responded.*

*Commissioner Warren commented about housing initiatives and climate change issues, the need to support local employment, housing availability, etc. Mr. Glenn responded.*

*Mayor Poe thanked Mr. Glenn for presentation. Asked to work closely with agencies, develop relationships with state agencies connected with federal funding. Requested that staff bring: 1) a mapping of overlap with City agenda and state/local funding; and 2) Mr. Harrington work with each Commissioner by the end of the year on a lobbying plan for these items, prepare to represent and advocate for specific issues when*

*meeting with congressional delegation during the upcoming legislative session.*

*Mr. Feldman commented about working with National League of Cities to participate in advocacy efforts. Mayor Poe responded.*

*Mr. Glenn spoke to the matter of City advocacy and working with other groups/associations.*

*Commissioner Johnson commented about lobbying/advocacy efforts. Mr. Harrington responded.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented about Commissioners' involvement with Metro Lab, relationships with other agencies to pursue grants. Mr. Feldman responded about participation in the Florida League of Cities.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward spoke to the matter, thanked Mr. Glenn.*

*Mr. Harrington spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission should discuss the items presented and find consensus around select items to direct focus and support during FY 2020.*

**Heard/Discussed.**

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**Update on Job Corps Center (B)**

*Motion: 1) explore job training/leadership programs that would precede federal funds; and 2) explore the City taking over current Job Corps site, analyze environmental impacts and timeline.*

*Mayor Poe introduced the item. Commented about letter received about Job Corps Center from Department of Labor. Asked staff to explain, provide an update on the status of the center.*

*Mr. Glenn gave a presentation about the Job Corps Center.*

*Commissioner Arreola arrived at 2:25 PM.*

*Mr. Glenn spoke about the decision to deactivate the Job Corps*

Center; and explained potential options for Job Corps programming.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward thanked Mr. Glenn. Supports options 2 and 3 listed in presentation - most interested in maintaining the property along with the federal dollars. Wants the community to propose a specific offer for the City or another entity to take ownership of the property and apply a use for it.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked if the letter from DOL states that all funds designated for the Job Corps site are being removed. Mr. Glenn responded.

Mayor Poe introduced guest speakers.

Patricia Lee, with the Center for Commerce, Education and Culture, gave a presentation.

Ms. Crawford, with Ivory Place, gave a presentation.

Abijah Bertrand, with Life Transition Skills, Inc., gave a presentation.

David O'Brien, with Project Lift, gave a presentation. Rich Lowery spoke to the Dignity Project.

Jonathan Leslie, with Project Youthbuild, gave a presentation.

Mayor Poe thanked the speakers. Discussed potential paths forward, including a specific request for DOL to reclamate the site as soon as possible to ready it for us. Would like staff to create an RFP (or similar) to request organizations to submit proposals on how they could participate in a job training/leadership skills/community building center.

Commissioner Warren agreed to encourage services at Job Corps and to solicit funding to support services.

Commissioner Arreola thanked presenters. Supports Mayor's proposals regarding securing site. Made a motion to give direction to federal lobbyist to respond to DOL and request site remediation so that City can take ownership. No second.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos would like more information on who is

*responsible for site remediation, what is the timeline, environmental plan. Supports turning the site into industrial use. Agrees with Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward regarding presenting a specific proposal with a site for Job Corps, discuss with congressional delegation to learn what they would support (and would secure federal funding).*

*Mayor Poe asked Mr. Glenn to consider what the delegation would support.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward agreed that more planning is needed before deciding site for training/education program. Would like to consider best location, use of land; what it would mean for City to take ownership of the site.*

*Commissioner Warren would like to have an environmental analysis of the site. City can better serve youth by engaging them in their communities, look at expansion of existing programs (provide more job opportunities) across more locations at smaller scale.*

*Mayor Poe clarified two issues: 1) Future use of the site; and 2) Employment and youth development, community impact. Need remediation assessment and exploration of City-led coordination for youth/employment programs.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission consider the context and history of Job Corps and provide direction whether an alternative project and/or site is in the best interest for the community in order to address the City's job training needs that has been absent since the Job Corps site had cease operations due to Hurricane Irma.*

**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 Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Simmons

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**Strategic Framework and KPI Definitions (B)**

*Motion: Approve the strategic framework and the conceptual KPIs.*

*Director of Strategic Initiatives, Bobbie Griffith, gave a presentation. Asked if Commission would like to make changes to roadmap sections. Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked a question. Ms. Griffith responded.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked about tracking impact on climate change under "Environmental Stewardship". Ms. Griffith responded that this will be discussed later.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented about weaving in pieces from Sustain a Vital Utility throughout the strategic plan, rather than as a separate section.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward agreed with including GRU goals and impacts into the City's overall plan. Pleased with Environmental Sustainability portion.*

*Ulrich Adegbola, Performance and Data Analyst, presented on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) listed for the roadmap. Asked which KPIs the Commission wants to focus on for small to medium-sized businesses. Commissioner Hayes-Santos responded, supports keeping the number of employees at 99. Commissioners agreed to keep this number.*

*Ulrich asked about tracking the number of sole-business owners. Mayor Poe asked a question. Ms. Griffith responded. Commissioner Hayes-Santos spoke to the matter. Member Johnson commented about tracking micro-businesses. Mayor Poe commented. Ulrich responded that staff would return with data that can be tracked. Ms. Griffith commented.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked why we are trying to track this information. Mayor Poe commented about new businesses that continue to operate, look at sustainability.*

*Mr. Feldman commented about tracking home-based businesses.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward commented about measurement, comparison to other cities.*

*Mayor Poe asked what priority is for City - new business, sustainability, growth of new small businesses. Which is the best indicator? Commissioner Johnson commented. Mayor Poe asked if staff could return with evaluation of potential indicators.*

*Commissioner Johnson asked a question about tracking amounts of contracts awarded by City to local businesses. Ulrich responded.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked about transportation, walkability, bicycle usage. Mr. Feldman responded about walkability scores.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked about indicators for "Inclusivity". Mayor Poe replied.*

*Commissioner Johnson asked about measuring types of cultural and recreational amenities and inclusivity. Asked for more opportunities for inclusive programming and amenities. Mayor Poe replied about "culturally relevant programming". KPI would be participation.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented about relevance/location of programming.*

*Mayor Poe commented about hearing from Equity and Inclusion Director about goals related to racial representation in government. Commissioner Hayes-Santos replied that gender should be included, too.*

*Commissioner Johnson commented about considering race in hiring and moving up within the organization. Mayor Poe responded. Ulrich responded. Mayor Poe commented that employees across the City should be representative of City demographics.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward commented about geographic measures for access to healthy food. Commissioner Hayes-Santos responded. Mayor Poe suggests revisiting KPIs goal after working with the food systems coalition to look at access.*

*Commissioner Warren commented about community food sustainability. Mayor Poe commented. Commissioner Warren responded. Mayor Poe asked to convey that the Commission is interested in the local aspect of food accessibility.*



*Mayor Poe commented about KPIs for Youth Well-Being. Commissioner Johnson responded about recent discussion with School Board related to reading proficiency for third graders.*

*Commissioner Arreola would like staff to consider potential KPIs for future after-school programming. Mayor Poe responded. Ms. Griffith commented.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented about data for reading levels - noted the need to collect data that includes City residents, not all county students. Mayor Poe commented.*

*Commissioner Warren commented about community youth programs (eg, Project Lift). Mayor Poe commented about not getting involved in details.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward commented about tracking detailed data, need to measure and report on things that City can impact with policy. Mayor Poe commented that when staff returns with final draft, Commission will decide which KPIs to keep.*

*Commissioner Warren spoke to the matter. Commissioner Hayes-Santos agreed with Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward about tracking accessible, standardized measures. Mayor Poe asked staff to bring back data availability, comparability.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented about subsidized rental housing units. Commissioner Johnson asked a question. Ulrich responded. Commissioner Johnson commented. Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented.*

*Mayor Poe commented about diversion under "Health and Safety". Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented.*

*Mayor Poe commented about tree canopy measurement under "Protect and Conserve Land". Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward spoke in favor of measuring the number of trees planted.*

*Commissioner Warren commented about adding language about preparing for climate change; including honey bees, etc.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented about tree type - already measuring in tree study. Supports adding "zero waste" language; and including climate change for utility and City.*

*Commissioner Arreola commented about climate change resiliency.*

*Commissioner Warren commented about measuring increase in electric vehicles. Mayor Poe will ask staff to return with tactical vs. high-level policy.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Staff requests the General Policy Committee hear a briefing, approve the FY 20-25 Strategic Framework and discuss KPIs.*

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Simmons

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Donald Shepherd*

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward moved until Room 16 is available to hold GPC in the City Hall Auditorium; seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5 -1; Commissioner Hayes-Santos in dissent.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos discussed GRU participating in discussion about integration of goals into the strategic plan.*

*Commissioner Arreola moved to direct GRU staff to work with GG staff to work on census. Vote passed 6 - 0; Simmons absent.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE - December 12, 2019**

**ADJOURNMENT**