

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

March 22, 2018

1:00 PM

**Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room, City Hall, 200 East
University Avenue, Gainesville, FL
General Policy Committee**

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**AGENDA STATEMENT**

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ROLL CALL**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[170921.](#)

General Policy Committee Minutes (B)**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of March 8, 2018.

[170921_March8Minutes_20180322.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[170386.](#)

Zero Waste Gainesville Resolution, Discussion and Related Ordinance (B)

This is a request for General Policy Committee to hear a staff presentation on potential Zero Waste activities, a resolution to make Gainesville a Zero Waste City, and an ordinance regarding a ban of polystyrene and single use plastic bags.

Explanation: At the direction of the Commission staff has developed some guidance on what activities could contribute to a potential Zero Waste Program for the City of Gainesville. Staff has also drafted two sample resolutions for Gainesville to become a Zero Waste City. One draft is more detailed and based on an example from the City of Boulder, while the other is simpler and based on an example from the US Conference of Mayors. The City Attorney staff has drafted an ordinance for prohibiting polystyrene and single use plastic bags using Coral Gables as an example.

Fiscal Note: Many of the estimates in this presentation are approximations based on

examples from other jurisdictions and some are not based on Gainesville-specific data. Other estimates are based on the experience and historical costs from our solid waste program.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee to hear the presentation regarding a Zero Waste Program, a Zero Waste Resolution, and an ordinance banning polystyrene and single use plastic bags.

Legislative History

9/7/17 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[170386A_RESOLUTION_20180322.pdf](#)

[170386B_Resolution_20180322.pdf](#)

[170386C_Zero Waste Proposal Presentation_20180322.pdf](#)

[170386D_draft ordinance for discussion_20180322.pdf](#)

[170383.](#)

Gainesville's Urban Forest Ecological Assessment and Next Steps Presentation and Discussion (B)

This is a request for General Policy Committee to hear the update they requested regarding Gainesville's Urban Forest Management Plan.

Explanation: The University of Florida/IFAS completed an Urban Forest Ecological Assessment for the City of Gainesville in March 2017. This ecological assessment provides a detailed look into some of the economic and ecological values of the City of Gainesville's urban forest. The outcomes from the study serve as the basis for enhancing the understanding of the urban forest's values, improving urban forest policies, urban forest planning and management, and providing empirical data for the inclusion of trees within environmental regulations.

The City wishes to create an Urban Forest Management Plan based on the data from the ecological assessment and years of pre-existing research and data undertaken by the University of Florida. The Urban Forest Management Plan will be developed with a 20 year planning horizon to meet the challenge of programmatic continuity by planning on a long time framework. It will also provide guidance for intermediate five year city-wide work planning. In turn, it will offer direct input into short-term annual departmental operational plans and decision-making. The key objectives and performance indicators will be tied to a five year cycle of Urban Forest Ecological Assessment. At the December 8, 2016 General Policy Committee meeting, the committee voted to fund the Urban Forest Management Plan utilizing Wild Spaces Public Places funding.

On October 12, 2017, the General Policy Committee heard a presentation by University of Florida researchers regarding the Urban Forest Ecological Assessment and next steps, the City of Gainesville's

Urban Forest Management Plan. The General Policy Committee approved staff to work on contracting for the Urban Forest Management Plan.

In an effort to strengthen the City's tree programs, Management has decided to merge City tree professionals into one team within the Public Works Department. The new team will be called the "Urban Forestry Program". This will establish a united team dedicated to the protection of our urban canopy. A new City Arborist, who is being introduced, was hired and began work on March 12, 2018 at the Public Works Center.

Fiscal Note: The Wild Spaces Public Places sales tax was approved by voters for eight years and is expected to generate \$46,551,152 in revenue to the City. The Urban Forest Management Plan is estimated to cost \$56,000.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee: hear the presentation regarding Gainesville's Urban Forest Management Plan.*

Legislative History

9/7/17	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
10/12/17	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above

[170383A_Staff Analysis_20171012.pdf](#)

[170383B_GNV-ECO-Report-2016_20171012.pdf](#)

[170383C_Gainesville Urban Forest Ecological Analysis 2016_PowerPoint Cond](#)

[170383D_Minutes GPC 20161208_20171012.pdf](#)

[170383A_GPC_Urban Forest Update_Staff Analysis_20180322.pdf](#)

[170383B_GPC_Urban Forest Management Plan and Division update_20180322](#)

[170453.](#)

Tom Petty Remembrance (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to hear a brief status update regarding the public engagement process in remembrance of Tom Petty.

Explanation: On October 2, 2017, the residents of Gainesville lost beloved musician and hometown hero Tom Petty. In the months since his passing, residents have requested that the City of Gainesville find a way to publicly honor Petty in a lasting and meaningful way.

On November 9, 2017 the General Policy Committee discussed proposed processes for engaging the public in remembrance of Tom Petty. A draft outreach plan was presented showing action steps and a tentative timeline. The Strategic Initiatives and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Departments have taken initial feedback and have released an online public survey using Survey Monkey. The six

opportunities that are listed on the survey and viable for the City to consider are:

Renaming a city street;

Renaming a city park or facility;

Adding a statue to a city park or facility;

Hosting an annual concert or music festival;

Proclaiming his birthday, Oct. 20, as Tom Petty Day; or

Dedicating the month of October to his musical legacy and celebrating the local music culture.

The survey results, which are scheduled to be finalized by March 18, 2018, will provide the City with community feedback and allows for further discussion and an appropriate solution to be put in place by the City Commission. It is our intentions to garner the results, present them to the City Commission, and aim to have the selected project ready or in progress by October 2018, in order to commemorate the anniversary of Petty's passing.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee accepts the current status of this item and hears a report of the survey results at the April 26, 2018 meeting.

Legislative History

10/5/17	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
11/9/17	General Policy Committee	Discussed

[170453 Presentation 20180322.pdf](#)

[170925.](#)

General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to review anticipated dates for pending items to be placed on an upcoming General Policy Committee Agenda.

Explanation: Staff was requested to provide anticipated dates that pending referrals would be placed on upcoming General Policy Committee Agendas.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee review the list of anticipated dates for pending referrals to be placed on upcoming General Policy Committee Agendas.

[170925_GPC Referral List 20850322.pdf](#)

ADJOURNMENT

