

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - 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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ROLL CALL - 1:04 PM

Present 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent 1 - Commissioner Goston

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Modification: Add early voting locations for the run-off elections as the first discussion item.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

AGENDA STATEMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[170921.](#) **General Policy Committee Minutes (B)**

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

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Early Voting Locations

Discussed. No action taken.

[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.

Dan Hoffman made a presentation.

Nicolle Shalley and Phil Mann spoke to the matter.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Warren: 1) staff continue drafting an ordinance and have an implementation date of April 1, 2019; 2) fine structures as indicated; 3) a hardship of \$500,000; and 4) a separate item for staff to begin a public outreach for an educational process. Motion failed 3-3. Yays - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Arreola and Commissioner Warren. Nays - Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd and Commissioner Ward. Commissioner Goston absent.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Warren: direct staff to come back on April 10, 2018 with an overall zero-waste strategy. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Goston absent.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) would like to have a financial hardship waiver just for expanded polystyrene containers; 2) have a financial waiver as an administrative requirement; 3) should be enacted in six months; 4) 1st offense is \$250, 2nd offense is \$500 and 3rd offense is \$1,000 within a 12-month period; and 5) include an education campaign.

Commissioner Warren: 1) market nationally is responding and providing fair cost on replacement of styrofoam; 2) discuss what the hardships are; 3) identify as a city and doing what is right; and 4) moving forward with paper waste.

Commissioner Ward: 1) feels a sense of urgency to get something done, but be careful that doing something doesn't stop us from doing everything; 2) likes the idea of a master plan; 3) educate consumers, as well as commercial folks as to what we want to achieve; 4) workshops (Chamber, GRU, Solid Waste, etc) to get a good result; and 5) coordinate ordinances with the County, School Board, UF, Santa Fe, etc.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro-Tem Budd: 1) workshop sessions (buy-in with the community); and 2) need to be warned, before a fine is accessed.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) approach this from a very thoughtful manner to design a model that works for Gainesville - it could also be a model for other communities; 2) supports the bag ban; 3) move towards recyclable materials only; and 4) costs - review thoughtfully and slowly.

Mayor Poe: 1) find ways to achieve the goals through non-legislative action; and 2) revenue-neutral way to increase composting.

Danny Hughes, Ashley Rella, Tom Douglas, Amanda Waddle, Joy Hughes, Megan Depolo, Skip McCall, Sally Palmi, Matt Williams and Vicki Gervickas spoke to the matter.

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.

Approved, as shown above

[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.

Recess - 4:08 PM

Commissioner Arreola left the meeting at 4:08 PM.

Reconvene - 4:10 PM

Matthew Mears was introduced as the new City Arborist.

Debora Rivera made a presentation.

Dan Hoffman, Lila Stewart and Steve Phillips spoke to the matter.

Eric Smith and Joe Wolf spoke to the matter.

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

Heard

[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.

Steve Phillips spoke to the matter.

Survey results are scheduled to be finalized by April 18th, instead of March 18, 2018. Staff will report back on April 26, 2018.

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.*

Heard

[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.

RECOMMENDATION

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

No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT - 4:38 PM