

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

September 13, 2021

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Gail Johnson (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 - 6:03 PM

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

AGENDA STATEMENT

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

ORDINANCES, 1ST READINGS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[201022.](#) **Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates & Charges for Utilities for Fiscal Year 2022 (B)**

Ordinance No. 201022

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to utilities; by amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges to revise fees, rates and charges for electricity, water, sewerage, and standard operational charges; amending Appendix A to make it gender neutral; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing effective dates.

Citizen Comment: Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Tina Days, Donald Shepherd, Telford Cartwright, Tana Silva, Daniel Blumberg, Darlene Pifalo, Christina Fields, Ernesto Martinez, Armando Grundy Gomes, Donald Fields and Mary Lou Hildreth.

Commissioner Johnson arrived at 629 PM.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

[210189.](#)**Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates & Charges FY 2022 (B)**

Ordinance No. 210189

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges of the Code of Ordinances by revising fees, rates and charges for the following: adult performance establishment, escort service and escort licenses; alcoholic beverages; cemetery; controlled vehicular parking area decals/permits; fire/rescue; health and sanitation; home occupation permit; land development code; parks, recreation and cultural affairs; peddlers, solicitors and canvassers; police; registered domestic partnerships; right-of-way (public) obstruction permits; right-of-way (public) use by utilities; secondhand goods; streets, sidewalks and other public places; traffic and motor vehicles; utilities - solid waste and recyclables; utilities - stormwater management; and vehicles for hire; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Chanae Jackson, Donald Shepherd and Telford Cartwright.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED[210205.](#)**Fire Assessment - Annual Rate Resolution (B)**

Resolution No. 210205

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the provision of fire services, facilities and programs in the City of Gainesville, Florida; imposing Fire Services Special Assessments against assessed properties located within the City for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2021; providing for exemptions; approving the assessment roll; providing for the estimated fire services assessed cost; approving the rate of assessment; providing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Don Fields, Darlene Pifalo, Donald Shepherd, Telford Cartwright and Ernesto Martinez.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) receive any written objections filed; 2) hear testimony from all interested persons; 3) approve the assessment roll; 4) establish the annual rate for the Fire Services Special Assessment; and 5) adopt the proposed Annual Rate Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

[210403.](#)

Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (B)

Resolution No. 210403

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to the levy of general municipal purpose Ad Valorem taxes for the 2021-2022 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022; establishing a Tentative Millage Rate; setting a public hearing; providing for the publication of notice; and providing an immediate effective date.

Karen Fiore, Budget Manager gave a presentation.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Telford Cartwright, Debbie Martinez, Chanae Jackson, Tana Silva, Donald Shepherd, Darlene Pifalo, Karen Arrington, Armando Grundy-Gomes, Mark Goldstein, Maureen Reshly and Don Fields.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

[210397.](#)

Gainesville Regional Utilities Tentative Budget - Fiscal Year 2022 (B)

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Chanae Jackson, Telford Cartwright, Maureen Reshly, Tina Days, Gene Straw and Nancy Daren.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

[210404.](#)

Tentative General Government Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (B)

Resolution No. 210404

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022; adopting the Tentative General Government Financial and Operating Plan; and providing an immediate effective date.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Telford Cartwright.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

[210401.](#)

General Fund Reserve Policy (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission review and approve the General Fund Reserve Policy.*

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

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

[210402.](#)

Budget Administration Policy (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission review and approve the Budget Administration Policy.*

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

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

[210405.](#)

Budget Amendment Policy (B)

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Brian O'Brien, Jo Beaty, Telford Cartwright, Mary Lou Hildreth, Mauren Reshly, Evelyn Foxx, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Debbie Martinez.

Cintya Ramos, Budget & Finance Director spoke to the item.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission review and approve the Budget Amendment Policy.*

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

[210431.](#)

Mayor Lauren Poe - City Manager Severance Agreement (NB)

Motion: Accept City Manager Severance Agreement and Contract Amendment; 2) Clerk schedule a special meeting; and 3) Human Resources accept letters of interest and resumes for those interested in serving as Interim City Manager and Interim City Attorney.

Public Comment: Chanae Jackson, Carla Lewis, Nathan Skop, Sarah Vidal-Finn, Sharon Burney, Maureen Reshly, Jo Beaty, Tana Silva, Helen Warren, Telford Cartwright, Faye Williams, Tina Days, Patricia Lee, Jean Strong, Darlene Pifalo, Debbie Martinez, Tracie Moodew, Nancy Daren, Cassanda Tucci, Armando Grundy-Gomes, Gabe, Christina Fields, Jeff Wilson and Elizabeth Hauck.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by

Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

[210432.](#)

Mayor Lauren Poe - Termination of the General Manager of Utilities Contract (NB)

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Terminate the contract of the General Manager. **Motion was withdrawn.***

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Carla Lewis, Joe Walsh, Pam Doucette, Chanae Jackson, Darris Friend, Scott Holowasko, Telford Cartwright, Don Wilkes, Yvonne, Laura Voitle, Dave Denslow, Sylvia Warren, Helen Warren, Maureen Reshly, Darlene Pifalo, Doug Beck, Sharon Burney, Yvette Carter, Michelle Smith, DL Moon, Jo Beaty, Robin Baxley, Kinnzon Hutchinson, Michael Raburn, Walter Banks, Zoye Surlot, Carter, Kristen McManus, Donald Shepherd, Daniel Blumberg, Tana Silva, Dino De Leo, Evelyn Foxx, Rob Clemons, Cheryl McBride, Kathleen Monagle, Tom Brown, Beverly Craig, Manny, Karen Alford, Jeffrey Shapiro, Jamison Delapena, Brian O'Brien, Amanda, Robert Mounts, Jim Frampton, Tyler, Todd Chase, Cynthia Chestnut, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Janelle Alexander.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

Discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT - 1:32 PM