

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

November 9, 2017

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 7 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Aye: 4 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Goston, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Ward

AGENDA STATEMENT**170548. General Policy Committee Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of October 12 and October 26, 2017.*

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

Aye: 4 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Goston, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Ward

160200. Prohibit the use of Conversion Therapy (from Homosexuality) in the City of Gainesville (NB)

Continued to December 14, 2017. (No vote)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss and receive input.*

Continued

170197. Welcoming City Policies (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to receive a presentation on Welcoming City Policies.

Carrie Bush, Liz Getman and Sam Trickey made presentations.

Motion: Carrie Bush will prepare a letter for the Mayor's signature to Alachua County and the Alachua County School Board.

Commissioner Warren arrived at 1:08 PM.

Commissioner Goston arrived at 1:15 PM.

Commissioner Ward arrived at 1:17 PM.

Listed below are discussions from the Mayor and Commissioners.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: 1) ID cards (set up with the School Board).

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) Concern with ID cards; and 2) sending a letter to the County.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) Pursue the Interdisciplinary Stakeholder Plan; 2) Planning grants; and 3) School Board collaboration.

Mayor Poe: 1) Certification process (staff analysis); 2) ID cards need to be a County issue; 3) Reaching out to the faith-based community; 4) Include the Chamber of Commerce; and 5) Longest Table Event.

Commissioner Ward: 1) Budget.

Commissioner Warren: 1) Facebook page (donation of funds).

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee receive a presentation and provide feedback.*

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

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

170453.

Tom Petty Remembrance (NB)

This is a request of the General Policy Committee to discuss the engagement of the Public in remembrance of Tom Petty.

Steve Phillips, Dan Hoffman and Samantha Wolfe made presentations.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee: 1) hear discussions on proposed processes for the engagement of the public in remembrance of Tom Petty; and 2) provide feedback to staff on how to proceed.*

Discussed

150991.

Discussion of Recent and Ongoing City/County Issues (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to hear an Alachua County Stormwater and Wetlands Management Legislation Update.

Alice Rankeillor and Fred Murry made presentations.

Motion: 1) Direct the lobbyist to pass a resolution in opposition to the new Wetlands Local Bill and to send out a letter to State Representative Chuck Clemons stating the opinion; and 2) Sending out a letter to other municipalities and the Florida League of Cities asking them to pass a resolution in opposition of the new Wetlands Local Bill.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear an Alachua County Stormwater and Wetlands Management Legislation Update and provide guidance on how to proceed.*

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: 7 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

170542.

Employee Total Rewards Discussion (NB)

Eugenia Allen and Justin Locke made presentations.

Listed below are discussions from the Mayor and Commissioners.

Commissioner Warren: 1) Wage scale.

Commissioner Ward: 1) Results of the survey; and 2) Taking care of everyone that works for the City.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: 1) Strategies.

Mayor Poe: 1) Achieve a living wage as defined by the MIT Living Wage Calculator.

Commissioner Goston: 1) Lower wage workers up to a level of survivability; and 2) Extended educational opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee receive an update on the City's Employee Total Rewards programs and study.*

Discussed

170321.

Discussion of City of Gainesville participation in Alachua County Landscape Irrigation Design and Maintenance Standards Ordinance (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to hear a presentation regarding the Alachua County Landscape Irrigation Design and Maintenance Standards Ordinance and discuss options for participation by the City of Gainesville.

Wendy Thomas, Lila Stewart, Stacie Greco and Chris Bird made presentations.

Commissioner Goston left the meeting at 2:52 PM.

Listed below are discussions from the Mayor and Commissioners.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) Run-off and pesticide; and 2) Streamlining.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos left the meeting at 2:59 PM.

Commissioner Warren: 1) License and trained (is this part of the design standards); 2) Staffing needs; and 3) Irrigation maintenance.

Commissioner Ward: 1) Water bill; and 2) Costs to opt into the County's infrastructure and creating City infrastructure.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: 1) History of success rate of the County.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) Forward thinking.

Mayor Poe: 1) Staff to come back with information and compare with the County.

John Fleming and Jennifer Lyons spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION The General Policy Committee: 1) hear a presentation; and 2) consider options for moving forward.

Discussed

170547.

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.

The following items are scheduled for December 14, 2017: 1) Item No. 170413 (Emergency Management); 2) Item No. 160819 (Roam Towing Issues); 3) Item No. 160311 (Discussion of Reducing Minor Arrests by GPD); and 4) Discussion of Referral List (end of year clean-up) .

The following items are scheduled for January 11, 2018: 1) Item No. 160463 (Urban Standards for GRU); and 2) Item No. 160776 (Gainesville Annexation Strategies).

The following item is scheduled for January 25, 2018: 1) Item No. 170239 (Reichert House Update).

The following items are to be removed from the GPC Referral List: 1) Item No. 160774 (Human Resources Family Leave Policies); and 2) Item No. 170195 (Paid Parental Leave).

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by

the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

ADJOURNMENT- 3:41 PM

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ROLL CALL - 1:02 PM

- Present** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola
- Absent** 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Mayor Poe

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

AGENDA STATEMENT

160200. **Prohibiting The Use of Conversion Therapy (From Homosexuality) in The City of Gainesville (B)**

Motion: 1) Direct staff to draft an ordinance (model of West Palm Beach); 2) Draft a resolution that supports the prohibition of conversion therapy at the State level; 3) Direct the lobbyist to support legislation that prohibits conversion therapy at the State level; and 4) Send a letter to the County to support the resolution.

Bennie Drummer, Bob Karp, Florence Turcotte, Don Smith Lopez, Shelly Wilson, Dina Bazarria, Jose Vega, Larry Green, Catherine Dearlove and Susan Bottcher spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss this matter.*

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:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Mayor Poe

160311. **Discussion of Reducing Minor Arrests by GPD (B)**

This item will outline the options that the City Commission can consider to use pre-arrest diversion initiatives (Adult Civil Citations).

****ESTIMATED PRESENTATION TIME 15 MINUTES****

Will Halvosa, Laura Furr (spoke on LED Model) Bill Cervone and Chief Jones made presentations.

Bennett Brummer and Peria Duncan spoke to the matter.

Recess: 3:05 PM.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee: 1) hear a presentation from Chief Tony Jones and DMC Coordinator Will Halvosa ; 2) and consider the options available to the City to move forward.

Discussed

160819.

Roam Towing Issues (B)

ESTIMATED TIME OF PRESENTATION IS 15 MINUTES

Reconvened - 3:09 PM

Mike Barnes made a presentation.

Motion: Staff to report back with policy recommendations to the January 25, 2018 GPC meeting.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) Should be open 24-7, but allowing to close on City of Gainesville government holidays; 2) remove language fee - may be used for a debit card; 3) provide cash and change (amount should be reduced to what that change is, if not provided); 4) prohibit spotters; 5) better signs (change from black and white); 6) selling alcohol; 7) multiple businesses; 8) assessing properties that have a high number of tows; 9) fee schedule for after towing hours (\$25/day plus actual cost); 10) residential towing areas (make it clearer); 11) take pictures before car is attached to a tow truck; 12) first name and last initial on citation; and 13) drop fees.

Commissioner Ward 1) make it exceptionally clear to the students, if you choose to leave your vehicle in a certain location, there could be consequences; and 2) companies that engage in roam towing make a reasonable profit.

Commissioner Warren - 1) cash policy; 2) not comfortable with fee adjustment; and 3) consistency through the City.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd - 1) need roam towing when office is closed; 2) how do we handle smaller complexes; 3) wants item to come back to GPC before going to the City Commission; and 4) roam towing needs to go from downtown Gainesville.

Recess - 3:51 PM

Reconvene - 3:56 PM

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from the GPD Towing Administrator with current regulations and proposed changes recommended by staff.

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: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Mayor Poe

170192

Broadband Connectivity Sub-Committee requests to proceed with Broadband expansion Request for Proposals (B)

Lewis Walton made a presentation.

Motion: Direct staff to draft an RFP and move this item on to the City Commission.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear a report from the Broadband Sub-Committee and discuss options for moving forward.*

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Mayor Poe

170631.

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.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd suggested that the GPC review the Referral list at the next meeting since the Mayor was absent.

Item No. 160818 (Roam Towing Issues) to be heard on January 25, 2018.

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

ADJOURNMENT - 4:51 PM