

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2009

1:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall, Room 16

City Commission

*Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Jack Donovan (District 3)
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)
Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)
Commissioner Lauren Poe (District 2)
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:15 PM**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Commissioner Poe moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to adopt the agenda
(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Lauren Poe and Thomas Hawkins

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION**080729. Equal Opportunity Office (NB)**

Equal Opportunity Director Jimmie Williams moved and Assistant City Attorney Charles Hauck gave a presentation.

Chair Hanrahan recognized Alachua County Commissioner Rodney Long who spoke to the matter.

*FIRST MOTION: 1) Direct the Charter Officers work with the Alachua County staff to come forward with an analysis of what a merger (of the EO Office) would be; 2) include all of the items that Mr. Blackburn indicated (compare the vision and goals, look at the staff issues, look at different ranges of options and their effect, come up with suggestions of some governance structure if we should move forward, highlight what the City and County do together already, review the City Charter and highlight what is required under our Charter ordinances, and provide a report to the City Commission by early April with this information); and 3) seek to initiate a hiring process internally (City HR Department) without hiring a consultant.
(APPROVED BY CONSENSUS)*

*SECOND MOTION (REFERRAL): Commissioner Donovan moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to refer the Charter ordinances, other City policy instruments, the EO Workplan and other relevant documents for analysis to the Equal Opportunity Committee and bring back to the City Commission as soon as possible.
(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear a status report on the activities of the Equal Opportunity Office.*

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Henry, that this matter be Approved as shown above and Referred to the Equal Opportunity Committee, due back on July 12, 2009. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Lauren Poe, Scherwin Henry, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Thomas Hawkins and Pegeen Hanrahan

ADJOURNMENT - 3:05 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission