

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

July 14, 2022

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro-Tem Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)*  
*Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut (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 - 6:00 PM****AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS****RESOLUTIONS****[211352.](#)****Fire Assessment - Preliminary Rate Resolution (B)**

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the provision and funding of fire services, facilities and programs in the City of Gainesville; providing for the imposition and computation of fire services special assessments; providing for legislative determinations of special benefit and fair apportionment; describing the method of assessing fire services assessed costs against assessed property located within the City of Gainesville; establishing the estimated assessment rate for fire assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; providing for hardship assistance; providing for method of collection; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; providing for application of assessment proceeds; providing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Karen Fiore, Budget Manager, gave a presentation.*

*Motion to adopt staff recommendation: 1) establish a Preliminary Rate of \$133.00 per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit (NFFPU) for the Fire Services Special Assessment; 2) set the public hearing on the Annual Rate Resolution at 6:00 pm (or as soon thereafter as may be heard) on September 8, 2022; and 3) adopt the proposed Preliminary Rate Resolution.*

*Motion to adopt the staff recommendation, including the proposed Preliminary Rate of \$133.00, with the following modifications:*

- *New sidewalks and sidewalk connections - \$200,000*
- *Painted crosswalks - \$10,000*
- *New Bus Shelters - \$100,000*
- *Bus driver wages (Have City Manager look at wages, bring something back)*
- *Reduce swimming pool fees - Reduce adult fees by \$0.50, everyone else by \$0.25*
- *Changes to the County streetlight agreement*

*Vote Part 1 (fire assessment rate) - Motion passed 6-1, Commissioner Hayes-Santos in dissent.*

*Vote Part 2 (remainder of motion except for the crosswalk funding) - Motion passed 7-0.*

*Vote Part 3 (\$10,000 funding for painted crosswalks) - Motion passed 6-1. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco in dissent.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) establish a Preliminary Rate of \$133.00 per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit (NFFPU) for the Fire Services Special Assessment; 2) set the public hearing on the Annual Rate Resolution at 6:00 pm (or as soon thereafter as may be heard) on September 8, 2022; and 3) adopt the proposed Preliminary Rate Resolution.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, Adopt resolution and Approved as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

[211354.](#)

**Establish a Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023 (B)**

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 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023); establishing a proposed Millage Rate; computing the rolled back rate; setting a public hearing; providing for notice to the Alachua County Property Appraiser; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Motion: Adopt a millage rate of 5.000 for the next fiscal year.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*City Commission 1) set the maximum Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023 and 2) adopt the proposed resolution.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner**

**Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **ORDINANCES - 1ST READINGS**

### [210851.](#)

#### **Charter Amendment Addressing Vacancies in Office (B)**

Ordinance No. 210851

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida; proposing an amendment to 2.04 titled "Election and terms" of the Charter Laws of the City of Gainesville; providing for submission of the charter amendment to the voters for approval or disapproval at the November 8, 2022 election; approving the question to be placed on the ballot; providing that this charter amendment shall become effective if approved by the voters; providing directions to the codifier; providing directions to the city clerk; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Motion: Adopt the proposed ordinance on first reading; and to request the City Attorney to return with options for ballot language to clearly explain the need for the amendment to the voters.*

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) and Approved the Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Ward commented on a issue related to burning wood at a building site.*

*Mayor Poe congratulated Commissioner Saco on her recent wedding.*

## **ADJOURNMENT - 8:05 PM**