City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Meeting Agenda - Final

October 11, 2018

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA STATEMENT

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ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

180438.   **General Policy Committee Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION   *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of September 27, 2018.*

180438_September 27 2018 Minutes_20181011.pdf

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

180389.   **CRA Discussion (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION   *The General Policy Committee hear an update from staff.*

180358.   **Chamber Tech Council Recruitment Strategy (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION   *The General Policy Committee hear an update from staff.*

Legislative History

9/6/18   City Commission   Referred to the General Policy Committee

180410.   **Economic Development Model (B)**

                                 <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>   *The General Policy Committee hear an update from staff.*

                                 180410A_Economic Development Activities - Now and What's Next_101118.pdf

                                 180410B_EDNowandWhat'sNext_GPC_101118.pdf

180068.   **ConnectFree Program Update (B)**

                                 This item requests the General Policy Committee to receive a status report about the ConnectFree Program, and consider minor revisions to simplify program administration and clarify which projects are eligible.

                 Explanation: *In late 2016, the City Commission reinstated the ConnectFree Program (Program) and directed staff to provide a status update in approximately 18 months.*

                                 The Program subsidizes water and wastewater extensions and connections to eligible residential structures, and structures that serve persons with special needs. The subsidies include line extension costs (which are capped at $25,000 for wastewater and $10,000 for water) and connection charges. In addition, the Program pays onsite plumbing costs for income qualified applicants. The Program may provide assistance to qualified applicants throughout the GRU service area. The Program is funded by surcharges collected on water and wastewater connections in the unincorporated part of the GRU service area.

                                 The ConnectFree Program resolution allocates Program funds on an annual basis as follows:

                                 1.   60% - Single Units/Neighborhood Extensions - Owner-occupied/rental and non-profit/government individual properties.

                                 2.   15% - Affordable Housing (minimum $37,500) - Local government contribution to affordable housing development projects leveraged with federal/state low-income housing tax credits.

                                 3.   10% - Public Health, Safety, Environmental (minimum $25,000) - Projects to address public health, safety or environmental welfare.

                                 4.   15% - Program Delivery (minimum $37,500) - Costs for administering the Program.

                                 Based on the types of projects funded through the Program, the greatest need for assistance was requested from the "Public Health, Safety, Environmental" category. As such, to provide flexibility to the Program funding criteria and better assist applicants, staff recommends combining the "Single Units/Neighborhood Extensions" and the "Public

Health, Safety, Environmental" categories. This combined category will allow the flexibility and funding needed to address various types of projects without the need to reallocate funding between categories.

Additionally, staff requests that the General Policy Committee request that the City Commission clarify that the "Affordable Housing" funding category is intended only for affordable housing developers of residential structures that meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) definition of affordable for low-income households.

Fiscal Note: *Since the reinstatement of the Program in July 2016, the total revenue collected is $1,183,929.74 (FY16-FY18) to fund the Program.*

RECOMMENDATION   *The General Policy Committee: 1) hear a presentation from staff; 2) consider minor revisions to clarify project eligibility criteria for the ConnectFree Program; and 3) refer those revisions to the City Commission.*

Legislative History

6/21/18   City Commission   Referred to the General Policy Committee

180175A_ ConnectFree Update Staff Analysis to GPC_101118.pdf

180175B_ ConnectFree Program Update_PPT_GPC_101118.pdf

180175C_ #150246Agenda Action 9-17-2015_GPC_101118.pdf

180175D_ #160146 Agenda Action 7-21-2016_GPC_101118.pdf

180175E_ #140680 Legislation Details (With Text)_GPC_101118.pdf

180359.   **Non-Traditional Entrepreneur Accelerator Program (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION   *The General Policy Committee hear an update from staff.*

Legislative History

9/6/18   City Commission   Referred to the General Policy Committee

180153.   **Community ID Card Program (B)**

Explanation: *On July19, 2018, Mayor Poe placed an item on the City Commission agenda to discuss community identification cards. After discussion and presentation from a local group interested in issuing such cards, the Commission directed city staff to determine in what circumstances a locally-issued ID could be accepted in lieu of a state-issued ID, including, but not limited to, law enforcement, city services and medical care. The Charter Officers gathered information from their respective staff on when the City requests identification from third parties in their transactions/interactions with the City and created the table attached as back-up to this item. In addition, information provided by the entity that*

plans to issue community identification cards is attached as back-up to this item.

Fiscal Note: *No fiscal impact, the City will not be issuing the identification cards.*

<u>**RECOMMENDATION**</u>   *Review information provided and discuss.*

*<u>**Legislative History**</u>*

7/19/18   City Commission   Approved, as shown above

180153_FaithAction ID Program Resource_20180719.pdf

180153_8 Keys to a successful community ID program_20180719.pdf

180153_C-Arreola Submittal Community ID Program_20180719.pdf

180153_C Arreola Submittal_Community ID_20180719.pdf

180153A_HRC Information_20181011.pdf

180153B_Table - Charter Officers_20181011.pdf

180425.   **General Policy Committee Referral List (B)**

<u>**RECOMMENDATION**</u>   *The General Policy Committee discuss.*

180425_Referral List_20180911.pdf

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