

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

August 22, 2019

1:00 PM

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multi-Purpose Room

General Policy Committee

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

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:07 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[190270.](#)

Approval of Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of August 8, 2019.*

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[190222.](#)

Abandoned Shopping Carts (B)

Motion: 1) Approve staff recommendation (listed in Powerpoint; 2) Refer to staff to come back with a further analysis on the three recommendations, and 3) Additional information from other cities that currently have similar ordinances to see what the fiscal impact is.

Commissioner Simmons gave an introduction.

Lindsay Hoffman, Steve Joplin and Sophia Corugedo gave presentations.

Commissioner Johnson arrived at 1:13 pm.

Nicolle Shalley and Deborah Bowie spoke to the matter.

Donald Shepherd and Carla Lewis-Miles spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

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

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

190152.

Proposed GPC Structure (B)

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola: Approve the GPC structure changes. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola: Approve calendar with changes - change spring recess March 16th and 23rd and first GPC/CCOM after October 1st. Motion passed 6-1. Commissioner Johnson in dissent.

Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter (public comment was taken before motion was split). Omichele Gainey gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

Approved, as shown above

180555.

Wild Spaces & Public Places Presentation and Update (B)

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward: 1) Approve Option 5 - delay project for a year and bring back alternate designs/materials/cost estimates; 2) Bring back as soon as available an accessibility plan for pathways; and 3) Ask Visit Gainesville and Tourist Development Council to pull money towards this project as well, since this has become a major tourist destination. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward: Move forward with both staff recommendations 1/2 \$ on Masonic Lodge, Old Fire Station 1 and Option 2 on Thelma Boltin Center. Bring back a proposed ITN for the Old Fire Station to Commission. Motion passed 5-1. Commissioner Johnson in dissent and Commissioner Warren absent.

Dan Hoffman, Betsy Waite, Sarit Sela and Russ Etling gave presentations.

Motion by Commission Arreola: Move with Option 1 (dies for lack of 2nd) for Sweetwater Park.

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Move forward with Option 3 for Sweetwater Park to rebid only the prairie tower (low bid or CMAR) and add a paved multi-use trail into the project. (pg. 25 of the Powerpoint). Motion failed

2-5. Commissioner Simmons and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward voting yes.

Donald Shepherd, Duncan Kadeem, Jean Lansford, Debbie Seagull and Susie Bryer spoke to the matter.

Recess - 3:54 PM.

Reconvene - 3:57 PM

Dr. Jacobs spoke to the matter (Cultural Center discussion).

Commissioner Warren left the meeting at 4:42 PM.

Thelma Boltin Discussion

Pattie Glenn and Kali Blount spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear a staff update by Wild Spaces & Public Places on Green Acres Park, Howard Bishop Middle School, Springtree Park Improvements, Sweetwater Wetlands Park Towers, Clarence R. Kelly Community Center, the Lincoln Yard Trail project and a list of proposed small projects.

Masonic Lodge

- 1) Direct Staff to negotiate fair market value purchase of the Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41, located at 215 N Main Street.
- 2) Direct Staff to negotiate design and engineering services for the development of construction documents for building and site renovations and adaptive reuse of the Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41.

Old Fire Station #1

- 1) Direct Staff to draft an appropriate solicitation document for 3rd party purchase or long-term lease of the Old Fire Station #1 property per Commission's set criteria.

Thelma Boltin

- 1) Direct staff on next steps for improvements at the Thelma Boltin Center per Base Option or Option II scope.
- 2) Direct staff to negotiate design and engineering services for the development of construction documents for the selected renovation scope.

Approved, as shown above

[190277.](#)

General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy discuss and take action deemed necessary.

No Action Taken

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Simmons - Wants City to participate in the League of Cities Government Week being held October 21 - 27.

Ask staff to look at the three levels of engagement - what we are already doing, what we might be able to do, and bring back suggestions to City Commission - Clerk to do a proclamation and put on a future agenda.

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT - 5:19 PM

Omichele D. Gainey
Clerk of the Commission