

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

May 27, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Gail Johnson (At Large)
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 - 1:03 PM

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Modifications: 1) Remove #201211; and 2) Remove #201060.

Teneeshia Marshall, Director of Equity and Inclusion spoke to the matter.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[201211.](#) **Continued Discussion of GRU's Proposed FY22 Budget (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear a presentation from staff on the FY22 GRU budget and take action as appropriate.*

Withdrawn. Place on the June 7th agenda.

[201186.](#) **Community Engagement (B)**

Anne Wolf, Citizen Engagement Program Manager gave a presentation.

Shelby Taylor, Communications and Marketing Director spoke to the matter.

Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Brian O'Brien, Malissa Monita and

Debbie Martinez.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.

Discussed

[201087.](#)

American Rescue Plan Act (B)

Teneeshia Marshall, Director of Equity and Inclusion introduced the item.

Ben Howart, Equity and Inclusion Manager gave a presentation.

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.

All form requests are due 6/14/21 by 5:00 PM to the Equity and Inclusion Office.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss and take action or provide direction, as necessary.

Discussed

[200743.](#)

Mayor's Charter Amendment (B)

Motion: Bring back to a future meeting prospective community engagement process, identifying a general question around Gainesville's governance.

Zeriah Folston, Policy Oversight Administrator spoke to the matter.

Morgan Spicer, Fellow spoke to the matter.

Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Brian O'Brien, Nathan Skop, Mary Lou Hildreth, Debbie Martinez, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Darlene Pifalo.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Nay: 2 - Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

[201060.](#)

Charter Officer Complaint Procedures (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee receive update and make recommendations.

Withdrawn

[200351.](#)

2021 State Legislative Update - Summary of the End of Session Report (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear a presentation from the City's state lobbying firm regarding the 2021 legislative session.

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

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

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Ward - County-wide Burn Ban is about to be issued.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson - Wanted clarification on where the redistricting process is being managed. Without objection, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson would like it to be handled by the City Attorney's office.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos - Redistricting - put on GPC agenda in the next quarter.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 10, 2021

ADJOURNMENT - 4:33 PM