

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

May 16, 2019

1:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

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 - 1:30 PM

AGENDA STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS - GRU, General Government, Audit & Finance Committee and General Policy Committee Items

Jo Beaty and Wilbur Holloway spoke to the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Simmons, that this Matter be Adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[181027.](#)

City Commission Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the minutes of May 1, May 2 and May 7, 2019.*

Approved as Recommended

[181038.](#)

Cancel November 28, 2019 General Policy Committee Meeting (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission cancel the November 28th General Policy Committee meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.*

Approved as Recommended

[181029.](#)

First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County for Administration of State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Funded Special Housing Needs Contracts (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County for the Administration of State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Funded Special Housing Needs Contracts, subject to review by the*

City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved as Recommended

[180960.](#)

Authorization for the Construction of Improvements at Northside Park (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price in the amount of \$1,999,078 for the construction of improvements at Northside Park with Scherer Construction of North Florida, LLC.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) approve the project task; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved as Recommended

181047

Bid Award - Temporary Agency to Provide Reichert House Kitchen Positions. Bid # GPDC-190037-MS (B)

This is a request for the Gainesville City Commission to authorize the ITB award to Sunshine Enterprise USA.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager (or designee) to award bid to Sunshine Enterprise USA to serve as the temporary agency to provide Reichert House Kitchen positions in the amount of \$77,230.40/yr.; 2) authorize the City Manager (or designee) to execute any related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Withdrawn

180625.

District 1 After-School Pilot Program (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission refer this item to the General Policy Committee Meeting of June 13, 2019.

Approved as Recommended

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

Jo Beaty spoke to the matter.

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

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total

*Kevin Moore on behalf of Johnny Nobles
Gabe Kaimowitz
Wilbur Holloway
John Davies
Walter Williard
Clarvene Sharpe*

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent.

180019. 2019 State Legislative Update - End of Session Report (B)

Fred Murry introduced the item.

Ryan Mathews and Andrea Jefferson gave presentations.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear a presentation from the City's state lobbying firm regarding the 2019 legislative session.*

Heard

181034. Appointments to the Charter Review Commission (B)

Motion: Appoint Scherwin Henry, Susan Bottcher, Cynthia Chestnut, Richard Blount, Robert Cohen, Donna Waller, Walter Barry, Crystal Goodison, Jorge Campos, Mary Lou Hildreth, and Jeremiah Tattersall to the Charter Review Commission, and Nicolas Gonzalez and Bryan Eastman as the two alternates.

The following applicants introduced themselves: Fred Sowder, Gabe Hillel, Harvey Budd, Mary Lou Hildreth, Courtney Simmons, Christina Beck, Donna Waller, Walt Barry, Tyra Edwards, George Campos, Susan Bottcher, Marlon Bruce, Debra Neill-Marcia, Bob Cohen, Wilbur Holloway, Aaron Green, Jo Beaty, Armando Grundy and Jess Larson.

*Recess - 2:51 PM
Reconvene - 3:11 PM*

*Recess - 3:18 PM
Reconvene - 3:30 PM*

Jo Beaty, Armando Grundy, Walter Williard, Scherwin Henry and Nick Gonzalez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission interview and appoint members to the Charter Review Commission.*

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Arreola, and Commissioner Simmons

[181006.](#)

Adoption of Gainesville Police Strategic Plan and Goals (B)

This item request is for the City Commission to recognize GPD's attempt to become accredited with the Commission of Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies and adopt the department's Strategic Plan and Goals.

Presentation time approximately 20 minutes.

Captain Jorge Campos gave an introduction.

Shefali Tripathi gave a presentation.

Chief Jones spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation; 2) adopt the GPD Strategic Plan.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Simmons, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[181046.](#)

National PAL's FY 2018 Mentoring Program, funded through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) [Award number 2018-JU-FX-0006] (NB)

The National PAL Mentoring Initiative will implement youth mentoring programs that strengthen and expand mentoring services to at-risk/high-risk youth populations, through PAL Chapters. Target youth include those who a) live in communities with high community risk factors including poverty, unemployment, violent crime, and drug/gang involvement; b) attend schools that have a high percentage of students eligible for free and reduced price meals and have high rates of absenteeism; c) are American Indian or Alaska Native; d) have one or more parents in the military; and/or e) live in rural communities. Mentors and mentees will participate in positive mentoring activities through PAL Chapters, providing greater opportunities for individual/group mentoring and academic achievement. The performance measurements for this initiative will include increasing the participating youth's view of law enforcement, understanding of the dangers of drug and gang involvement, and increasing their perception of social support.

Chief Jones introduced.

Reichert House Youth Program Director John Alexandar gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize the City Manager to 1) apply/accept the Mentoring Initiative Grant of \$25,200 from the National Police Activities League for use toward the Gainesville Police Activities League.*

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

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

[181022.](#)

City Parking Lot # 10 - Contract for Sale and Purchase (B)

This item involves requesting City Commission approval regarding the contract for City Parking Lot # 10.

Eric Bredfelt gave a presentation.

Dan Hoffman spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from staff; 2) direct the Interim City Manager to execute the Contract for Purchase and Sale regarding City Parking Lot #10 and all related documents.*

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Arreola, and Commissioner Simmons

[181028.](#)

Human Resources Policy C-3: Changes in Employee Status Affecting Compensation (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve revision to Human Resources Policy C-3: Changes in Employee Status Affecting Compensation.*

Approved as Recommended

COMMISSION COMMENT

RECESS - 5:13 PM

RECONVENE - 5:48 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gator Detachment of the Marine Corp League Former Commandant Bob Gashe, Sr.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

[181037.](#) **Memorial Day - May 27, 2019 (B)**

Commissioner Ward arrived at 5:51 PM.

Commissioner Simmons arrived at 5:52 PM.

RECOMMENDATION *Gator Detachment of the Marine Corp League Former Commandant Bob Gashe, Sr. to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

[181035.](#) **Emergency Medical Services Week - May 19-25, 2019 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *Gainesville Fire Rescue Deputy Chief JoAnne Rice, Assistant Fire Chief Stephen, Gainesville Fire Rescue Training Bureau District Chief Michael Steele, Gainesville Fire Rescue CRP Program Coordinator Ariella Bak and Operation C.A.R.E. and the "Get 10 more" initiative Interim Training Captain Betty Braun to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

[181036.](#) **Gainesville 150! Anniversary Year (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *Gainesville 150! Anniversary Project Coordinator Nicole Yucht to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

[181045.](#) **Small Business and Economic Development Month - May 2019 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *District 1 Business to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

TIME CERTAIN - 6:30 PM

[181019.](#) **Commissioner Gail Johnson - Government Alliance on Race & Equity (B)**

Motion: 1) Resolution – comprised of racial equity vision and mission statement for work we will embark upon. (a) Include this as part of the Strategic Framework to be

adopted with the overarching City's strategic plan in July; 2) Realignment/reorganization of the Office of Equal Opportunity with a focus on compliance, diversity, inclusion and equity; 3) Create a Racial Equity Subcommittee to focus on policies for six months focused on: (a) How we can become more equitable; 4) Create a Brown Ribbon Committee comprised of community members to answer the question "How Can Gainesville Become A More Equitable City?" (a) To create a guiding document; and (b) Incorporate partners and build upon the work of Gainesville for All; 5) \$300,000 set aside for FY20 and \$300,000 set aside for FY21 to support the work (a) Set aside a portion for childcare and transportation for Brown Ribbon Committee members/participants; 6) Authorize 2 full-time employees to support this work; and 7) Include a Mayor's letter to the Friendship 7 informing them of the motion we pass today and invite them to take a closer look at equity and take action.

Commissioner Johnson and Teneeshia Marshall gave presentations.

Armando Grundy, Mr. Gunnae, Kali Blount, Carol Rafferty, Sunshine Moss, Juanita Miles-Hamilton, Mike Perkins, Scherwin Henry, NKwanda Jah, Tom Wells, Yvonne Hinson, Diyonne McGraw, Sheila Payne, Jenny Helm, Mary Alford, Florence Turcotte, James Thompson, Anna Prizzia, Dakata Jones, Carol Williams, Indi Blanchard, Rena Sako, Ellie Chisholm, Alyssa Brown, Veronica Robleto, Faye Williams and Tana Silva spoke to the matter.

Recess - 9:00 PM

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear a presentation and take action deemed necessary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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Nathan Skop
Yvonne Hinson
Armando Grundy
Billy Rohan
John Davies
Gabe Kaimowitz
Walter Williard
Kali Blount
Mark Van Soestbergen

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[180572.](#)**Quasi-Judicial - Rezoning 1.96 Acres Located on the West Side of NW 13th Street and North of NW 45th Street (B)**

Ordinance No. 180572

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Zoning Map Atlas by rezoning approximately 1.96 acres of property generally located on the west side of NW 13th Street and north of NW 45th Avenue, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from General Business (BUS) to Automotive-Oriented Business (BA); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent.[180555.](#)**Wild Spaces & Public Places Presentation and Update (B)**

Motion: 1) Proceed with two phases for operations and maintenance of project timeline; 2) Option A (operation and maintenance), with consideration we can increase staffing as needed; and 3) Approve Unity Park on the 90% plan set.

Betsy Waite gave a presentation.

Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear a Staff update by Wild Spaces & Public Places on the Cofrin Nature Center Conceptual Master Plan and a project update on NE 31st Avenue (Unity) Park.*

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

[181021.](#)**Deerhaven Renewable Generating Station Fuel Procurement Overview (B)**

Motion: Make referral to the UAB about renewables and fuel procurement

Ed Bielarski gave an introduction.

Dino De Leo, Gerald Wolfe, and Brian Condon gave presentations.

Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, seconded by Commissioner Warren to waive the rules and to extend the meeting to 10:30 PM. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward to waive the Commission rules and extend the meeting to 10:50 PM. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Johnson and Commission Simmons absent.

Nathan Skop, Mary Von Devinskie, Nancy Daren and Wilbur Holloway spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from staff.*

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

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Simmons

180809.

Discussion of Plastic Straw Ban (B)

Motion: Set ban for first reading in June, with effective date of January 2020.

Nathan Skop, Jerry Rodriguez, Wilbur Holloway and Chris Rhodes spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss the plastic straw ban and take action deemed necessary.*

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

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

ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

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Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, to waive the Commission rules and extend the meeting to 11:00 PM. Motion passed 7-0.

*Tana Silva
Armando Grundy*

*Nathan Skop
Wilbur Holloway*

COMMISSION COMMENT

Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos: Authorize the Mayor to negotiate a severance package and a resignation date to come back before the Commission at the next meeting. Motion failed 3-4. Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Warren in dissent.

Commissioner Arreola: Letter received from attorney of auditor: re: the public dissemination of his private/family matters.

Motion by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward to waive the Commission rules and extend the meeting to 11:15 PM. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos to waive the Commission rules and extend the meeting to 11:30 PM. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Commission Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Warren to waive the Commission rules and extend the meeting to 11:45 PM. Motion passed 7-0.

Carlos spoke to the matter.

Armando Grundy, Nathan Skop, Juanita Miles-Hamilton and Jo Beaty spoke to the matter.

ADJOURNMENT - 11:50 PM