

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

**May 13, 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**

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

**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Modifications: Strike Item No. 201060 (Charter Officer Complaint Procedures); Move Item No. 201092 (Fair Chance Hiring) to first on agenda; Item No. 201087 (American Rescue Plan Act) second on the agenda, 201239 (Discussion of Commission Budget Increments and Decrements) third on the agenda; and Item No. 200743 (Mayor's Charter Amendment) fourth on the agenda.*

**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:** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[201153.](#)**Approval of Minutes from the April 22, 2021 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of April 22, 2021.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**[201092.](#)**Fair Chance Hiring (B)**

*Motion: Move forward and refer to staff for analysis and bring back to full City Commission.*

*Zeriah Folston, Policy Oversight Administrator introduced the item.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson arrived at 1:07 PM.*

*Recess - 1:09 PM.*

*Reconvene - 1:14 PM*

*Max Tipping, Policy Director of Community Spring gave a presentation.*

*Tequila McKnight, Community Spring gave a presentation.*

*Public Comment: Wendy Noon, Donald Shepherd, Latashia Brimm and Fran Ricardo.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation, discuss, and take any action deemed appropriate.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. 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

[201087.](#)

**American Rescue Plan Act (B)**

*Motion:1) Bring back a framework for decision making for the American Rescue Plan funds at our next General Policy Committee meeting; 2) Commissioners identifying their individual priorities for the funds and work those into a plan in parallel with a community engagement process.*

*Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Recess - 2:11 PM*

*Reconvene: - 2:28 PM*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Pastor Michael Raburn, Jacob Larsen, Chanae Jackson, Nathan Skop, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Jennifer Aval.*

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

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Commissioner Saco

[201239.](#)

**Discussion of Commission Budget Increments and Decrements (B)**

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

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

**Discussed**

[200743.](#)

**Mayor's Charter Amendment (B)**

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

**Continued to next City Commission meeting.**

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

[201060.](#)

**Charter Officer Complaint Procedures (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission receive update and make recommendations*

**Withdrawn**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson - Cancel the Joint City Commission/HPB meeting on May 17, 2021.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**ADJOURNMENT - 4:28 PM**