

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

April 26, 2018

1:00 PM

City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Charles Goston (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 - 1:04 PM

ROLL CALL

- Present** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Goston

AGENDA STATEMENT

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

- Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Warren

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[171033.](#) General Policy Committee Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of April 12, 2018.*

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

- Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Warren

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[160776.](#) Gainesville Annexation Strategy (B)

This is a request to hear an update from staff on annexation strategies.

Anthony Lyons gave a brief introduction.

Wendy Thomas and Andrew Persons spoke to the matter.

Lila Stewart presented the item.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) Fund (1) FTE position to work on future annexations; and 2) Automatic annexations.

Commissioner Ward: 1) Data on how many people are annexed into areas; and 2) Have future conversations with regards to areas that are tenuously connected to the City.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: 1) Look at prior elections to see how they voted.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) How the County views certain areas to be annexed into the City.

Mayor Poe: 1) Key to creating a legacy basis for Commissions is to have a rationale/defensible Joint Planning Agreement with the County.

RECOMMENDATION The General Policy Committee 1) receive a presentation from staff; 2) discuss and take action deemed appropriate; and 3) remove this item from the referral list

Discussed

[160936](#)

Roam Towing Issues (B)

ESTIMATED TIME OF PRESENTATION IS 15 MINUTES

Chief Jones introduced the item.

Lt. Matt Nechodom presented the item.

Motion: 1) Direct staff to draft an ordinance that all roam towing offices should be open 24-7 hours (excluding state holidays); 2) Accept credit cards (for drop tows and on-site tows with change provided as applicable); 3) Staff to set standards for towing fees after 24 hours; 4) Refer to Code Enforcement the multi-business sign issue; 5) Following items report back in six months: spotters, pilot program for roam towing of bars, parking lots that have a high number of tows and red/white signage issue (not mandated).

Recess: 2:55 PM

Reconvene: 3:03 PM

Mayor Poe requested GPD staff to provide an update (one/two businesses) willing to pilot an overnight program.

Mike Weber, Melanie Barr and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from the GPD Towing Administrator with current regulations and proposed changes recommended by staff.

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Warren

[150991.](#)

City Commission Discussion of Key City/County Issues (NB)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to discuss key City/County issues.

Commissioner Warren arrived at 3:06 PM.

Anthony Lyons and Nicolle Shalley spoke to the matter.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) part of any agreements should state that the money should be reinvested into the needs of the CRA community; 2) if we can't come to an agreement, schedule a meeting; and 3) FSAA solutions.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) How staff time and funds are going to best benefit the citizens of Gainesville; 2) Ok with special district, as long as we don't lose the brand of the CRA.

Commissioner Ward: 1) Make sure we are on a good path and talk about what we are trying to achieve together; and 2) Extension of the FSAA.

Commissioner Warren: 1) Next year bring issues together and get some resolve.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: 1) It's about services and not money.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss key City/County issues.*

Discussed

[170453.](#)

Tom Petty Remembrance (B)

This is a request for General Policy Committee to hear a report on the survey results for the public engagement process in remembrance of Tom Petty.

Steve Phillips presented the item.

Motion: 1) Rename Northeast Park "Tom Petty Park" and dedicate it around his birthday; 2) Direct staff to come back with a plan to coordinate (along with Heartwood) a music festival in October in honor of Tom Petty; and 3) Park will include some type of marker explaining why the park is named after Tom Petty.

Hoch Shitama, Keith Barr and Melanie Barr spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee provide direction on how to commemorate Tom Petty.*

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

[171035.](#)

General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

Item No. 160349 - Review of the Tree Ordinance Expansion of the Uses of the Tree Mitigation Fund - Remove this item from 5/10/18 and assign to a new date.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss the referral list.*

Discussed

ADJOURNMENT - 4:40 PM