

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

February 10, 2022

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

## **General Policy Committee**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)*  
*Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem David Arreola (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**CALL TO ORDER - 1:01 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

**DP-1**     [210843.](#)             **Introduction and Welcome of Rzescow Polish Delegation (B)**

*Mayor Poe gave introductory greetings and remarks.*

*Mayor of Rzescow, Poland, gave remarks and introduced members of the Polish delegation.*

*Commissioners thanked the delegation and gave remarks.*

RECOMMENDATION             *The General Policy Committee hear remarks.*

**Discussed**

**DP-2**     [210828.](#)             **Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (B)**

*Motion: Appoint Oscar Santiago Perez to the student seat on the Regional Transit System Advisory Board and Larsen McBride to the Tree Advisory Board.*

RECOMMENDATION             *The City Commission appoint:*

*Oscar Santiago Perez to the Regional Transit System Advisory Board to the Student Seat ending on 9/30/2022.*

*Larsen McBride to the Tree Advisory Board ending 1/1/2025.*

**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:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Poe

**DP-3**     [210851.](#)

**Charter Amendment Addressing Vacancies in Office (B)**

*Interim City Attorney Dan Nee introduced the item.*

*Motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola: Authorize the City Attorney to move forward with drafting a proposed ordinance for a Charter Amendment to come back to the City Commission. The ordinance should include the draft language in Alternative B, striking the term 'available'.*

*Public comment: Nathan Skop, Cynthia Chestnut, Evelyn Foxx*

*Commissioner Ward withdrew the motion. Seconder agreed.*

*Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Saco: Ask the City Attorney to return with research on potential options for charter language on conducting city special elections.*

*Motion passed: 6-0.*

*Mayor requested to place this topic on an upcoming GPC meeting agenda for discussion prior to the City Attorney's Office drafting language.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission discuss and direct the City Attorney's Office to advertise an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the ballot.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**DP-4**     [210393.](#)

**Community Land Trust (B)**

This item involves a summary of the process and substance related to staff's recent ranking for proposals associated with the City of Gainesville, FL - Community Land Trust RFP.

*Erik Bredfeldt, Director of Economic Development and Innovation, presented the item.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos requested adding this item to the next available City Commission meeting agenda.*

*Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Place this item on the March 17, 2022 City Commission meeting agenda for consideration. Motion passed: 4-0. Commissioner Duncan-Walker and Commissioner Saco absent.*

*Public comment: Nathan Skop, Armando Grundy Gomez*

*Doug Drymon, Procurement Manager, spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy hear a brief presentation and provide direction as deemed appropriate.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**DP-5**      [210485.](#)

**City of Gainesville - Unsolicited Bid Proposal Process (B)**

*Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry introduced the item. Mark Benton, GRU Rates and Investment Director, spoke to the matter.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco: Direct staff to modify the procedure to include a nominal application fee; to review the application requirements to clarify and pare down the process; to bring the modified draft back to an upcoming GPC for discussion. Motion passed: 6-0.*

*Public comment: Nathan Skop*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee hear a brief presentation and provide input as deemed appropriate.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**DP-6**      [210854.](#)

**Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) Infrastructure Surtax Ballot Initiative Update (B)**

*Cynthia Curry introduced Phil Mann, Director of Public Works, who gave a presentation.*

*Betsy Waite, Director of Wild Spaces and Public Places, participated in the presentation.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, to schedule a special meeting in late March or early April for the Commission to discuss priority project list before sending to the County Commission. Motion passed: 6-0.*

*Public comment: Nathan Skop, Michael Hill*

RECOMMENDATION            *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**POLICY REFERRAL UPDATES**

**PR-1**    [210858.](#)            **Swim Lane Items (B)**

*Mayor Poe commented.*

RECOMMENDATION            *The General Policy Committee accept the updated Swim Lanes and Policy Timelines for informational purposes.*

**Discussed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Nathan Skop, James Gardner, Bruce Blackwell, Debbie Martinez*

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**February 24, 2022**

**ADJOURNMENT - 4:39 PM**