

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Minutes - Draft

May 13, 2019

2:30 PM

Room 16 Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

Digital Access Committee

*Commissioner Harvey Ward (Chair)
Commissioner David Arreola (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (Member)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (Member)*

CALL TO ORDER - 2:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Chair Ward, Vice-Chair Arreola, Hayes-Santos, and Simmons

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Modification: Move Item No. 170192 (Expanding Affordable Internet in Gainesville) to the first item on the agenda.

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

Aye: 3 - Chair Ward, Hayes-Santos, and Simmons

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[180969.](#)

Approval of Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes of April 8, 2019.*

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

Aye: 3 - Chair Ward, Hayes-Santos, and Simmons

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Arreola

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[170192](#)

Expanding Affordable Internet in Gainesville (NB)

Mr. Smith from the County announced that the County is dedicating \$40,000 to contribute to the study.

Chief Business Services Officer, Lewis Walton gave an introduction.

Doug Dawson President of CCG Consulting updated the committee over the phone. He discussed the next steps which are:

1) Legal Issues/Challenges

Member Hayes-Santos asked if you can use cash fees. Mr. Dawson responded that cash can be used, it doesn't have to be financed with bonds. Member Hayes-Santos asked about incumbents fighting a referendum. Mr. Dawson spoke to the matter.

Senior Assistant City Attorney, Lisa Bennett asked about the fees that a Louisiana

city spent on the challenge. Mr. Dawson spoke to the matter.

Mr. Dawson stated that all of the processes should be ironed out and iron clad before you get the bond money.

2) Need to Pick Between Four Different Footprints.

Member Simmons asked about the opportunity zones.

Member Hayes-Santos asked if the County residents have an obligation to the bonds. Mr. Dawson responded, according to the law, they do have an obligation.

3) See if the County Folks are Interested.

4) Do this in Steps (City limits first. etc.).

5) Talk to Bond Advisors.

6) Find a Way to Get Lower Broadband Prices.

7) How Many People Qualify on the Digital Divide Scenarios (do another survey on households).

8) High Level Engineering (alternative - a contingency).

Member Hayes-Santos asked how much the engineering studies cost. Mr. Dawson responded, the more you spend, the better the answer (\$100k - \$150k). If you go into the County it would be bigger.

Mr. Lewis ask for clarification on borrowing operating funds up front. Mr. Dawson responded that the costs would be reimbursed with a bond issue.

9) Operational - Physical Location, Key Vendors, Develop Processor, Software, Regulatory (2,000 - 3,000 individual tasks).

10) Financial - Actual Budget Process.

11) Review all City Processes (are there enough resources).

12) Public Education Campaign (bring public into the process - create a public taskforce).

Mr. Dawson suggested doing all of these steps in the given order.

Member Hayes-Santos asked about the potential savings for the community. Mr. Dawson spoke to the matter.

Mr. Walton will coordinate with the Finance/Budget Departments and the Bond Counsel to review the draft.

Motion by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Arreola: 1) Hear a report from CCG Consulting at the City Commission meeting on June 20, 2019 (for a time certain at 3:00 PM); and 2) Invite the County to the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Member Hayes-Santos asked for GRU staff to come back with the exact steps (their thoughts). He stated that he will discuss at the GRU budget workshop, a request to set aside money for an engineering and digital divide study.

Member Simmons asked staff to keep in mind the opportunity zones.

Carl spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION Discuss.

Discussed

[180188.](#)

Adding Conduit Requirement for Developers (NB)

Lewis Walton gave an introduction.

RECOMMENDATION Discuss

Continued to next meeting.

[170193.](#)

Net Neutrality and Internet Privacy Ordinance for GRUCom (NB)

Senior Assistant City Attorney, Lisa Bennett spoke to the resolution.

Member Hayes-Santos will work with the City Attorney's office adding/creating new language.

RECOMMENDATION Discuss.

Discussed

[170191.](#)

UF/City Wireless Internet Opportunities (NB)

Director of Technology, Lucian Badea provided an update.

Dan Hoffman spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION Discuss.

Discussed

[180445.](#)

Digital Inclusion Policies (NB)

Member Hayes-Santos discussed the public housing digital inclusion blueprint.

Pamela Davis, Executive Director of the Gainesville Housing Authority spoke to the matter.

Member Simmons offered to work together with staff, Cox Cable and GHA.

Add Woodland Park to the future agendas.

RECOMMENDATION Discuss.

Discussed

[181008.](#)

Smart City Update (NB)

Ori Baber, Smart Cities Coordinator gave a presentation.

Member Hayes-Santos left the meeting at 4:14 PM.

Dan Hoffman spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *Hear update*

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE - June 10, 2019

ADJOURNMENT - 5:03 PM