

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

March 20, 2019

2:30 PM

City Commission Workshop

GPD Hall of Heroes Room, 545 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)

Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 2:41 PM**AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

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Strategic & Financial Planning Priorities Discussion #3 (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to participate in a workshop to continue discussing strategic and financial planning priorities.

Senior Strategic Planner Samantha Wolfe presented a summary of previous strategy workshops and financial planning discussions. She reviewed the draft 3-5 year strategic priorities and facilitated further discussion about the planning priorities.

Below is a list of Comments/Suggestions from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Simmons asked a question regarding the definition of sustainability.

Mayor Poe: 1) Commented about the role of the Commission (setting strategies and priorities) vs. staff (developing tactics); 2) Importance of partnerships; and 3) Suggested wording changes to the priorities.

Commissioner Johnson responded that staff will be returning with policy process soon, which should guide and improve policy development.

Commissioner Arreola commented regarding the budget outlook.

Commissioner Ward: Revisions to framework language. Mayor Poe commented about including seniors.

Commissioner Simmons: Support of promoting vibrant arts and culture.

Mayor Poe asked a question regarding inclusion/equity in all focus areas, strategies.

Samantha Wolfe responded.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos: Commented on inclusivity/diversity language.

Mayor Poe: Requested that the staff focus group work on language.

Commissioner Simmons: Spoke in support of inclusion/diversity language.

Commissioner Warren: Requested that priorities and the framework are connected back to the findings of the Friendship 7 study.

Recess: 3:46 PM

Reconvene: 4:03 PM

Samantha Wolfe displayed a summary of discussion related to three strategy/focus areas; Commissioners discussed, provided feedback.

Staff will compile feedback from discussion and present next version to the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission 1) participate in a workshop to continue discussing strategic and financial planning priorities on March 20th from 2:30-4:30pm.

Discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT - 4:16 PM