

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

**April 18, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **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 - 1:00 PM**

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION**

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS - GRU, General Government, Audit & Finance Committee and General Policy Committee Items**

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[180945.](#) **City Commission Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the minutes of March 25, April 3, April 4 and April 9, 2019.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[180956.](#) **Non-Compliance with Attendance Requirements (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the removal of Eric Neiberger from the Historic Preservation Board, effective immediately.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[180846.](#) **Regional Transit System (RTS) Summer 2019 Transit Service Changes (B)**

**This is a request for the City Commission to approve the proposed RTS Summer 2019 Service Changes.**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the proposed summer 2019 service changes effective May 6, 2019.*

Approved as Recommended

[160267.](#)

**Murphree Water Treatment Plant Electrical Upgrade (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the issuance of purchase orders to Ortega Industrial Contractors, Inc. for an additional 10% above the current amount.*

*On 4/11/19, the UAB voted 7-0 to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation.*

Approved as Recommended

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA**

*Modification: Move Item No. 180841 to the evening discussion.*

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total**

*Beverly Craig*

*Nathan Skop*

*Debbie Martinez*

*Del Bottcher*

*Brian O'Brien*

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent.**

[180959.](#)

**North Central Florida Regional Planning Council 50th Anniversary (B)**

*Scott Koons gave a presentation.*

RECOMMENDATION

*City Commission hear a presentation from Scott Koons.*

Heard

[180841.](#)

**Request to Address Funding and Staffing Needs Resulting from Termination of Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC) Contract and the use of the Greenspace and Community Develop Funds (B)**

This item requests the City Commission approve the addition of twenty nine (29) FTE positions to replace the loss of labor crews due to the termination of the FDOC Contract, approve the re-allocation of \$723,933 from unappropriated Greenspace and Community Development Funds and \$250,000 in Solid Waste Funds to be used to offset costs for personnel services, and approve the surplus of six (6) identified tot lots.

*Amendment: Item No. 2 - Modified to \$400,000 (not to exceed amount) from the Community Development Greenspace and Community Development funds.*

*Dan Hoffman and Karen Fiore spoke to the matter.*

*Uler Wells, Nathan Skop, Jim McFarland, Eli Barrett, Avis Butler, Brian O'Brien, Debbie Martinez and EJ Brown spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) approve the increment request for the necessary twenty nine (29) FTE's to continue service levels due to loss of labor crews in the amount of \$837,481; 2) approve the re-allocation of \$723,933 from unappropriated Greenspace and Community Development Funds to be used to offset costs for personnel services, contractual services and other operational expenses as outlined this fiscal year, and 3) approve the use of \$250,000 from the City's Solid Waste Fund, and 4) approve the surplus of the identified tot lots.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Simmons

**Nay:** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[180962.](#)

**Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement - Gainesville Housing Authority (B)**

*Motion: 1) Accept the City Auditor report; and 2) Continue working on a formalized relationship with the Gainesville Housing Authority.*

*Carlos Holt and Qian Yuan gave presentations.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Auditor recommends that the City Commission accept the City Auditor's report.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

[180848.](#)

**Audit of City of Gainesville’s Reichert House Youth Academy - Governance, Financial Processes, and Performance Metrics (Part A) (B)**

*Motion: 1) Accept the City Auditor's report and the Interim City Manager's response; and 2) Update to comeback on July 18, 2019 City Commission agenda.*

*Carlos Holt and Emily Bowie gave presentations.*

*Deborah Bowie gave a presentation.*

*Beverly Craig, Nathan Skop, Bobi Frank, Tim McLendon, Ken Van Nortwick, Theresa Evans, Avis Butler, Earl Culver, Louis Kalivoda, EJ Brown, Benjamin Dewberry, Rosa Williams, Barry McKenny, Jim McFarland, Delton Johnson, Kelvin Mattair, Antwan Bryant, Caleb Young and John Alexander spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Auditor recommends that the City Commission accept the City Auditor's report and the Interim City Manager's response.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Simmons

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

**RECESS - 5:20 PM**

**RECONVENE - 5:45 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

[180806.](#)

**City of Gainesville Citizens' Academy 2019 Graduates (NB)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission: 1) recognize the accomplishments of the 2019 City of Gainesville Citizens' Academy graduates; and 2) hear brief comments from the class speaker on what they have learned.*

**Heard**

[180933.](#)

**Special Recognition of GRU Camp EmPower Students (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission hear a presentation from staff and Camp EmPower students.*

**Heard**

[180948.](#)

**Water Conservation Month, the Mayor's Challenge Water Conservation Contest and Drop Savers Water Conservation Poster Contest (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission*  
1) *Join staff in recognizing the importance of Water Conservation Month.*  
2) *Encourage citizens to pledge to conserve water at <https://www.mywaterpledge.com>*

**Heard**

[180953.](#)

**Water Conservation Month - April 2019 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *GRU Water/Wastewater Officer Tony Cunningham to accept the proclamation.*

**Heard**

[180830.](#)

**Taiwanese American Heritage Week - May 26 - June 2, 2019 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *Formosa Association for Student Cultural Ambassadors Ms. Ching-Jung "Ginger" Lin and Formosan Association for Public Affairs Ms. Carol Kavalan to accept the proclamation.*

**Heard**

[180950.](#)

**Fifth Avenue Arts Festival Day - April 27, 2019 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *Cultural Arts Coalition Festival Chair Courtney Scott and Executive Director NKwanda Jah to accept the proclamation.*

**Heard**

[180951.](#)

**Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2019 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *Alachua County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force Chair Cathy Winfrey and Partnership for Strong Families Community Engagement Specialist Jacob Clore to accept the proclamation.*

**Heard**

[180952.](#)

**National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week - April 14-20, 2019 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *Technical Services Division to accept the proclamation.*

**Heard**

[180954.](#)

**National Service Recognition Day - April 2, 2019 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*Experience Works RSVP Coordinator Colleen Baker to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

[180955.](#)

**North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Day - May 7, 2019 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Executive Director Scott Koons to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total**

*Debbie Martinez  
Nathan Skop  
Beverly Craig  
Gabe Kaimowitz  
Wilbur Holloway*

**RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

[180961.](#)

**Amendment to the Thirty-First Supplemental Utilities System Revenue Bond Resolution (B)**

*Mark Benton spoke to the matter.*

*Mike Weiner spoke to the matter.*

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION

*Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the amendment to the Thirty-First Supplemental Utilities System Revenue Bond Resolution.*

*On 4/11/19, the Utility Advisory Board voted 7-0 to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - GRU and General Government Items**

[180949.](#)

**Annual Contract for Janitorial and Porter Services at GRU's Eastside**

**Operations Center (B)**

*Dan Hoffman spoke to the matter.*

*Bill Shepherd spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Staff recommends that the City Commission:*

*1) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute a four-year contract with Carpet Systems Plus of North Florida, Inc., subject to approval by the City Attorney, for Janitorial and Porter services at the GRU Eastside Operations Center; and*

*2) approve the issuance of purchase orders for these services to Carpet Systems Plus of North Florida, Inc., in an initial amount of \$116,000 for the first year. Subsequent years will allow for price changes not to exceed the annual Producer Price Index. Subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality, and the final appropriation of funds for these services in each fiscal year of the agreement.*

*On 4/11/19, the UAB voted 7-0 to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation.*

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

**Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos**

**Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson**

**180999.****Policy of Exemptions on the Living Wage Ordinance for Contractors****RECOMMENDATION**

*Refer to Committee*

**A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Referred to the General Policy Committee, due back on 4/30/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos**

**Absent: 1 - Commissioner Johnson**

**180934.****Main Street Water Reclamation Facility Improvements Program (B)**

*Tony Cunningham gave a presentation.*

*Rachel Haeseler gave a presentation.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Receive information from staff. Staff will return at a later date to request approval of contract negotiations with the selected Design-Builder.*



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**Heard**[180965.](#)**Commissioner David Arreola - City of Gainesville Resolution Supporting HR 109 Commonly Known as the Green New Deal (B)**

*Motion: 1) City Attorney review the resolution for form and legality; and 2) Return to the Commission at a later date.*

*Tim McFarland, Nathan Skop and Reina Saco spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss and take action deemed appropriate.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED****ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED****GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total**

*Gabe Kaimowitz  
Nathan Skop*

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

*Commissioner Ward: 1) Staff to reach out to the University of Florida (IFAS) and Mr. O'Connor at the Innovation Hub, to see if they would be interested in working with the City on a path forward for the future of Reichardt House, 2) Update on neighborhood meeting regarding animal services; and 3) Clerk's office provide clipboards (12) for the public to write on during meetings.*

*Commissioner Arreola requests memos from staff which are: Outparcel development in front of Thornebrook Villages, and HB 7103 to designate the Swamp Restaurant as a historic landmark - get information back from John Wayne Smith. Deborah Bowie spoke to the matter.*

*Commissioner Warren: 1) Request to look at energy efficiency standards in all city-owned buildings; and 2) Request for all city-owned building utility bills. Deborah Bowie and Ed Bielarski spoke to the matter. Mr. Bielarski will work with General Government and provide a report.*

**ADJOURNMENT - 8:09 PM**