

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

February 20, 2020

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)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)*  
*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION**

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

*Modifications: Move Item Nos. 190934, 190935, 190936 and 190876 to the Regular Agenda.*

*Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager spoke to the matter.*

- Nathan Skop*
- Jim Konish*
- Jo Beaty*
- Caleb Kenyon*
- Donald Shepherd*
- Elizabeth Manley*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Simmons, that this Matter be Adopted on the Consent Agenda with Modifications. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- Absent:** 1 - Mayor Poe

**[190962.](#)**

**Approval of Minutes from the January 30, February 3, and February 6, 2020 City Commission Meetings (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission approve the minutes of January 30, February 3, and February 6, 2020.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[190924.](#)

**Non-Compliance with Attendance Requirements (B)**

RECOMMENDATION      *The City Commission approve the removal of Kendall Kelly from the City Beautification Board, effective immediately.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[190957.](#)

**Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (B)**

RECOMMENDATION      *The City Commission appoint:*  
  
*James Hutchison & Andrew Gray to the Fire Safety Board of Adjustment for terms to expire 11/1/2022.*

*Claire Manley to the Tree Advisory Board for a term to expire 1/1/2023.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[190997.](#)

**Resignation of Thomas Black from the Regional Transit System Advisory Board (B)**

RECOMMENDATION      *The City Commission accepts the resignation Thomas Black from the Regional Transit System Advisory Board, effective March 26, 2020.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[190964.](#)

**Annual Contract for Horizontal Directional Drilling (B)**

**\*\*This item was presented to the UAB on 2-13-20\*\***

RECOMMENDATION      *The City Commission: 1) Authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute an annual contract for a three-year period with D&D, Inc. for horizontal directional drilling services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) approve the issuance of purchase orders to D&D, Inc. in amounts not exceeding budgeted amounts for each year of the contract, subject to the appropriation of funds for these services for each fiscal year of the contract.*

*The UAB advises the City Commission to approve staff's recommendation.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[190965.](#)

**Water Reclamation Facility Daily Monitoring Report Software and Implementation (Hach WIMS) (NB)**

**\*\*This item was presented to the UAB on 2-13-20\*\***

RECOMMENDATION      *The City Commission:*

- 1) *Authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to*

*negotiate and execute agreements with Hach Company for software and implementation services, a software license to install and configure WIMS™ subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

*2) Approve the issuance of a purchase order to Hach Company in the amount not to exceed \$115,000 for software and implementation services, a software license to install and configure WIMS™, and software support and maintenance services for the first year.*

*The UAB advises the City Commission to approve staff's recommendation.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[190978.](#)

**GRU Operational Update for the Month of January 2020 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION      *Receive report.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[190938.](#)

**Approval of the Regional Transit System Equal Employment Opportunity Program (B)**

This item is a request to approve the Regional Transit System (RTS) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program and its subsequent submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for final review and approval.

RECOMMENDATION      *The City Commission approve the Regional Transit System (RTS) Equal Employment Opportunity Program.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[190973.](#)

**Tower Road Lift Station Voluntary Annexation Petition for City-Owned Property on Tower Road (B)**

This is the submission of a petition for the voluntary annexation of City-owned tax parcel 06678-010-137. This parcel is located south of Gainesville city limits, west of SW 17 Place, north of SW 19 Court, and east of SW 75 Street (also known as Tower Road).

RECOMMENDATION      *The City Commission: 1) authorize the Mayor, as agent for the City, to sign the petition for voluntary annexation; 2) receive the petition for annexation and make findings that it contains the signature of the property owner or authorized agent; 3) direct the City Manager to analyze the area; and 4) authorize the City Attorney to prepare and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise ordinances relating to the annexation of the area, if appropriate.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[190974.](#)**Kanapaha Lake Voluntary Annexation Petition of Two City-Owned Parcels South of GRU - Water Reclamation Facility (B)**

This is the submission of a petition for the voluntary annexation of tax parcels 06837-002-000 and 06837-003-000. The annexation area is generally located south of the GRU - Water Reclamation Facility, west of Lake Kanapaha, north of Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, and east of SW 63 Boulevard.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) authorize the Mayor, as agent for the City, to sign the petition for voluntary annexation; 2) receive the petition for annexation and make findings that it contains the signature of the property owner or authorized agent; 3) direct the City Manager to analyze the area; and 4) authorize the City Attorney to prepare and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise ordinances relating to the annexation of the area, if appropriate.*

**Approved as Recommended**[190975.](#)**Sweetwater Creek Right-of-Way Voluntary Annexation Petition for City-Owned Property on SE Williston Rd (B)**

This is the submission of a petition for the voluntary annexation of City-owned tax parcel 16246-003-002. This parcel is located south of SE Williston Rd and SE 16 Ave, west Paynes Prairie, north of Sweetwater Wetlands Park and east of the Gainesville city limits.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) authorize the Mayor, as agent for the City, to sign the petition for voluntary annexation; 2) receive the petition for annexation and make findings that it contains the signature of the property owner or authorized agent; 3) direct the City Manager to analyze the area; and 4) authorize the City Attorney to prepare and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise ordinances relating to the annexation of the area, if appropriate.*

**Approved as Recommended**[190976.](#)**Fred Bear Utility Voluntary Annexation Petition for City-Owned Property on SW 41st Blvd (B)**

This is the submission of a petition for the voluntary annexation of City-owned tax parcel 07240-034-000. This parcel is located south of Interstate 75, west of Interstate 75, north of Gainesville city limits and east of SW 41 Blvd.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) authorize the Mayor, as agent for the City, to sign the petition for voluntary annexation; 2) receive*

*the petition for annexation and make findings that it contains the signature of the property owner or authorized agent; 3) direct the City Manager to analyze the area; and 4) authorize the City Attorney to prepare and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise ordinances relating to the annexation of the area, if appropriate.*

**Approved as Recommended**

[190999.](#)

**The City of Gainesville D/B/A Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Claim for Recovery in Regard to Parker Substation Transformer Contract (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION

*Authorize the Office of the City Attorney, in coordination with the General Manager for Utilities, to pursue litigation or other resolution of the City's claim, including settlement if appropriate.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA**

*Nathan Skop, Jim Konish, Donald Shepherd, Jo Beaty and Gabe Kaimowitz spoke to the matter.*

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Poe

**EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT - Members of the public who are unable to wait for their agenda item(s) to be called during the meeting may speak during Early Public Comment. Comment is limited to three (3) minutes on one agenda item or five (5) minutes on two or more agenda items. Speaking during Early Public Comment waives the right to comment during later agenda items.**

*Gabe Kaimowitz  
Lateshia Graham  
Gordon Clemons  
William Regan*

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Members of the public may speak for up to three (3) minutes per meeting on any item not on the agenda. Individuals may choose to speak during any one of the General Public Comment periods during the meeting.**

*Scott Hesch  
Gabe Kaimowitz*

*Jim Konish  
Donald Shepherd*

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

*Recess - 1:54 PM*

*Reconvene - 2:00 PM*

**TIME CERTAIN - 2:00 PM**

**190894. 2020 Census Update (B)**

*Shelby Taylor gave a presentation.*

*Armon Lowery, Jackie Johnson, Andrew Ragsdale, Dorothy Zimmerman, Sarah Carlton and Sean McLendon spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission hear additional updates regarding the 2020 Census including presentations by the various stakeholders.*

**Heard**

**190956. Appointments to the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board, the Historic Preservation Board and the Utility Advisory Board (B)**

*Boisy Waiters spoke to his application for the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board.*

*Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Boisy Waiters to the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Poe absent.*

*Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos to appoint Michael Hill to the Historic Preservation Board. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Poe absent.*

*Wesley Hoy, Adrienne Thieke, Jason Fults and Fletcher Crowe spoke to their applications for the Utility Advisory Board.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Jason Fults to the Utility Advisory Board. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Poe absent. Bob Tancic and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.*

*Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Warren to appoint Fletcher Crowe to the Utility Advisory Board. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Poe absent.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss appointments to the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board, the Historic Preservation Board and the Utility Advisory Board and take appropriate action.*

**Approved, as shown above**

[190791.](#)

**General Government Budget Calendar (NB)**

The City Commission approves dates for discussion of the FY2021 annual budget.

*Amendments: 1) Change the 5/14/20 and 5/28/20 General Policy Committee meetings to Special City Commission meetings for the General Government Budget discussions*

*Omichele Gainey, Clerk spoke to the matter.*

*Karen Fiore, Budget Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Nathan Skop and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission: 1) Approve the dates requested by staff*

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Poe

[190905.](#)

**Affirmative Action Plan Audit 2019 (B)**

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Johnson : Approve the Recommendation. Motion passed 3-2. Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Hayes-Santos and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward voting yay. Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Johnson voting nay. Commissioner Arreola and Mayor Poe absent.*

*Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Warren: Get an update from the Office of Equal Opportunity in July.*



*Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Arreola and Mayor Poe absent.*

*Len Loria, Acting Auditor introduced.*

*Eileen Marzak, Assistant City Auditor gave a presentation.*

*Teneesha Marshall, Equal Opportunity Director spoke to the matter.*

*Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.*

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

**This Matter was Approved as Shown Above**

[190876.](#)

**RFP Bid and Contract for Towing and Storage Services to Elite Auto Center of Gainesville DBA Elite Towing (B)**

*Diane Wilson, Interim Finance Director spoke to the matter.*

*Caleb Kenyon spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *City Commission to 1) authorize the City Manager to accept, execute bid award subject to approval by City Attorney as to form and legality 2) approve the expenditures as outlined in the RFP.*

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

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor Poe

[190934.](#)

**Gainesville Regional Utilities Unaudited Internally Prepared Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2019 (B)**

*Ed Bielarski, GRU General Manager and Mark Benton, GRU Accounting and Finance Director spoke to the matter.*

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *At their February 5, 2020 meeting, the Audit and Finance Committee reviewed the data and recommends that the City Commission accept the GRU Unaudited Internally Prepared Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2019.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by**

the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor Poe

[190935.](#)

**Gainesville Regional Utilities Internally Prepared Budget to Actuals for the Year Ended September 30, 2019 (B)**

*Mark Benton, GRU Accounting and Finance Director spoke to the matter.*

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *At their February 5, 2020 meeting, the Audit and Finance Committee reviewed the data and recommends that the City Commission accept the GRU Internally Prepared Budget to Actuals for the year ended September 30, 2019.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor Poe

[190936.](#)

**Gainesville Regional Utilities Internally Prepared Supplementary Data for the Period Ended September 30, 2019 (B)**

*Mark Benton, GRU Accounting and Finance Director spoke to the matter.*

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *At their February 5, 2020 meeting, the Audit and Finance Committee reviewed the data and recommends that the City Commission accept the GRU Internally Prepared Supplementary Data for the period ended September 30, 2019.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor Poe

[190996.](#)

**Nominations - Library District Board of Trustees (B)**

*Motion: Appoint Ralph Rice to the Library District Board of Trustees.*

RECOMMENDATION

*The City Commission nominate the applicants for consideration of appointment by the Library District Governing Board.*

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Poe

[190904.](#)

**Dollar Store Restrictions (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The City Commission provide direction to the City Manager to begin drafting regulations establishing a minimum separation distance between small-box discount retailers for Plan Board and City Commission consideration as described in this memo. The City will temporarily suspend issuing permits for new small-box discount retailers until the Commission has taken final action on potential changes.*

Withdrawn

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

**RECESS - 4:16 PM**

**RECONVENE - 5:30 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

[190911.](#)

**Gainesville's Future City Student Team Placing 2nd at Tampa Regional Competition (NB)**

*John Bailey spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION

*For the City Commission to hear the recognition.*

Heard

[191006.](#)

**Turner Syndrome Awareness Month February, 2020 (B)**

*Charlotte Lile, Dr. Fudge and Resli Ward spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION

*Girls with Turner Syndrome, Resli Ward to accept Proclamation. University of Florida, MD Elizabeth Fudge to*

*accept Proclamation. University of Florida, MD Jennifer Co-Vu to accept Proclamation.*

**Heard**

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*Mary Bahr  
Sheila Payne  
Bobby Mermer  
Reina Saco  
Marilyn Eisenberg*

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*Nathan Skop  
Debbie Martinez  
John Davies  
Mark Von Soestbergen*

**RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

**[190292.](#)**

**Text Change - Amending the Land Development Code Related to Recreational Vehicle Parks (B)**

Ordinance No. 190292

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Land Development Code (Chapter 30 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances) by adding recreational vehicle park as a permitted use by right in certain zoning districts with associated regulations; by amending Section 30-2.1 Definitions; by amending Section 30-4.19 Permitted Uses in Mixed-Use and Nonresidential Districts; by amending Article V. Use Standards to add regulations for recreational vehicle park; by amending Section 30-4.12, Section 30-4.16, Section 30-4.19, Section 30-4.23,

Section 30-5.5, Section 30-5.13, Section 30-5.19, Section 30-5.21, Section 30-5.28 and Appendix A Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges to update code references because of numbering changes; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

*Amendments: Additional language proposed by staff under (G) and (N)*

*Andrew Persons gave a presentation.*

*Clay Sweger spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance) with Amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor Poe

[190420.](#)

**Voluntary Annexation - Oak Hall Private School, 42.97 Acres of Property Located Near SW Tower Road & SW 13th Road (B)**

Ordinance No. 190420

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, annexing approximately 42.97 acres of privately-owned property generally located west of Tower Road, south of SW 13th Road, north of SW 18th Boulevard, and east of SW 83rd Street, as more specifically described in this ordinance, as petitioned for by the property owner(s) pursuant to Chapter 171, Florida Statutes; making certain findings; providing for inclusion of the property in Appendix I of the City Charter; providing for land use plan, zoning, and subdivision regulations, and enforcement of same; providing for persons engaged in any occupation, business, trade, or profession; providing directions to the Clerk of the Commission; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Jo Beaty, Nathan Skop and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor Poe

[190607.](#)

**Quasi-Judicial - Historic Property Tax Exemption - 305 NE 6th Street (B)**

Ordinance No. 190607

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, finding that property located at 305 NE 6th Street, Gainesville, Florida, as more specifically described in this ordinance, qualifies for an ad valorem tax exemption for historic properties; granting an exemption from ad valorem tax for certain improvements beginning January 1, 2020, and continuing for 10 years under certain conditions; authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk of the Commission to sign the Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Covenant between the property owner and the City; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) approve Part 2 of the Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Application; and 2) adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor Poe

[190885.](#)

**Ordinance Adding 2020 Election Early Voting Date (B)**

Ordinance No. 190885

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 180901 to add an additional day to the early voting period for the 2020 regular city election; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Jo Beaty spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor Poe

**ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

[190814.](#)**Proposed Revisions to Chapter 8 titled "Discrimination" of the City Code of Ordinances (B)**

Ordinance No. 190814

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to discrimination by revising definitions; by renaming the Equal Opportunity Office; by eliminating redundant code language; and by adding gender identity, citizenship status, and lawful source of income as classes protected against discrimination for purposes of Fair Housing; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Motion by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos: Staff prepare for a 1st reading and mirror what the County has concerning domestic abuse victims and veterans (under housing discrimination); and Line 213 - 221 - Staff report back with better language on disabilities so sexual preference is not referred to as a disability or mental disorder. Motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Arreola and Mayor Poe absent.*

*Sylvia Warren, Equal Opportunity Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Jo Beaty, Donald Shepherd and Robert Carroll spoke to the matter*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**Approved as Shown Above.**

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*Jo Beaty  
Armando Grundy  
Robert Carroll*

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

*Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Warren: Extend the Race and Equity Subcommittee for an additional*

*six months and report back to the City Commission at the April 1, 2020 meeting to discuss changing it to a standing committee. Motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Arreola and Mayor Poe absent.*

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

*Commissioner Johnson - 1) Living wage for artists. Dan Hoffman stated that a memo will be sent to the Commission about living wage; and 2) Work with a state cohort on affordable housing. Wants to work with staff on proposals.*

*Commissioner Warren: 1) Engage with the Continuum of Care; 2) Staff to report back on cement company working in the early hours of the morning in the Porter's neighborhood (noise problems); and 3) Staff to report back on Hogtown Creek - cars parking on grass and runoff into the creek.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos: I-2 zoning - work with cement trucks and try to find other places for them throughout the City and work to rezone that area so it's more compatible in the heart of the City.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward: Staff report back to Commission on options for health insurance for employees and reaching out to other governments (what are we doing and what is the direction).*

*Nicolle Shalley, City Attorney spoke to the motion that was from the Race and Equity Subcommittee meeting on February 4, 2020.*

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:35 PM**