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# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes - Draft

February 14, 2019

1:00 PM

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multi-Purpose Room

## General Policy Committee

*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 - 1:18 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

- Present** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos
- Absent** 2 - Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Simmons

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Commissioner Simmons

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[180717.](#)

**General Policy Committee Minutes (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee approve the January 24, 2019 minutes.*

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

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

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Commissioner Simmons

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

[180678.](#)

**Discussion of Straws by Request Ordinance (B)**

*Motion: Direct staff to draft an ordinance on straws by request and bring back for discussion (do not advertise ordinance) at the 2nd City Commission meeting in March and provide an update on the communications strategy at that time.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos gave an introduction.*

*Phil Mann spoke to the matter.*

*Nicolle Shalley spoke to the matter.*

*Commissioner Arreola arrived at 1:54 PM.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee continue this discussion from the January 24, 2019, meeting and take action as deemed necessary.*

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

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

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Commissioner Simmons

**180751.****Commissioner Johnson - Durham, North Carolina Trip Update (NB)**

*Motion: Designate City of Gainesville as a sponsor for the Community First Summit on March 22-23 to assist with facilities, staff support and participation, as well as \$500 to contribute to expenses.*

*Commissioner Johnson and Anna Prizzia made presentations.*

*Deborah Bowie spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear an update.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Simmons

**180681.****Large Cultural Center (B)**

*Motion: 1) Direct staff to bring back draft RFI for discussion at a future meeting; 2) bring back additional research on Masonic Lodge purchase/renovations; 3) continue to explore readaptive uses of Thelma Boltin for performing arts use to include use by Dance Alive National Ballet; 4) explore a shared use agreement with the University of Florida; and 5) continue working on highest best use/master plans for 8th and Waldo, Cabot Koppers and the Power District.*

*Dan Hoffman gave a presentation.*

*Sarit Sela and Russell Etling spoke to the matter.*

*Melanie Barr, Scherwin Henry and Armando Grundy spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee discuss and take action as appropriate.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Simmons

180651. **Strategic & Financial Planning Priorities (B)**

*Motion: Authorize the Mayor to draft a letter requesting support and funding from Friendship 7 for grant application; 2) Ask Finance to identify \$15K for application without going into reserves.*

*Recess - 3:39 PM*

*Reconvene - 3:47 PM*

*Samantha Wolfe made a presentation.*

*Anne Wolf spoke to the matter.*

*Tana Silva spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *The General Policy Committee 1) continue the discussion regarding strategic and financial planning priorities.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Simmons

180741. **General Policy Committee Referral List (B)**

*Commissioner Arreola left the meeting at 4:59 PM.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *The General Policy Committee discuss the referral list.*

**Not Heard**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**ADJOURNMENT - 5:03 PM**