

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

February 18, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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AGENDA STATEMENT

CALL TO ORDER - 1:02 PM

ROLL CALL

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

[200682.](#) **Attendance Affidavit (B)**

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INVOCATION

CA ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (CA) - GRU, General Government, Audit & Finance Committee and General Policy Committee Items

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

CA-1 [200832.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the February 4, 2021 City Commission Meeting (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the February 4, 2021 minutes.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-2 [200822.](#) **Nominations - Library District Board of Trustees (B)**

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

Approved as Recommended

CA-3 [200811.](#) **Approval of Special City Commission Meetings - Comprehensive Plan Update (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the special meetings scheduled for March 31, 2021 at 3:00 PM and May 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-4 [200815.](#) **GRU Operational Update for the Month of January 2021 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *Receive report.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-5 [200805.](#) **Gainesville Fire Rescue Growth and Expansion Feasibility Master Plan (B)**

This item requests the City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into a contract with Emergency Services Consulting International, Inc. (ESCI) to complete a Fire Rescue Growth and Expansion Feasibility Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) approve the selection of Emergency Services Consulting International, Inc. (ESCI); and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the contract subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-6 [200806.](#) **Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Application FY2020 (NB)**

This item recommends that the City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to apply for and, if awarded, accept grant funds from the FY2020 US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize the City Manager: 1) submit the grant application; 2) if awarded, execute the grant contract, pending approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 3) approve required financial processes for expending the grant funds and matching funds.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-7 [200827.](#) **Request for Proposal (RFP) Staff Ranking City of Gainesville, FL - Inclusionary Housing Program Development and Exclusionary Zoning Study (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) approve staff's recommended ranking of the firms; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to negotiate a contract and any related documents with HR&A Advisors, Inc. subject to approval from the City Attorney as to form and legality; and, 3) return to the City Commission for final review and approval of the contract.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-8 [190897.](#) **Authorization of a Task Assignment under a Professional Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services Continuing Services Agreement (B)**

This item is a request for the City Commission to approve a Task Assignment in the amount of \$116,738 for professional design services for the Wild Spaces & Public Places (WSPP) Multiuse Trail and the Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Solids Handling Facility Access Roadway (SE Williston Road to Sweetwater Branch Creek) with Jones, Edmunds & Associates, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-9 [200837.](#) **Bid Award - Clarence R. Kelly Community Center and Park (B)**

This item is a request for the City Commission to authorize the bid award to Blackwater Construction Services, LLC for the construction of the Clarence R. Kelly Community Center and Park, located at 1701 NE 8th Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) award the bid to Blackwater Construction Services, LLC for the construction of the Clarence R. Kelly Community Center and Park; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-10 [200839.](#) **Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission appoint:*

Kaylene Sottanno to the Citizen's Advisory Board for Community Development for a term to expire on 11/1/2023.

Evie Martin to the student seat of the City Beautification Board for a term to expire on 9/30/2021.

Leanne Sheffer to the Nature Centers Commission for a term to expire on 11/1/2022.

Octavia Washington to SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for a term to expire on 7/1/2022.

Roselind Brown to the voting non-student seat of the Student Community Relations Advisory Committee for a term to expire on 9/30/2022.

Approved as Recommended

CA-11 [200809.](#) **Resignation of Lane Abraben from the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board and Diedre Houchen from the Wild Spaces Public Places Public Oversight Committee (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission accepts the resignation of Lane Abraben from the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board and Diedre Houchen from the Wild Spaces Public Places Public Oversight Committee effective immediately.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-12 [200351.](#) **State Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY 2021-22 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the list of newly revised and added State Legislative items to formally re-establish FY 2021-22 State Legislative priorities prior to the start of the upcoming State Legislative Session.*

Approved as Recommended

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

Modifications: 1) File #200863 (Canvassing Board Appointment) - Added Item; and 2) File #200736 Resolution on Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI) - Additional Back-up; 3) File #200358 (COVID Update) -Remove Item; 4) File #200690 (COVID Update) - Added Item; and 5) File #200833 (Resolution on Traffic Safety and FDOT) - Revised Back-up.

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

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.

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

BD-1 [200718.](#) **Advisory Board and Committee Annual Reports (B)**

Motion: 1) The Office of Equity and Inclusion bring back information on transitioning the student seat to a full voting member. Motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Hayes-Santos and Commissioner Ward in dissent. 2) Refer to the office of Equity and Inclusion asking them to bring back a recommendation on creating greater diversity on this particular board. Motion passed unanimously.

Lawrence Calderon, Planner III gave a presentation.

Ewen Thompson, Chair of the Development Review Board gave a presentation.

Kali Blount spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission receive and review the advisory board and committee annual reports and hear a presentation.*

Approved, as shown above

BD-2 [200840.](#)

Appointments to the Gainesville Human Rights Board (B)

Haroon Papa spoke to his application.

Motion: Appoint Dejoin Cain, Cristina Espinosa-Heyward and Haroon Papa to the Gainesville Human Rights Board.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss appointments to the Gainesville Human Rights Board and take appropriate action.*

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

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

BD-3 [180942.](#)

GRU Service Area Maps and Extension Policies (B)

****This item was presented to the UAB on February 11, 2021.****

Motion: 1) Provide a series of maps that would define the service territory for different utilities; 2) Get a legal analysis on requiring annexation before extending service to new customers; and 3) Bring back an ordinance.

Tom Brown, GRU Chief Operating Officer gave a presentation.

Ed Bielarski, GRU General Manager spoke to the matter.

Rick Hutton, Supervisor Engineer Utility Designer gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) *City Commission receive and evaluate the GRU Service Area Maps.*
- 2) *Require any development that extends Water and Wastewater services beyond the Alachua County Urban Cluster Line to receive approval from the City Commission prior to receiving a Utility Construction Permit.*

On February 11, 2021, the UAB voted 6-0 (with Member Rockwell absent) to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation.

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

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

BD-4 [200807.](#)

City of Gainesville Housing Action Plan (B)

Motion: 1) Acknowledge that we received this report; and 2) Provide backup and public input on recommendations.

Lee Feldman, City Manager introduced.

Deborah Bowie, Assistant City Manager spoke to the matter.

Phimetto Lewis, Housing Program Coordinator gave a presentation.

Ashon Nesbitt, Chief Programs Officer, FHC introduced.

Blaise Denton, Research Manager, FHC gave a presentation.

Kody Glazer, Legal Director, FHC gave a presentation.

Kali Blount, Donald Shepherd, Kim Tanzer, Tana Silva and Joshua spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

- The City Commission: 1) hear and receive presentations and; 2) provide feedback.*

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

TIME CERTAIN - 3:00 PM

BD-5 [200823.](#) Presentation on the Grade Level Reading Campaign (B)

Rahkiah Brown, Manager of Educational Partnerships gave a presentation.

Katie White, Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County gave a presentation.

Deborah Bowie spoke to the matter.

Donald Shepherd, Kali Blount and Colin Murphy spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear a presentation.*

Heard

BD-6 200358. COVID Update (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear an update from City Manager Feldman.*

Striken From the Agenda

BD-7 [200690.](#) COVID Update (B)

Mr. Feldman gave an update.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos that we continue the direction to the City Manager last time. Motion died for lack of second.

Kali Blount, Donald Shepherd and Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

Recess - 4:34 PM

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear an update from City Manager Feldman.*

Discussed

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reconvene - 5:48 PM.

PR PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (PR)

PR-1 [200842.](#) Special Recognition of the City of Gainesville's Participation in the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission recognize the City of Gainesville, members of the commission, city staff and community neighbors for their participation in the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program.*

Heard

PR-2 [200808.](#) Conservatoinist Amy Carpus Day February 16, 2021(B)

RECOMMENDATION *Parents of Amy Carpus to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

PR-3 [200816.](#) Steven R. Phillips Day February 18, 2021 (B)

Steve Phillips accepted the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION *Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Steven R. Phillips to accept proclamation.*

Heard

PR-4 [200824.](#) Emancipation Day May 20, 2021 (B)

Vivian Filler accepted the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION *Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center COE/Founder Vivian Filer to accept proclamation. Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center VP Board of Directors Otis Stover to accept proclamation. Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center Financial Secretary to accept proclamation.*

Heard

RE RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (RE)

RE-1 [200736.](#) Resolution on Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI) (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) Approve the Resolution; and 2) Approve Memoranda of Understanding between City, MGI and Community Spring.*

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

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

RE-2 [200812.](#) Resolution Authorizing Extension of the Existing Credit Facility with respect to GRU's Taxable Commercial Paper Program (B)

****This Item was presented to the UAB on February 11, 2021.****

Ed Bielarski, GRU General Manager introduced.

Mark Benton, GRU Accounting and Finance Director gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve 1) the resolution authorizing an extension of the existing credit facility with State Street Bank for GRU's taxable commercial paper program, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and 2) the form of the amendment to the Credit Agreement for the credit facility and fee letter.

On February 11, 2021, the UAB voted 6-0 (with Member Rockwell absent) to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation.

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

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

RE-3 [200813.](#) Resolution Authorizing Extension of the Existing Liquidity Agreement with respect to GRU Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds 2007 Series A (B)

****This item was presented to the UAB on February 11, 2021.****

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve 1) the resolution authorizing an extension of the existing liquidity facility with State Street Bank for Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds 2007 Series A, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and 2) the form of the amendment to the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement for the liquidity facility and fee letter.

On February 11, 2021, the UAB voted 6-0 (with Member Rockwell absent) to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RE-4 [200833](#). **Resolution of Traffic Safety and FDOT (B)**

Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt Resolution #200833.*

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

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

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

BD-8 [200821](#). **University Avenue and W. 13th Street Complete Streets Design Concepts - Authorization of a Task Assignment under a Professional Engineering and Consulting Services Agreement (B)**

This item is a request to approve a Task Assignment agreement between the City of Gainesville and HDR Engineering Inc. for Complete Streets corridor concepts under contract number 2018-049-AP.

Motion: Adopt the recommendation delaying execution until further authorization on Monday and a second proposal to go out to extend the scope of 13th street and University Avenue to 15th (the aforementioned streets).

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize the City Manager (or designee) to execute the Task Assignment Agreement between the City of Gainesville and HDR Engineering Inc. for the University Avenue and 13th Street Corridor Study, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS (PH)

SR ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (SR)

FR ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (FR)

FR-1 [200440](#) Quasi-Judicial - Planned Development Amendment - Alachua Health Services Stillpoint (B)

Ordinance No. 200440

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Ordinance No. 080565 commonly known as "Alachua Health Services Stillpoint" Planned Development located in the vicinity of 2730 NW 39th Avenue to allow for a 30 bed assisted living facility (ALF) and other permitted uses with certain conditions, as more specifically described in this ordinance; providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

Nicolle Shalley, City Attorney spoke to the matter.

Lee Feldman introduced.

Brittany McMullen, Planner IV gave a presentation.

Ralph Hilliard gave a presentation.

Darlene Pifalo and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

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

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

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

BD-9 [200863](#) Canvassing Board Appointment (B)

Motion Appoint Harvey Budd to the 2021 Canvassing Board.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss and appointment a citizen member to the 2021 Canvassing Board.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by

Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CC COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Saco - Getting the University to sit down with faculty regarding ADA accommodations.

Commissioner Ward - Consider, as some other cities have done, a resolution condemning and denouncing genocide, crimes against humanity and other mass atrocities.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos - Travel and Conference fund - loosen restrictions.

Commissioner Simmons - CRA Advisory Board Annual Report - Schedule a joint meeting with the CRA Advisory Board.

Mayor Poe - Upcoming election.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:25 PM