

*annexation strategies in Gainesville.*

*The strategy for annexation is long-term growth. The benefits for the City include property taxes, an increase in our state revenue sharing, and the ability to continue growing. Building trust and overcoming myths is necessary and incentives are needed to encourage commercial annexation. Committee members suggested that citizen comments from past annexation campaigns be utilized to identify which policies might need to be reformed, tweaked or possibly scrapped (ie., the tree ordinance). As part of an annexation strategy, Assistant City Attorney David Schwartz mentioned that the City should try to maintain the reserve areas through the existing Boundry Adjustment Act allowing a long-term approach to annexation planning so that we are not in a race with other municipalities that are extending in the same direction.*

*Following a robust conversation about annexation, the members recommended 1) Developing a list of strengths and weaknesses for commercial property and developers, as well as the strengths and weaknesses for residential property owners; 2) Compile a list of myths to overcome and ideas of how to build trust in our community; 3) Create a list of the residential and commercial areas where we would have the best chance for successful annexation; and 4) Keep this agenda item in committee for another month to continue the conversation.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee hear a presentation by staff, then discuss or take action as appropriate.*

**Retain in Committee for further discussion**

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### **Canvass Board Responsibilities (B)**

**Attachments:**      [130877 Board of Canvassers - City Code 20150203.pdf](#)

*Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree explained that currently under Section 9-14 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances, the City Canvass Board consists of 1) the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore or a member of the City Commission; 2) a citizen appointed by the City Commission; and 3) the Clerk of the Commission or designee. In the event the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore or a member of the City Commission is unable to serve because of a conflict of interest, the City Auditor or designee shall replace that member.*

*It was previously suggested that the Canvassing Board responsibilities could be filled more appropriately by the City Auditor. If the City Auditor is moved into a primary role on the Canvass Board, a replacement person would be required. This change would need to be modified through an ordinance.*

*After discussion of this item, the members of the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee recommended 1) referring this item to the City Commission on consent with no change to the Canvass Board; and 2) to remove it from the committee referral list.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *Discuss the Canvass Board composition and recommend the City Commission 1) Direct the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk to advertise a change in the ordinance to reflect new responsibilities as discussed; and 2) Remove this item from the referral list.*

**Remove from Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee referral list**