

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

May 10, 2018

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:06 PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioner-Elect Johnson was present.

Present 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent 1 - Commissioner Goston

AGENDA STATEMENT

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[171075.](#)

General Policy Committee Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of April 26, 2018.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[170873.](#)

Residential and Landlord Tenant Ordinance (B)

Motion: 1) Staff to look at what has been presented from Commissioner's Arreola and Hayes-Santos recommendations, as well as comments from different representatives from the industry and break it into digestible chunks of similarly-related areas; 2) figure out a schedule for the City Commission to come back and talk about the items; 3) when appropriate, have the City Attorney tell the City Commission that the only way to do this is through an ordinance or a change of ordinance, or this is what you are precluded from doing per Statue Statute with each subsection, so the City Commission understands; and 4) at the end, some will be through an ordinance,

increase funding through code enforcement, or looking at an educational outreach partnership between GACCAR, UF and the City.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:

Commissioner Arreola is proposing an ordinance that is similar to the City of Evanston.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos presented his report on "Keeping Our Neighborhoods Invested in Safe Housing Ordinance".

Bill Shepherd, Fred Murry and Chief Lane spoke to the matter.

Terry Martin-Back, Richard Ashford, Matthew Umanos, John Fleming, Robert Carroll, Darlene Pifalo, Donald Shepherd, Sid Crosby and Alex Boston spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

[170632.](#)

Approaches to Reducing Homelessness (B)

This item requests the City Commission to consider the relative advantages and disadvantages of some general approaches to reducing homelessness, and to provide staff with additional guidance.

Recess - 3:01 PM

Reconvene - 3:02 PM

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:

Commissioner Ward: 1) need to provide enough staff to manage Dignity Village; 2) medical center on-site; and 3) using some of the other buildings as a pilot project for an SRO.

Commissioner Warren: 1) medical care - coordinate services with Shands, NCFRMC and individuals who are interested in managing this; and 2) Dignity Village - people shouldn't stay in transition more than three months.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) dont need to choose from managing a homeless approach and a housing approach - we can do both; 2) how are we going to increase the affordable housing stock in Gainesville; 3) look at the concept of exclusively homeless services vs services for the entire community; and 4) site is not being used to its full potential (Dignity Village needs to be substantially changed).

Mayor Poe: 1) would like to see a pilot program for the SRO concept developed and

brought before the City and County; 2) Dignity Village; 3) source citation numbers; 4) medical care building; and 5) housing focus vs. management focus.

Fred Murry spoke to the issue of a medical building and stated that the Oversight Board approved a pharmacy.

Chief Lane spoke to the the issue of a medical building. The pilot period was not successful. Lack of structure, compliance and environmental factors. Lots of movement out into the community. Security is not a safe environment.

Claudia Tuck, Joe DeCarmine, Carl Smart, Matt Umanos and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

Anthony Lyons spoke to the matter.

Clerk to schedule a joint meeting to discuss homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee: 1) review the provided information; and 2) provide additional guidance regarding approaches to reducing homelessness in Gainesville and Alachua County.*

Discussed

[150991.](#)

City Commission Discussion of Key City/County Issues (NB)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to discuss key City/County issues.

Motion: Willing to concur with an extension to the FSAA as is, for a period of one year to discuss transition of fire services.

Carl Smart spoke to the matter.

Mayor Poe and Commissioner Ward left the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Add an agenda item to the June 14, 2018 GPC Meeting - Under Wild Spaces Public Places (Arts and Cultural Center/Participation of Dance Alive) assigned TBD, Commission to discuss.

Nicolle Shalley and Wendy Thomas spoke to the JPA matter.

Mark Sexton suggested that the GPC meetings be live-streamed.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss key City/County issues.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

[171076.](#)

General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss.

No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT - 5:22 PM