

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

**March 12, 2020**

**1:00 PM**

**Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room**

## **General Policy Committee**

*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 - 1:03 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

*An update was provided regarding the the City's preparation for COVID-19.*

*Commissioner Arreola arrived at 1:06 pm.*

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

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Simmons

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Simmons

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[191089.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the February 27, 2020 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of February 27, 2020.*

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Simmons

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

[180555.](#) **Wild Spaces & Public Places Presentation and Update (B)**

*Lee Feldman, City Manager and Dan Hoffman, Assistant City Manager introduced the item.*

*Betsy Waite, Wild Spaces Public Places Director gave a presentation.*

*Deborah Bowie, Assistant City Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Mayor/Commissioners suggestions/comments are listed below.*

*1) Add Forest Park Improvement to the next FY plan; 2) Invest \$8-12 million in 8th & Waldo area; plan to actively manage and additional participation from the school system and the County; 3) More information on an event pavilion; 4) Options for the City to participate in the International Cultural Center; 5) Continue approach with a district “cultural network” approach (rather than a cultural center); 6) Explore opportunities for a park in the SW area of the City; and 7) Bring information on what a study would entail for a nightlife/entertainment study (staff to look at alternative locations downtown for an art space).*

*Carla Lewis-Miles, Kali Blount, Bob Robbins, Sharon Bauer, John Malenchuck, Tana Silva, Donald Shepherd, Andrew Miles and Janice Gary spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear a staff update by Wild Spaces & Public Places on project updates, a financial overview and future projects.*

**Discussed**

**[190097.](#)**

**Neighborhood Bill of Rights (B)**

*Motion: Create a resolution setting City policies for neighborhood services, including the following: 1) One business day response to inquiries or requests; and to provide an expectation of the timeline for final resolution; 2) Return with discussion on operational plan for community engagement city-wide; 3) Advance notice for projects that impact neighborhoods; expected impact; point of contact in the organization; 4) Recommendation on types of projects that will require notifications; preferred notification method option (impact analysis); 5) Coordinated communications strategy, specific neighborhood contact and sign-up process; incentive program; and 6) Further information on a grant program, including research on outside funding sources.*

*Commissioner Arreola left at 4:01 pm.*

*Lindsay Hoffman, Policy Oversight Administrator, introduced the item.*

*Lacey Lingelbach, Policy Fellow, gave a presentation.*

*Phil Mann, Public Works Director, spoke to the matter.*

*Dan Hoffman, Assistant City Manager, spoke to the matter.*

*Andrew Persons, Interim Director, Office of Sustainable Development spoke to the matter.*

*Ron Cunningham, GRU Water Wastewater Officer spoke to the matter.*

*Kali Blount, Carla Lewis-Miles, Sharon Bauer and Janice Gary spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION            *The General Policy Committee discuss.*

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

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

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

[191014.](#)

### **Code Enforcement Presentation (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *The General Policy Committee discuss.*

**Withdrawn**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Johnson asked permission for a group to use the Senior Event Center in June. Mayor Poe suggested bringing more information to April 2 meeting. Mayor Poe asked Dan Hoffman to ask the Senior Center to place a hold on the date to allow the Commission time to discuss.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE - April 9, 2020**

**ADJOURNMENT - 5:53 PM**