

#171074

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

April 24, 2018

2:00 PM

City Commission Workshop

Ironwood Golf Course

City Commission

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 - 2:06 PM

ROLL CALL

AGENDA STATEMENT

Present 7 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

DISCUSSION ITEMS

171042.

Financial Policies and CIP (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to review recommended financial policies related to fund balance.

Anthony Lyons gave a brief introduction.

Commissioner Goston arrived at 2:09 PM.

Chris Quinn presented the item.

Discussed fund balance distribution in alignment with City Commission priorities and planning for future losses, reserves and future priorities/emergencies (contingency funding).

Suggesting this is changed by policy future forward.

Establish an emergency reserve using a percentage of the City's taxable value as a baseline.

Mayor Poe wants additional discussions on reserves and how that amount is calculated. Doesn't want a "cookie jar," and certain restrictions for spending.

Temporary Loss of Revenue - City Commission wants to see a historical analysis on when this has happened in the past.

Wants to turn facilities into internal services fund with department allocating to it for services city-wide.

Fleet Replacement Fund - departments pay a "lease" to the fund for replacement at appropriate time so money is there when needed. Life cycle is currently set at nine years.

Fleet Management Maintenance Fund - funds to keep vehicles operational.

Socially Responsible Investing for non-pension (Investment Policy) Money: add a socially responsible clause to restrict investing in fossil fuels, private prisons, as examples. Can be put in place quickly without much change. Move from 80% to 100% into SBA. Precludes us from investing into any precluded items in the future (currently not investing in any).

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: Micro-Business Loans for Small Businesses - could this be added to policy? By adding money in a CD with a banking partner as long as they agree to back loans for small startup; starting with the \$80,000 already earmarked for program? Staff will keep in mind, but no guarantee we can because of banking regulations. Banks (some) can't the yield same rate with State's SBA Program.

Long-Term Financial Planning - we aren't currently equipped to see the affected (long-term or short-term) decisions. Finance Director trying to move organization to explore these affects of each decision. New software will assist with this. For example - SAFER Grant - 17 FTE's at 1.3 million annually. Grant pays for years 1-2, City is responsible for years 3-5; plus 50% of approved costs to provide service and aligning of fire services assessments. City Commission should consider a policy to bi-annually review and realign costs with assessments.

Donald Shepherd spoke to the Fire Assessment Fee.

Capital Improvement Plan - multi-department team to establish a 10-year plan. Right now, we do not do this, but have set a plan to fix it.

Right now CIP is static and it should be rolling so it is revisited annually for interdepartmental financing and anticipation of future projects and needs.

Budget planning software is being blue-printed and will be a tool for long-term forecasting. Will work with City Commission in near future to clean up and bring to date, current budget administration/CIP policies.

City Commission to consider Fund Balance Policy (unassigned) - socially invest policy and indexing Fire Services Assessment Fee Policy.

Recess: 3:25 PM

Commissioner Goston left the meeting at 3:25 PM.

Reconvene: 3:37 PM

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear presentations from staff and take appropriate action.

Discussed

171040.

Gainesville Regional Utilities FY19 Budget: Forecasts of Customers, Sales and Revenues (NB)

Claudia Rasnick provided a brief introduction.

Todd Kamhoot presented the item.

Forecasts span a twenty-year horizon in accordance with NERC/PSC regulations and requirements by system and customer base - both residential and commercial.

Forecasting also includes an analysis of historical weather models as they affect usage - heating/cooling days, as well as projected rainfall which impacts irrigation.

Ed Bielarski spoke to the matter.

Some of the current data on collection revenue is flat even though the number of customers is increasing because of customers practicing conservation methods.

Next meeting is May 8, 2018 - will discuss liquidity/reserves.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission receive a presentation on GRU forecasts of customers, sales and revenues.

Discussed

ADJOURNMENT - 4:28 PM