

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**April 11, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

**City Commission Special Meeting**

**City Hall Auditorium**

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)*  
*Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Carter (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)*

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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****AGENDA STATEMENT**

*"Citizens are encouraged to participate in City of Gainesville meetings. In general, speakers will be limited to 3 (three) minutes per agenda item. Additional time may be granted by the Mayor or by the City Commission as directed. The City of Gainesville encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers limit their comments to specific motions and direct their comments to the Chair. Signs or Props are not permitted in the meeting room. Citizens are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the Clerk of the Commission before meetings and/or during meetings for inclusion into the public record. Citizens may also provide input to individual commissioners via office visits, phone calls, letters and e-Mail, that will become public record. In some instances, i.e., Quasi-Judicial Hearings, these particular contacts may be prohibited.*

**ROLL CALL**[150524.](#)**Proposed Charter Amendment for GRU Governance (B)**

*Explanation: At the March 17, 2017 City Commission meeting, the Commission voted to hold a special meeting to discuss the City's proposed charter amendment to create a new governing board for GRU.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission discuss each section of the current draft of the city's proposed charter amendment and make a decision regarding the disposition of the document.*

**Legislative History**

12/10/15	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed
2/18/16	City Commission	Postponed
3/17/16	City Commission	Approved, as shown above

[150524 Draft Charter Amendment 20151112](#)

[150524 Charter Amendment Revised Draft 20160114](#)

[150524 Draft 1-19-16 Charter Amendment Ordinance 20160218](#)

[150524 Draft 1-19-16 Charter Amendment Ordinance 20160310](#)

[150524 Draft 3-10-16 Charter Amendment Ordinance 20160317](#)

[150524 Draft Charter Ordinance 3-15-16 20160411](#)

[150748.](#)**Initial recommendations to create effective and efficient government (B)**

*Explanation: In follow-up to the City Commission Workshop held on February 23,*

2016 regarding Effectiveness in Office, the Charter Officers met to identify areas in which the Charter Officers and Commissioners could improve how we respond to citizen issues, evaluate policy issues, communicate with each other and conduct the public business meetings. The Charter Officers have prepared a Memorandum to the Commission as back-up to this agenda item in which the Charter Officers identify four initial areas of improvement: Improvement 1 - Deal more effectively and efficiently with policy referrals; Improvement 2 - Provide a uniform process for responding to citizen issues that is both user-friendly and responsive; Improvement 3 - Improve Commissioner/Charter Officer briefing and communication; and Improvement 4 - Run a more effective/efficient City business meeting. Each improvement includes proposed steps for implementation. While these initial recommendations for improvement are more process-focused (i.e., how we conduct business), the Charter Officers are continuing their work and anticipate future recommendations that will incorporate more citizen-focused improvements (i.e., how we put the citizen at the center of what we do.)

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission hear presentation and take action deemed appropriate.

**Legislative History**

2/23/16      City Commission      Heard

[150748 Effective and Efficient Government 20160407](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**