

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

September 24, 2020

1:00 PM

Virtual Teleconference Meeting

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, and Commissioner Ward

[200341.](#)

Special Recognition of Chief Jeff Lane (NB)

Lee Feldman introduced.

Interim Fire Chief Joanne Rice showed a tribute presentation for Chief Lane.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee honor Chief Jeff Lane.*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

Nay: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[200344.](#)

Approval of Minutes from the September 10, 2020 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the September 10, 2020 minutes.*

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

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, and Commissioner Ward

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[200336.](#)

Community Engagement Toolkit (NB)

Lee Feldman introduced.

Shelby Taylor and Anne Wolfe gave a presentation.

Andrew Persons spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop, Don Fields, Debbie Martinez and Jo Beaty spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss.*

Discussed

[200337.](#)

Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board Related Topics (B)

Sara Vidal-Finn, CRA Director spoke to: 1) facade grants; 2) different lighting standards throughout the districts; 3) paint program; 4) GTEC campus; 5) opportunity zones; and 6) incentive package to attract different businesses.

Lee Feldman spoke to: 1) creating outdoor seating after COVID; 2) 8th Avenue and Waldo Road; 3) GCRA budget for funding projects/programs; 4) downtown clean-up; and 5) food desert plan.

Nathan Skop and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *General Policy Committee to Discuss*

Discussed

ADJOURNMENT - 3:45 PM