

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

September 12, 2019

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

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

AGENDA STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Arreola

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Modification: Item # 190301 be removed.

Jim Konish spoke to the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, that this Matter be Adopted with Modification. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Arreola

ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[190278.](#)

Repeal of Ordinance Nos. 170487 and 190114 Relating to the Prohibition of Single-Use Carry Out Plastic Bags and Expanded Polystyrene Containers. (B)

Ordinance No. 190278

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances, by repealing Division 4 of Article III, Chapter 27 and amending Sec. 2-339, relating to the prohibition of single-use carry out plastic bags and expanded polystyrene containers; providing directions to the codifier; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

Jim Konish, Aaron Green and Tana Silva spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

190210. **Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges for Utilities - Electricity, Water, Sewerage, and Natural Gas; and Related Revisions to Chapter 27 (B)**

Ordinance No. 190210

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to utilities; by amending section 27-31 relating to public streetlight and rental outdoor light services; by amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges to revise fees, rates and charges for electricity, water, sewerage, and natural gas; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Mark Benton, GRU, gave a presentation.

Jim Konish, Sheila Payne, Debbie Martinez, Paul Klig, Donald Shepherd, Nathan Skop, Ernesto Martinez, Evelyn Foxx, Mark Goldstein, Kim Scheister, Dwayne Baines, Adele Franson, Frankie Scott, Tana Silva, Kali Blount, Pamela Clark, Gary Gordon, Daniel Chansis, Brian O'Brien, Christina Fields, Lauren Martin and Robert Mounts spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

190301. Vacation of Dedication of Certain Land within the Plat of Hamilton Park (B)

Ordinance No. 190301

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, vacating and abandoning the dedication to the City of Gainesville of certain land within the Plat of Hamilton Park, land which is located northwest of the intersection of NE 23rd Avenue and N Main Street as more specifically described in this ordinance; providing directions to the Clerk of the Commission; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

Withdrawn

BUDGET

181032.

Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates & Charges FY 2020 (B)

Ordinance No. 181032

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges of the Code of Ordinances by revising fees, rates and charges for the following: adult performance establishment, escort service and escort licenses; alcoholic beverages; cemetery; controlled vehicular parking area decals/permits; fire/rescue; health and sanitation; home occupation permit; land development code; parks, recreation and cultural affairs; peddlers, solicitors and canvassers; police; registered domestic partnerships; right-of-way obstruction permits; secondhand goods; streets, sidewalks and other public places; utilities - solid waste and recyclables; utilities - stormwater management; and vehicles for hire; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Nathan Skop, Evelyn Foxx, Debbie Martinez, Jim Konish, Donald Shepherd, Lizzie Lanier and Kristin Torres spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTIONS

190155.

Fire Assessment - Annual Rate Resolution (B)

Resolution No. 190155

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the provision of fire services, facilities and programs in the City of Gainesville, Florida; imposing Fire

Services Special Assessments against assessed properties located within the City for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2019; providing for exemptions; approving the assessment roll; providing for the estimated fire services assessed cost; approving the rate of assessment; providing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date.

Nathan Skop, Mark Goldstein, Jim Konish, Debbie Martinez, Donald Shepherd, Armando Grundy and Jo Beaty spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) receive any written objections filed; 2) hear testimony from all interested persons; 3) approve the assessment roll; 4) establish the annual rate for the Fire Services Special Assessment; and 5) adopt the proposed Annual Assessment Resolution.*

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Simmons

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

[190314.](#)

Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (B)

Resolution No. 190314

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to the levy of general municipal purpose Ad Valorem taxes for the 2019-2020 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020; establishing a Tentative Millage Rate; setting a public hearing; providing for the publication of notice; and providing an immediate effective date.

Karen Fiore gave a presentation.

Nathan Skop, Jim Konish, Debbie Martinez, George Elmore, Donald Shepherd, Brian O'Brien, Gary Gordon, Sharon Bauer, Matthew Riles and Robert Mounts spoke to the matter.

Recess - 9:03 PM

Reconvene - 9:15 PM

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

[190367.](#)

Gainesville Regional Utilities Tentative Budget - Fiscal Year 2020 (B)

Resolution No. 190367

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the tentative budget for the City of Gainesville d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020; projecting revenues and adopting a tentative budget to pay for personnel services expenses, operating and maintenance expenses and other expenses, for capital outlay, and for debt service requirements; and providing an immediate effective date.

Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

[190315.](#)

Tentative General Government Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (B)

Resolution No. 190315.

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its General Government Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020; adopting the Tentative General Government Financial and Operating Plan; and providing an immediate effective date.

Nathan Skop, Tana Silva, Kim Tanzer, Jo Beaty, Debbie Martinez, Danielle Chances, Donald Shepherd and Lizzie Lanier spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kali Blount, Kate Lean, Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Stephanie Burch, Zoey Sera, Daniel Chansis, Armando Grundy, Lizzie Lanier, Donald Shepherd, Tana Silva, Kim Tanzer, Floyd Churchill and Don Fields spoke to the matter.

Mayor Poe responded that the Clerk's Office will work with the City Plan Board to look for alternative locations for the next CPB meeting, which was relocated to the GPD Hall of Heroes.

MEMBER COMMENT

C/Ward spoke to the issue of relocating the City Plan Board meeting.

Mayor Poe thanked the Commission and GPD Officer Davis.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:30 PM