

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

February 22, 2018

1:00 PM

**Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room, City Hall, 200 East
University Avenue, Gainesville, FL
General Policy Committee**

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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ROLL CALL - 1:05 PM

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

Absent 1 - Commissioner Goston

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

AGENDA STATEMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[170843.](#)

General Policy Committee Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of January 25, 2018.*

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[170413.](#)

Emergency Management: Hurricane Irma After Action Report (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to hear a presentation on the After Action Report from Hurricane Irma.

Dan Hoffman and District Chief McIntire made presentations.

Chris Quinn, Chief Lane and Phil Mann participated in the discussions.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Mayor and City Commissioners.

Mayor Poe - 1) Develop an inventory of City employees who won't be working during a storm event, but want to, and provide that list to the County; 2) Undesignated reserves in the General Fund; 3) Feedback from public as to when the power is coming back on and when the debris will be picked up (need to work on a mechanism of some level of accuracy for a better way to communicate); and 4) Include the Mayor in the dry-runs

Commissioner Warren: 1) Local contractors for commercial landscaping and lawn care businesses; and 2) Create some type of call-in function to the shelters when they get full.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: 1) How is it determined when to open up the shelters; and 2) City should have their own tanker.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) Damage to parks (financial impact); and 2) Fuel availability.

Commissioner Ward: 1) Fueling generators; 2) Set up a Disaster Preparedness Fund for reimbursements; and 3) Have an auto loader to fill up sandbags.

Kali Blount, Nancy Daren and Nkwanda Jah spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation and receive the report.*

Discussed

[170757.](#)

Entrepreneurial Micro-Credit Program (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to review a proposed Entrepreneurial Micro-Credit Program.

Erik Bredfeldt made a presentation.

Lisa Bennett participated in the discussion.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Ward - Geography wise (incentive in the Enterprise Zone).

Commissioner Hayes-Santos - Occurring funding -- keep it as a pilot to see how it works.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd - Create a 501C3

Commissioner Warren - Timeline for application of loans.

Mayor Poe: 1) Creating a locally-funded investment fund; 2) Conduct annual audits of the program; 3) Put in the language up to \$5,000; 4) Talk to a variety of local institutions; 5) Outside business that would like to contribute to the program.

Nkwanda Jah, Nancy Daren and Kali Blount spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee: 1) endorse the general structure of the Entrepreneurial Micro-Credit Program as outlined; 2) direct staff to continue working on program details with identified stakeholders; and 3) bring back a final program to the City Commission for approval.*

Approved as Recommended

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

[170841.](#)

General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to review anticipated dates for pending items to be placed on an upcoming General Policy Committee Agenda.

Items for the next GPC meeting (3/8/18) will include: 1) 170321 – Irrigation Ordinance; 2) 170648 – Expanding Affordable Internet in Gainesville; 3) 170717 – Charter Review Commission; and 4) 170712 – Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure Form.

Item for 3/22/18 - 170389 – Wild Spaces Public Places Proposed Projects and Implementation.

Item for 4/12/18 - 160819 – Roam Towing Issues.

Item to be pulled from 3/8/18 and to be scheduled for a future date - 170632 – Dignity Village.

Item to be pulled from 3/22/18 and to be scheduled for a future date - 170633 – Rapid Rehousing & Permanent Housing.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee review the list of anticipated dates for pending referrals to be placed on upcoming General Policy Committee Agendas.*

Approved, as shown above

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Goston

ADJOURNMENT - 3:58 PM