

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**December 14, 2017**

**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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## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### AGENDA STATEMENT

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### ROLL CALL

[160200.](#)

#### **Prohibiting The Use of Conversion Therapy (From Homosexuality) in The City of Gainesville (B)**

*Explanation: On July 7, 2016, the City Commission referred the topic of prohibiting the use of conversion therapy to the General Policy Committee. At some point, the General Policy Committee requested the City Attorney's Office report back on this topic. As this topic involves not just legal issues, but also administration/enforcement issues, the City Attorney's Office completed legal research and then met with Department of Doing and Code Enforcement staff to discuss whether conversion therapy is occurring in Gainesville, the scope of any potential prohibition, whether a prohibition would be effective and enforceable by the City and other administration and enforcement issues. The staff discussion and research identified some practical and legal issues. A memorandum from staff is provided in the back-up to assist the City Commission in its decision-making process on this topic.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee discuss this matter.*

#### **Legislative History**

7/7/16	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
11/9/17	General Policy Committee	Continued

[160200\\_Prohibiting Conversion Therapy\\_20171214.pdf](#)

[160311.](#)

#### **Discussion of Reducing Minor Arrests by GPD (B)**

**This item will outline the options that the City Commission can consider**

**to use pre-arrest diversion initiatives (Adult Civil Citations).**

**\*\*ESTIMATED PRESENTATION TIME 15 MINUTES\*\***

*Explanation: Communities across the country are launching pre-arrest diversion initiatives designed to better address law enforcement’s encounters with people who have challenges with drug use and mental health. These pre-arrest/pre-booking initiatives enable law enforcement officers, when appropriate, to divert eligible individuals away from the criminal justice system and into community-based behavioral health interventions and social services. In this way, law enforcement becomes a new and sizable pathway to treatment and social services.*

*Simultaneously, federal, state and local governments and organizations are advocating for increased attention to and implementation of diversion initiatives that feature partnerships among police, treatment, and the community. The reasons for growth in these diversion initiatives are many: they promise reduced crime and recidivism, improved community/law enforcement relations, reduced burden on the justice system, restored lives, and cost savings.*

*What’s been missing from the conversation about this emerging movement is a forum where national police, treatment and community leaders can join together.*

*Fiscal Note: None*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee: 1) hear a presentation from Chief Tony Jones and DMC Coordinator Will Halvosa ; 2) and consider the options available to the City to move forward.*

**Legislative History**

8/18/16	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
7/27/17	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above

[160311a Pre-Arrest Diversion PPT 072717](#)

[160331b PTAC Collaborative Brief 072717](#)

[160311 Pre-Arrest Diversion Updated PPT 20171214](#)

[160819.](#)

**Roam Towing Issues (B)**

**ESTIMATED TIME OF PRESENTATION IS 15 MINUTES**

*Explanation: In response to several complaints involving aggressive towing practices, the City Commission requested a discussion of towing processes be brought to the General Policy Committee. The GPD Towing and Vehicle*

for Hire Administrator will give a presentation. A rise in complaints shows that the City needs to revisit our towing ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from the GPD Towing Administrator with current regulations and proposed changes recommended by staff.*

**Legislative History**

3/2/17	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
7/27/17	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above

[160819 CityTrespassTowingOrdinancePresentation 20170413](#)

[160819a Recommendations for Roam Towing Issues 20171214](#)

[160819b RoamTowing RecommendationsPPT 20171214](#)

[160819a Recommendations for Roam Towing Issues 20171214](#)

[160819b RoamTowing RecommendationsPPT 20171214](#)

[170192](#)

**Broadband Connectivity Sub-Committee requests to proceed with Broadband expansion Request for Proposals (B)**

*Explanation: The Gainesville City Commission established the Broadband Connectivity Subcommittee to the General Policy Committee to explore broadband availability, affordability, performance and development opportunities in our community. The initial meetings began in July of this year with three City Commissioners (Hayes-Santos, Ward, and Arreola), invitees from Alachua County IT and University of Florida representatives. Since then, the Subcommittee has reviewed a number of issues related to broadband delivery, with an emerging goal of "Expanding Affordable Internet in Gainesville". The sub-committee recognizes there are other areas of the county that are also underserved and have challenges in getting adequate broadband service. At the November 17th Broadband Connectivity Subcommittee meeting, the commissioners unanimously approved a motion to request that Alachua County partner with the City to further study how we may be able to improve broadband availability, affordability and access throughout Alachua County. The Subcommittee is in the process of recommending a Request for Proposals to conduct an analysis to determine how we can make Gainesville the "Most Connected City in America" and how we may achieve the following goals:*

**Primary Goals**

- Lower prices and increased speeds for residents
- Lower prices and increased speeds for businesses
- Everyone has access to municipal network in designated areas

**Secondary Goals**

- Lowest priced gigabit internet for residential service in the United

**States**

- *Lowest priced internet for businesses in the United States*
- *Universal free service to all residents served*

*With consideration that areas outside of the city limits are in need of affordable broadband access, we would like to study the following areas to see if expanding our municipal internet service is a feasible option:*

- *GRU Service Area*
- *Urban Reserve with consideration for density*
- *Municipal areas within the county where GRUCom has infrastructure (Newberry, Hawthorne, Archer, High Springs, Waldo and Alachua*

*The expense for the feasibility study is estimated to be around \$140,000 and is expected to include feasibility cost estimates for several coverage options, financial feasibility and forecasting models for various market-based levels of service, a market analysis and a report of the study's findings.*

*Fiscal Note: The expected expense for the study as outlined is approximately \$140,000. Both GRU and General Government have budgeted \$20,000 each for a total of \$40,000 available funding.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear a report from the Broadband Sub-Committee and discuss options for moving forward.*

[170192 Expanding Internet Update 20170908](#)

[170192 handout from August 20170908](#)

[170192 DougDawsonagenda 20170908](#)

[170192 RFP Outline 20171117](#)

[170192 RFP outlinetimeline 20171214](#)

[170631.](#)

**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.**

*Explanation: Staff was requested to provide anticipated dates that pending referrals would be placed on upcoming General Policy Committee Agendas.*

*Fiscal Note: None*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

[170631 Referral List 20171214.pdf](#)

[170631-MOD Referral List 20171214.pdf](#)

## ADJOURNMENT