

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

December 15, 2020

3:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

## **City Commission**

*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 - 3:00 PM**

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**[200624.](#) Introduction of the Alachua County Interim School Superintendent (NB)**

*Motion: 1) Coordinate with messaging on the importance of attending class, whether it's virtual or in person; and 2) Have a Joint City/County/School Board meeting sometime in the spring.*

*Carlee Simon, Interim Alachua County School Superintendent introduced herself.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission hear the introduction.*

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

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

**[200604.](#) City Commissioner Gail Johnson and County Commissioner Anna Prizzia - City/County Collaborative Community Food Projects and Policies (B)**

*Motion:*

*1) City provide policy research on alternative brick and mortar food access initiatives included but not limited to a) government supported*

*grocery stores b) grocery stores in schools c) grocery stores located in low income and/or public housing d) Multi-purpose facilities that include grocery stores similar to the Evans Center;*

*2) Direct City Staff lead a collaborative effort with County and other stakeholders, such as community organizations and extension, to develop an interactive map of our local food system that includes, but is not limited to: food insecurity support (food banks and pantries), food retail such as groceries, corner stores, markets and produce stands, processing and distribution, community gardens and farms/agriculture;*

*3) City of Gainesville sign on to participate in the Good Food Purchasing Program, and to reach out to our fellow institutions - UF, UF/Health, the VA, North Florida, the Chamber of Commerce, Santa Fe College and the Sheriff's office to encourage them to join us;*

*4) Direct City staff to work with County staff to bring back options for including incentives and/or requirements for food businesses (corner stores, gas stations, discount food, etc) to provide fresh produce, staple food items and nutritious shelf stable food items and to expand locally farmed food in areas classified as food deserts in urban and rural areas;*

*5) Direct City staff to identify potential areas of collaboration between the City, County and UF/IFAS to present to us during the January 12th Special Meeting.*

*Commissioner Johnson spoke to the matter.*

*Commissioner Prizzia spoke to the matter.*

*Michele Lieberman, County Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Jeremiah Tattersall, Nathan Skop, Alfredo Morales, Mia Cohen, Cloe and Sheila Payne spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission discuss the Collaborative Community Food Projects and take action as deemed necessary.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

[200605.](#)

**Pedestrian Safety in the Right-Of-Way (B)**

1) Direct the City Attorney's office to bring back information on what we can enforce about what is left in the medians from a safety perspective; 2) Direct the Manager's office to bring back options for enforcement of existing laws for pedestrian safety through GPD; 3) Direct the Manager's office to bring us ideas regarding an education campaign for pedestrian safety and the responsibility that we all have as users of our roadways; and 4) Staff to look at the County ordinances.

Sylvia Torres, County Attorney spoke to the matter.

Corbin Hanson, Sr. Assistant County Attorney spoke to the matter.

Nicolle Shalley, City Attorney spoke to the matter.

Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.

Commissioners Simmons left the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Nathan Skop, Alfredo Morales, Niko Segal-Wright, Kristen Young; Debbie Martinez; Kerry Ford; Chanae Jackson, Jon DeCarmine and Patrick Dodds spoke to the matter.

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss and take action as deemed necessary.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

[200606.](#)

**Homelessness: Street Outreach Program - Status/Updates, Budget Inn Purchase and Use-Update and Dignity Village Closure (B)**

**Street Outreach Program**

Carl Smart, Assistant County Manager spoke to the matter.

Claudia Tuck, Director of the Alachua County Department of Community Support Services spoke to the matter.

*Tom Tonkavich, Assistant Director of the Alachua County Department of Community Support Services spoke to the matter.*

*Jon DeCarmine, Director of GRACE Marketplace spoke to the matter.*

**Budget Inn Purchase**

*Carl Smart, Assistant County Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Claudia Tuck, Director of the Alachua County Department of Community Support Services spoke to the matter.*

**Update and Dignity Village Closure**

*Jon DeCarmine gave an update.*

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*Claudia Tuck, Director of the Alachua County Department of Community Support Services spoke to the matter.*

*Deborah Bowie, Assistant City Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ward.*

*1) City and County staff work to bring back the proposal from Continuum of Care for street outreach; 2) Gainesville Housing Authority for up to 10 housing vouchers, 3) Prioritizing COVID, any future COVID relief money on homelessness and street outreach; 4) Requesting that the County share equally in the final cost of closing down Dignity Village, 5) City staff work with Grace Marketplace; South Main Street clean-up in partnership with Grace; 6) When the proposal comes back, staff track that and bring funding sources/funding alternatives. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Simmons and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola absent.*

*Nathan Skop, Chanae Jackson and Patrick Dodds spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission discuss and take action as deemed necessary.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**[200625.](#)**

**Request for City to Join Amicus Brief on Conversion Therapy Ban (B)**

*Motion: Direct attorney staff to join in the amicus brief regarding the conversion therapy ban case.*

*Nicolle Shalley spoke to the matter.*

*Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Ward - Taxing structure*

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:34 PM**