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City of Gainesville

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Minutes

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1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium, 200 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem 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

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - 1:01 PM

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

- Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Warren

AGENDA STATEMENT170238.**General Policy Committee Minutes (B)**RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of June 22, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Warren

160675.**Urban Development Standards (B)**

Michelle Farnsworth, Andrew Persons, Stephanie Sutton, Bryan Harrington, Jim Matthews, Debbie Daugherty and Joe Wolf made presentations.

Goals and discussions by City Commission are included below.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos - 1) not have conflicting manuals.

Commissioner Arreola - 1) timeline/implementation.

Commissioner Ward: 1) vision for a city that works.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: 1) takes too long to get a project off the ground; 2) redevelopment sites; 3) how to redo infrastructure (make contact with Golfview Neighborhood and UF students); and 4) how does stormwater fit in on the streets.

Mayor Poe: 1) create as livable, usable, welcoming built-in environment as possible; and 2) bring back options/choices.

Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION 1) Hear a presentation from staff. 2) Direct staff to continue working on appropriate modifications to LDC and Utility Standards to minimize challenges in development review and put solutions in writing by December 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Warren

160311.

Discussion of Reducing Minor Arrests by GPD (B)

This item will outline GPD's request to use pre-arrest diversion initiatives (Adult Civil Citations). **ESTIMATED PRESENTATION TIME 15 MINUTES**

Commissioner Goston arrived at 2:20 PM.

Chief Jones, William Halvosa, Peria Duncan and William Cervone made presentations.

Motion: 1) Direct staff to continue to work with the State Attorney, County and other stakeholders to create an adult civil citation program; 2) bring back policies/suggestions to reduce all arrests.

Goals/Discussions by City Commission included below.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: 1) disparity in arrest records.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) program for minor crimes; 2) accountability; 3) program fees (options for reducing/or community service); and 4) legalizing cannabis (on the civil citation side).

Commissioner Goston: 1) civil citation parameters (how it will be implemented by the officers at GPD).

Commissioner Ward: 1) team approach; and 2) supports civil citation program for cannabis infractions.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) supports civil citation program; and 2) resources for mental-health counseling.

Mayor Poe: 1) public policy challenges; 2) re-evaluating how we approach law enforcement; 3) health issues; 4) complete communities council; 5) poverty issues; 6) transforming law enforcement mission; and 7) policy perspective changes.

Commissioner Goston left the meeting at 3:08 PM.

Debbie Martinez and Jim Konish spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee: 1) hear a presentation from Peria Duncan, Director of County Court Services regarding pre-arrest diversion initiatives; 2) and consider moving the City toward using these initiatives.

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Warren

160349.**Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee Recommendations (B)**

This item includes recommendations from the Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee for quick changes to the tree ordinance.

Estimated Staff Presentation 10 Minutes

Lila Stewart and Joe Wolf made presentations.

Motion: 1) approve the Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee recommendations; 2) direct staff to come back with recommendations for long-range plans; and 3) staff to focus on two long-range goals (reduction in stormwater basin volume requirements and graduated scale for mitigation fees).

Goals/Discussions by City Commission included below.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) concerns about pre-maintenance, removal of invasive species and trees on private property; and 2) look at capping mitigation fees.

Ivor Kincaide and John Flemming spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear a report from the Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Committee.

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Warren

160819.**Roam Towing Issues (B)**

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. **ESTIMATED PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES**

Chief Jones, Mike Barnes, and Jorge Campos made presentations.

Motion: 1) towing offices open 24-7 (except for State holidays); 2) major credit cards including American Express; 3) all cars picked up in Gainesville from roam towing, including Alachua County have all forms of payment; 4) look into prohibiting spotters that are paid for by towing company; 5) look into ordinance to ban roam towing properties that sells alcohol from 9 PM to Noon the next day; 6) look at signs (better, color, clearer); 7) lots that have multiple businesses to list businesses on all signs; 8) in and out signs; 9) properties that have a high number of tows, what can we do to address those; 10) fee schedule after 24 hours for roam towing; and 11) remove options for roam towing.

Goals/Discussions by City Commission included below.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd: 1) does GPD get paid; 2) spotters; 3) problem with roam towing; and 4) improper towing.

Commissioner Ward: 1) phase-out roam towing and hear options/arguments on why we must not do that; 2) support of trespass and call-in towing; 3) what you should do to make a complaint; and 4) adding a schedule of fees (after the first 24 hours).

Commissioner Arreola: 1) how does statute define the "tow"; 2) changing signs; 3) regulating 24 hour fees; 4) 24-hour staffing (not sure if someone needs to be there after 3 AM; and 5) how to write language saying that towing is prohibited near certain business establishments.

Mayor Poe: 1) private property issue; 2) parking issues addressed (all); and 3) how spotters act/ behave.

Josh Tester spoke to the matter.

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

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Commissioner Warren

170023.

Open Container Policies/Chapter 4, Article III Underage Prohibition in Alcoholic Beverage Establishments (B)

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to persons under the age of 21 in alcoholic beverage establishments; by amending Chapter 4, Article III to regulate persons under 21 being present in alcoholic beverage establishments which have a high number of underage alcohol violations. **ESTIMATED PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES**

This item includes the original title from the previous agenda item on updating Underage Prohibition in Alcoholic Beverage Establishments,

Item # 160062.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd left the meeting at 4:28 PM.

Chief Jones, Jorge Campos and Paris Owens spoke to the matter.

Josh Tester and owner of Loosey's spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee authorize GPD and City staff to move forward proposing amendments to Chapter 4, Article III, relating to Underage Prohibition Orders.*

Heard

170195.**Paid Parental Leave (B)**

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to hear a presentation from staff and to discuss Paid Parental Leave options.

Eugenia Allen made a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff and discuss Paid Parental Leave options.*

Heard

170237.**General Policy Committee Referral Lists (B)**

Items for discussion at the next GPC meeting: 1) No. 150991 - Key City/County Issues & Alachua County Draft Stormwater Treatment Manual; and 2) Smart Cities (a referral from the Broadband Connectivity Subcommittee at their meeting of 7/14/17, with a motion by Commissioner Arreola and seconded by Commissioner Ward. Motion passed unanimously).

New date for Item No. 160200 (Prohibit the use of Conversion Therapy from Homosexuality in the City of Gainesville). Moved to 9/14/17.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed appropriate.*

ADJOURNMENT - 5:25 PM