

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

January 20, 2022

10:00 AM

City Hall Auditorium

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)*  
*Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (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 - 10:00 AM**

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**INVOCATION**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Includes both Consent and Regular Agenda Items. Consent Agenda Items that will not be discussed, may include Advocacy Resolutions)**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Saco

**CA CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**CA-1** [210673.](#) Request to Release Lien at 1127 NE 22nd Ct. (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission accept the Magistrate's recommendation and reduce the lien to zero and authorize the City Manager to execute a release of lien.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-2** [210680.](#) Request to Release Lien at 118 SE 24th St. (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Based on the violations not being corrected until the demolition of the structures on the property by the City and the costs associated with the demolition not being paid, the City recommends no reductions of the liens, fines or costs.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-3** [210733.](#) Dr. Ebrahim - Voluntary Annexation Petition For .66 +/- Acres of Property on SW 13th Street (B)

RECOMMENDATION

*The City Commission: 1) receive the petition for annexation and make findings that it contains the signature of the property owners or authorized agents; 2) authorize the Mayor to provide notice to the Board of County Commissioners; 3) direct the City Manager to analyze the area; and 4) authorize the City Attorney to prepare and the City Clerk to advertise ordinances relating to the annexation of the area, if appropriate.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-4**     [210734.](#)

**UF Health Shands - SW 13th Street Voluntary Annexation Petitions For 8.98+/- Acres of Property On SW 13th Street (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The City Commission: 1) receive the petitions for annexation and make findings that it contains the signature of the property owners or authorized agents; 2) authorize the Mayor to provide notice to the Board of County Commissioners; 3) direct the City Manager to analyze the area; and 4) authorize the City Attorney to prepare and the City Clerk to advertise ordinances relating to the annexation of the area, if appropriate.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-5**     [210777.](#)

**Federal Transit Administration (FTA) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Grant Allocation for Regional Transit System (RTS) (B)**

This item is a request for the City Commission to authorize RTS to submit an application for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Urbanized Area Formula grant.

RECOMMENDATION

*The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee submit an application for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Urbanized Area Formula grant for the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-6**     [210785.](#)

**Ratification of Amendment to the Agreement between the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 2157, Professional Firefighters Bargaining Unit and the City of Gainesville for October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The City Commission ratify the amendment to the Agreement between the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 2157, Professional Firefighters Bargaining Unit and the City of Gainesville, through September 30, 2024.*

Approved as Recommended

**CA-7**    [210802.](#)    **Human Resources Policy L-6: Holidays (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *Approve revision to Human Resources Policy L-6: Holidays.*

Approved as Recommended

**CA-8**    [210793.](#)    **General Government Internal Control over Financial Reporting Audit (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *The Audit Committee recommends the City Commission accept the City Auditor's report.*

Approved as Recommended

**CA-9**    [210794.](#)    **Colliers International Florida, LLC Contract Compliance Audit (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *The Audit Committee recommends the City Commission accept the City Auditor's report.*

Approved as Recommended

**CA-10**    [210822.](#)    **Consulting Services for Oversight and Compliance for American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and Other Grant Funds (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission 1) Approve the ranking of the firms as recommended by the evaluation committee, 2) Authorize the Interim City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute a contract with Government Services Group, LLC, the first ranked firm, or if no contract agreement can be reached with them to negotiate and execute a contract with the next ranked firm subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

Approved as Recommended

**EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - Members of the public who are unable to wait for their agenda item(s) to be called during the meeting may speak during Early Public Comment. Comment is limited to three (3) minutes on one agenda item or five (5) minutes on two or more agenda items. Speaking during Early Public Comment waives the right to comment during later agenda items.**

*Mark Merwitzer*

**BD    BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS (Agenda Items that will be discussed, including those moved from Consent)**

**BD-1**    [210805.](#)    **Vision Zero Update and Traffic Road Safety (B)**

*Motion:*

1. *Inform the community of our intent to set the speed limit for all city roads to 30mph and all neighborhoods to 20mph (bring back a report of what city roads would be affected). Accompany the change with a plan for an educational campaign and increased enforcement plan.*
2. *Send a letter to the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Transportation asking them to follow suit for roads that run through city limits.*
3. *Staff to bring back an analysis of the use of flashing yellow signals throughout the city and if we should take a different approach.*
4. *Include safe pedestrian access as a goal to all parks in our master plan moving forward. Parks are to be within 10 minutes of all neighbors, but “safe” pedestrian access should be added to that goal.*
5. *Bring all further Vision Zero recommendations to the Commission for updates moving forward. The goal is to hear regular updates on progress.*
6. *Bring back a report for what resources are needed to speed up the Vision Zero timeline and expand the scope of the project and bring back for discussion.*
7. *Bring back a memo on the Attorney General’s opinion on the city’s ability to lower speeds on county owned roads.*
8. *Bring back an analysis on the impact of limiting/eliminating right on red in our city.*
9. *Bring back an analysis on eliminating striking lanes/suicide lanes (center turn lanes).*

*Cynthia Curry, Interim City Manager spoke to the item*

*Malisa McCreedy, Director of Transportation and Mobility spoke to the item.*

*Phil Mann spoke to the item.*

*Jesus Gomez, RTS Director spoke to the item.*

*Lonnie Scott, Acting Chief of Police spoke to the item.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Chris Furlow, Tana Silva, Kristen Young, Amy Gilmore, David Eastman, Debbie Martinez.*

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

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Saco

**BD-2**    [210749.](#)

**City of Gainesville (COG)/Gainesville Housing Authority (GHA) Potential Partnership Plan (B)**

*Motion: Move forward with developing the Memorandum of Understanding.*

*Cynthia Curry introduced Helen Harris.*

*Helen Harris, Housing and Community Development Supervisor gave a presentation.*

*Mr. Kiner and Pam Davis spoke to the item.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Dejeon Cain, Armando Grundy-Gomes, Tana Silva, Telford Cartwright, Debbie Martinez.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission provide feedback on the proposed details of the Plan.*

**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 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Saco

**RECESS - 12:44 PM**

**BD-3**    [210792.](#)

**Auditor General's Report (B)**

*Ginger Bigbie, City Auditor spoke to the item.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Debbie Martinez, Nathan Skop, Brian O'Brien.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Audit Committee recommends the City Commission discuss and accept the Auditor General's report.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Saco

**RE RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (Unless mandated by statute to occur in the evening: May include Advocacy Resolutions and Binding Resolutions)**

**RECONVENE - 1:04 PM**

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**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

*James Gardner, Jodie Telg, Telford Cartwright, Rev. Ron Rawls, Faye Williams, Debbie Martinez, Armando Grundy-Gomes, Beverly Craig, Tana Silva, Nathan Skop.*

**RECESS - 2:25 PM**

**BD BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**RE RESOLUTIONS**

**OR ORDINANCES**

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

*Commissioner Ward :*  
1) *City Manager's/Planning - Report on Renter's Right Ordinance (update/progress).*  
2) *Adding Items to Future Agendas: Parking Discussion on February 3, 2022; State of GRU Natural Gas Subsidies Program Update on February 3, 2022;*

*Interim status of DOE & I and City Attorney "Discussion of Interim Status".*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola - Economic Development & Strategies, including unsolicited proposals, etc., Referral to Policy Team.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos - Also wants staff to bring recommended changes if need be.*

**RECESS - 5:39 PM**

**RECONVENE - 6:00 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PR PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

**PR-1 [210803.](#) Paul B. Davis Day - January 20, 2022 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION GRU Engineer Supervisor Jennifer McElroy and GRU Water Wastewater Officer Anthony Cunningham to accept the proclamation.

Heard

**PR-2 [210804.](#) Zero Waste Week - January 23 - 29, 2022 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION Zero Waste Founder and Co-Chair Nina Bhattacharyya and Zero Waste Co-Chair Amanda Waddle to accept the proclamation.

Heard

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**RE RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (required by state law to be heard at 6:00 pm)**

**BD BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**PH PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Planning Petitions)**



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**ORDINANCES - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (required by state law to be heard at 6:00 pm)****SR SECOND READINGS****SR-1 [200887](#) Quasi-Judicial - Rezoning 83.79 Acres of Property Located on the 755-1100 Block on the South Side of NE 39th Avenue (B)**

Ordinance No. 200887

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Zoning Map Atlas by rezoning approximately 83.79 acres of property generally located on the 755-1100 block on the south side of NE 39th Avenue, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Planned Development (PD) to Automotive-Oriented Business (BA), Urban 2 (U2), and Urban 6 (U6); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**SR-2 [210595](#) Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 Related to Elections (B)**

Ordinance No. 210595

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances related to elections to conform to the charter amendments approved by voters on November 6, 2018; revising Chapter 9 to align the city election with the statewide primary election and the runoff election to coincide with the statewide general election; revising section 9-11 by changing the campaign contribution limit from \$250 to the limit set by statute; revising section 9-14 by providing that the county canvassing board will be used for the city election that coincides with the statewide primary election; updating section 9-14 to provide for vote-by-mail ballots instead of absentee ballots; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Telford Cartwright*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**SR-3**     [210651.](#)

**Ordinance Amending Appendix A by Revising Fees for Controlled Vehicular Parking Area Service and Commercial Permits (B)**

ORDINANCE NO. 210651

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 for controlled vehicular parking area service and commercial permits; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

**RECOMMENDATION**             *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Saco, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**SR-4**     [200413.](#)

**Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 to allow for Exclusive Franchise Agreement (B)**

ORDINANCE NO. 200413

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Article III, Chapter 27, Code of Ordinances titled "Solid Waste Disposal," to allow the City to enter into an exclusive franchise agreement for the collection of solid waste, change the term of non-exclusive commercial franchises to one month during any year in which the City is transitioning to an exclusive franchise system, and allow the City to grant exclusive certificates of registration for residential and commercially-collected residential property; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

*Public Comment: Marcy Lathart*

**RECOMMENDATION**             *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

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

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**SR-5**    [210666](#).

**Text Change- GCRA Advisory Board Membership (B)**

Ordinance No. 210666

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Section 2-408 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances relating to the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area advisory board; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**FR        FIRST READINGS**

**FR-1**    [210278](#).

**Voluntary Annexation - 4 Acres of Privately-Owned Property West of SW 13th Street and South of SW 36th Place (B)**

Ordinance No. 210278

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, annexing approximately four (4) acres of privately-owned property generally located west of SW 13th Street and south of SW 36th Place, as more specifically described in this ordinance, as petitioned for by the property owner(s) pursuant to Chapter 171, Florida Statutes; making certain findings; providing for inclusion of the property in Appendix I of the City Charter; providing for land use plan, zoning, and subdivision regulations, and enforcement of same; providing for persons engaged in any occupation, business, trade, or profession; providing directions to the City Clerk; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Jason Simmons, Planner gave a presentation.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Telford Cartwright*

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**FR-2**    [210729.](#)

**Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Property Rights Element (B)**

Ordinance No. 210729

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Gainesville by adding a Property Rights Element; providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission continue First Reading to February 3, 2022..*

**Continued to February 3, 2022.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

*Commissioner Ward - Request to GRU for an explanation as to why the GRU/UF deal fell through on February 3, 2022.*

*Commissioner Duncan-Walker - Thanks for support for the Cultural Arts Center. Energy Equity Task Force - Traveling to Tallahassee to voice concerns at Capitol.*

*Ed Bielarski spoke to Commissioner Ward's comments.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos expressed disappointment with UF's proposal.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola - Economic Development Projects - wants city to support bipartisan. Support is there for Patricia Lee's project. Understands we're here on an Interim basis and wants all to work together.*

*Mayor Poe - Alachua League of Cities sponsoring one day state meeting with delegation bus trip.*

**ADJOURNMENT - 6:42 PM**

