

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

January 13, 2022

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

General Policy Committee

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 - 1:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[210745.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the January 13, 2022 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the January 13, 2022 minutes.*

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 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[210761.](#) **Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission appoint:*

Susan Jacobson to the Nature Centers Commission with a term ending 11/1/2024.

Marc Frank to the Tree Advisory Board with a term ending 1/1/2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by

Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

[210784.](#)

ARPA Funding Request for the Gainesville Police Department's One Community Response to Gun Violence (B)

GPD Assistant Police Chief Terry Pierce gave a presentation.

1:05 pm: Commissioner Arreola arrived to the meeting.

GPD Chief Tony Jones and John Alexander, GPD, spoke to the matter.

Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.

Public Comment: Danielle, James Gardner, Donald Shepherd, Ron Rawls, Nathan Skop, Sharon Burnie, Dejeon Cain

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear a presentation by the Gainesville Police Department on its One Community Initiative response to gun violence.

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

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

[210790.](#)

Cultural Arts Centers and Their Effect on Youth Violence and Poverty (B)

Motion: Move this item to the next phase of the policy process; the City Manager convene a working group to work with the University of Florida, School Board and other members of the coalition to bring back a proposal including information on cost, personnel, and involvement by community partners.

Morgan Spicer, Interim Policy Administrator, introduced the item. Kailyn Escobar, Policy Fellow, gave a presentation.

Andrew Telles, Dionne Champion and Osubi Craig, University of Florida, spoke to the matter.

Dr. Carlee Simon, Superintendent, Alachua County Public Schools, spoke to the matter.

Marshall Davis, African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, spoke to the matter.

Public Comment: Danielle Chanzas, Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Armando Grundy-Gomes

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear the presentation from staff and discuss.*

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

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

[210786.](#)

Request for ARPA Funds-- National League of Cities' One Nation, One Project: Improving Community Health and Resilience through the Arts Initiative (B)

Motion: Approve staff recommendation to allocate 20% of ARPA funds toward a proposal to the National League of Cities' proposal; and authorize the City to submit a proposal for the initiative presented.

Andrew Telles, Dionne Champion and Osubi Craig, University of Florida, spoke to the matter.

Interim City Manager Curry spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Saco requested an update on ARPA funds allocated for projects after this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission 1) hear a presentation on how the project could be set up to address the RFP and discuss, 2) if in agreement, approve the allocation of 2% of the City's ARPA funds toward a potential proposal to the National League of Cities' proposal in response to the RFP, 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare and submit a proposal for the One Nation, One Project: Improving Community Health and Resilience through the Arts Initiative before February 4, 2022.*

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

210760.**Community Resource Paramedicine Plan Presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue (B)**

This item requests that the General Policy Committee hear a presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue on the Community Resource Paramedicine Plan for consideration of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding.

Motion: Approve the recommended funding allocation from ARPA funds to the Community Resource Paramedicine Program (CRP).

GFR Chief Dixon and Kami Klejc, Program Coordinator, gave a presentation.

4:58 pm: Mayor Poe departed the meeting

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear the presentation from Gainesville Fire Rescue.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Poe

210740.**Administrative Session (B)**

Morgan Spicer, Interim Policy Oversight Administrator, introduced the item.

Motion: Approve the proposed quarterly GPC schedule with the following changes:

1) For the Feb. 10 meeting: Remove the Transition Plan for Boards item and place on a Regular City Commission meeting agenda; add the Wild Spaces/Infrastructure Surtax Ballot Initiative item; add a discussion on the City Charter update to special elections.

2) Move the Home ARP-HUD Grant Plan to the March 10 meeting.

The Commission requested regular updates on public safety (at a GPC or Regular City Commission meeting); updates from the Office of Equity and Inclusion; and regular discussions on the GCRA. The Commission also requested to: hear an update on Wild Spaces, Public Places and the Power

District at the first GPC in April (with Admin Session); add a discussion item on the Heritage Trail at the next Special Meeting on the GCRA; to schedule an update from the Office of Equity and Inclusion for the full City Commission as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee will set their agendas for the 2nd quarter of FY22.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Poe

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 27, 2022

ADJOURNMENT - 5:24 PM