

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

February 5, 2015

1:00 PM

MODIFIED AGENDA

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)
Commissioner Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls (District 1)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Todd Chase (District 2)
Commissioner Craig Carter (District 3)
Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER**AGENDA STATEMENT**

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ROLL CALL**INVOCATION**

Prophet George Young

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (Including both General Government and Gainesville Regional Utilities items)**CITY MANAGER, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

[140602.](#)

Ratification of Amendment to the Agreement between the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1579 (ATU) Bargaining Unit and the City of Gainesville for October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 (B)

This item is to ratify a one-year Wages Amendment to the Agreement between the City and the ATU Bargaining Unit.

Explanation: Following impasse proceedings, this Amendment to the Agreement was reached through negotiations between the ATU Bargaining Unit and the City of Gainesville, and was ratified by the ATU Bargaining Unit on January 14, 2015. This Amendment resolves the Wages reopener for the second year of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, which extends to September 30, 2015.

A copy of the Amendment is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Commission. After February 5, 2015, the Amendment will be on file in the Human Resources Department.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in the RTS fund balance for the retroactive portion

of these raises. The cost impact of the raises going forward is included in FY15 budgeted payroll for RTS.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission ratify the Amendment to the Agreement between the ATU Bargaining Unit and the City of Gainesville.*

[140602A_ATU Wages FY14_20150205.pdf](#)

[140602B_ATU Exhibit A for FY14_20150205.pdf](#)

[140602C_ATU Wages FY 14 Underline-Strikethrough_20150205.pdf](#)

[140602D_ATU Exhibit A for FY 14 Underline-Strikethrough_20150205.pdf](#)

[140602E_ATU FY 14 Wages Reopener Signature Page_20150205.pdf](#)

[140658.](#)

Spirit of Blue Foundation Partnership Grant (NB)

This is a request for City Commission approval to accept the Spirit of Blue Foundation Partnership Grant.

Explanation: Through the Gainesville Police Department's collaboration with the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding (RPCP), the RPCP entered into a new partnership with the Spirit of Blue Foundation to forge new grounds in increasing the safety and positive perception of officers in communities everywhere. With this initiative the Spirit of Blue Foundation believes it can impact agencies effectiveness in community policing and save lives. By building capacity and skills, agencies can redefine their roles and relationships with those youth and adults they come in contact with and interrupt the cycle of violence.

The RPCP has officially been awarded a Safety Training Grant by the Spirit of Blue Foundation to fund the Police-Youth Dialogue program through the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding (RPCP) with collaboration by the GPD. The value of the grant is \$6,375 which will be paid to the RPCP.

Fiscal Note: The Funds received by the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding are to be used to provide training, public relations and community outreach materials with the collaboration and assistance of the GPD. The GPD will not receive any funds from the grant.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the RPCP to collaborate and assist in developing training, public relations and community outreach materials, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

CITY ATTORNEY, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

[140647.](#)

WILLIAM A. NEWSOM, MD D/B/A EYE ASSOCIATES OF GAINESVILLE, LLC V. CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES (GRU); EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CASE NO. 2014-SC-4285 (B)

Explanation: On January 6, 2015, the City received a copy of a Statement of Claim filed by William A. Newsom, MD d/b/a Eye Associates of Gainesville, LLC in Small Claims Court against the City of Gainesville and GRU. Mr. Newsom is contesting the application of the municipal utility tax (also known as the Public Service Tax) on different charges on the utility bill. Mr. Newsom is claiming damages less than \$5,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the City Attorney to represent the City in the case styled William A. Newsom, MD d/b/a Eye Associates of Gainesville, LLC v. City of Gainesville and Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU); Eighth Judicial Circuit, Case No. 2014-SC-4285.

[140647_William Newsom Consent_20150205.pdf](#)

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

[140671.](#)

Appointments to the City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (NB)

Modification - Changed Wording

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission appoint:
Kathryn A. Horter to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board for a term to expire 12/31/18
Leslie E. Straub, Jonathan Reiskind and Katherine C. Ewel to the Nature Centers Commission for a term to expire 11/1/18
William D. Chapman to Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee for a term to expire 9/30/18
Jarrold N. Cruz to the Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board for a term to expire 9/30/18
Katelynd E. Todd to the Student Community Relations Advisory Board for a term to expire 9/30/16
Ryan C. Stith to the Gainesville Human Rights Board for a term to expire 2/22/18
Earther M. Wright to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development for a term to expire 11/1/18
Christopher K. Weaver to the Gainesville Housing Authority for a term to expire 8/1/19.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DIRECTOR, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS****END OF CONSENT AGENDA****ADOPTION OF THE UTILITIES REGULAR AGENDA (Read if any, each item added or modified)****UTILITY-RELATED CITIZEN COMMENT (not to exceed 30 minutes in length)****GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES**[140674.](#)**NERC Operating Standard and Cyber Security Compliance Requirements (B)**

This is an informational item regarding the impact of federally mandated electric system reliability standards on GRU's operating practices, cyber security and compliance programs.

Explanation: The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Standards became mandatory and enforceable July 1, 2007. Throughout the ensuing years additional required operating and security standards have continued to emerge and be put into effect. GRU has implemented effective compliance programs to date, however the requirements are ever increasing in complexity and cost. The latest and most demanding version of the CIP Standards (version 5) will become enforceable April 1, 2016 and will be of significant impact to existing resources.

Fiscal Note: The initial and recurring cost to comply with the NERC Reliability Standards will increase significantly with the implementation of Version 5 of the CIP Standards.

RECOMMENDATION

City Commission hear a presentation from staff regarding the federally mandated electric system reliability standards that impact operating practice and cyber security, and GRU's compliance programs.

[140674 GRU NERC Program 20150205](#)

[140391.](#)**GRU 2015 Business Plan First Quarter Update (B)**

This is an informational item to update the Commission on the first quarter results of GRU's 2015 Business Plan.

Modification - New Back-up

Explanation: The Gainesville Regional Utilities 2015 Business plan was developed by staff, with input from and approval of the City Commission. The Business Plan outlines priorities, objectives, measures and indicators to gauge progress against targeted performance goals for the utility.

Fiscal Note: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear an update from staff on the 2015 Business Plan's first quarter results.

Legislative History

10/16/14 City Commission Heard

[140391 GRU 2015 Business Plan Overview 20141016](#)

[140391 GRU 2015 Business Plan 20141016](#)

[140391 GRU 2015 Business Plan Presentation 20141016](#)

[140391 GRU 2015 Biz Plan 1Q Update 20150205](#)

[140675.](#)

GRU Project SHARE Update (B)

This is an informational item regarding the status of GRU's Project Share program.

Modification - Revised PowerPoint

Explanation: GRU's Project SHARE Program was established more than 20 years ago to provide assistance to those who have difficulty paying their utility bill due to financial hardship. This program is funded by voluntary donations from citizens, GRU customers and employees. GRU partners with 3 non-profit agencies to administer the Project SHARE funds: Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, and Gainesville Community Ministry. In FY2014, Project SHARE raised \$73,275.00, assisting more than 450 customers.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear an update on the GRU Project SHARE program from Community Relations Interim Director, Yvette Carter.

[140675 Project Share Presentation \(Rev\) 20150205](#)

UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORTS (PULLED FROM CONSENT)

REGIONAL UTILITIES COMMITTEE

[140669.](#)

RUC Recommendation to Allocate Funds to the Community Weatherization Coalition (CWC) (NB)

Explanation: The CWC is a volunteer group of Gainesville citizens that coordinate and perform energy and water surveys on residential properties. GRU was involved in the creation of this group and continues to support their efforts through program guidance, training support, and referrals.

At the January 8, 2015 RUC meeting, staff made a presentation on the status of the Low-income Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP). In the ensuing discussion, the RUC unanimously approved recommending to the City Commission to 1) allocate \$3,000 from LEEP's budget to go to CWC for this current fiscal year, 2) request GRU to include a \$25,000 budget increment for CWC for the next fiscal year (2016), and 3) request staff to coordinate with CWC on possible grant funding opportunities through American Public Power Association's (APPA) Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments (DEED) program. If approved by the City Commission and prior to distribution of funds, staff would develop appropriate monitoring criteria for the use of these funds.

Fiscal Note: The \$3,000.00 in item one is available in the LEEP budget for this fiscal year. The impact of reducing the budget may reduce the goal of improving 124 homes to 123 homes. Funds for the second recommendation will be requested in the 2016 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission 1) approve RUC's recommendation to reduce the current fiscal year's (2015) Low-income Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP) budget by \$3,000 to make a contribution to the Community Weatherization Coalition (CWC) and 2) authorize the Interim General Manager, or designee, to establish a budget, not to exceed \$25,000 for fiscal year 2016, to pay for CWC's services to GRU electric residential customers.

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPORTS (Reports must be placed on the agenda by Charter Officer, through staff liaison after approval by Board/Committee).

UTILITY-RELATED ITEMS FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES (Must be submitted by a Charter Officer. Update limited to ten (10) minutes).

UTILITY-RELATED ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

UTILITY-RELATED COMMISSION COMMENTS (if time permits)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ITEMS OF A TIME-SENSITIVE OR IMPORTANT NATURE OR PULLED FROM CONSENT (Must be submitted or pulled by the Mayor, a City Commissioner or a Charter Officer).

CLERK OF COMMISSION

[140670.](#)

Appointment to the Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss appointment to the Gainesville/Alachua County Regionl Airport Authority and take appropriate action.*

[140670_GACRAAAppointment_20150205.pdf](#)

[140681.](#)

2015 Canvass Board (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission appoint a citizen as a Canvass Board Member.*

CITY MANAGER

[140659.](#)

Selection of Candidates for City Auditor Interviews (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to select candidates to be interviewed for the City Auditor position and approve a special meeting for interviews.

Modification - Changed Wording

Explanation: On August 21, 2014, the City Commission authorized the Human Resources/Organizational Development (HR/OD) Department to engage the services of an executive search firm in preparation of the April 2, 2015 retirement of City Auditor Brent Godshalk. Bob Murray and Associates a/k/a S. Renee Narloch & Associates conducted a search. The firm has provided a summary, along with the resumes, of the most highly qualified candidates for consideration.

Selected candidates will be interviewed on February 23, 2015 by the full City Commission. Candidates will have individual interviews with Commissioners on February 24, 2015. Candidates will meet the Charter Officers, the City Auditor Staff and will receive a tour of Gainesville. The interview process is expected to take approximately seven hours each day, depending on the number of candidates selected. A special meeting will be requested for the evening of February 24th should the Commission be ready to select a candidate at that time. They may

choose to defer the selection of the City Auditor to the March 5th regularly scheduled City Commission meeting.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) Select at least three (3), but no more than seven (7), applicants to move forward in the selection process; 2) Authorize Bob Murray and Associates a/k/a S. Renee Narloch & Associates to invite the selected candidates to participate in the interview process; 3) Approve a special meeting for City Auditor interviews on February 23rd at 8:30 a.m.; and 4) Authorize the H.R. Department to work with the Clerk of Commission to schedule a special meeting on February 24th to select the City Auditor (if deemed appropriate), and authorize the Mayor to negotiate a contract with the successful candidate.

[140659_Candidates for City Auditor_20150205.pdf](#)

[140587.](#)

Construction Management at Risk with a Guaranteed Maximum Price Services for the Fire Station Number One Project (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to approve the recommended ranking of firms for Construction Management at Risk with a Guaranteed Maximum Price Services for the Fire Station Number One Project.

Explanation: On September 30, 2014, the City's Purchasing Division solicited written statements of qualifications to provide construction management at risk with guaranteed maximum price services for the Fire Station Number one construction project to be located on the east side of South Main Street in the 500 block (RFP #GFDX-150023-PJ). Eight (8) construction management firms submitted written statements of qualifications on November 5, 2014. Evaluation of the written statements resulted in the invitation of four (4) firms to present orally to the evaluators. These presentations were held on December 4, 2014 and further established the firms' qualifications, project approach and methodology for the project. On January 16, 2015, Matthew Webster, Vice President of Diversified Projects Division at Charles Perry Partners, Inc., sent an email to the city's Purchasing Manager that they would like to be withdrawn from consideration.

The evaluators rank the firms as follows:

- 1) Gilbane Building Company
- 2) Parrish-McCall Constructors
- 3) Wharton-Smith, Inc.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available through the City of Gainesville Capital Improvement

Plan that provides \$6,000,000 for the project.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) approve the evaluation team's ranking of the Construction Management Firms; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to initiate contract negotiations with the qualified firms in accordance with the Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA); and 3) authorize the City Manager or designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute an agreement for Construction Management at Risk with a Guaranteed Maximum Price Services for the Fire Station Number One Project, subject to approval from the City Attorney as to form and legality, in an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount for such services.

Legislative History

1/15/15 City Commission Continued

[140587A_Evaluation Ranking_20150115.pdf](#)

[140587B_Email_20150205.pdf](#)

RECREATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

[140581.](#)

Paynes Prairie Sheet Flow Project Operations (B)

This item involves a request to receive an update from staff on the status of the Paynes Prairie Sheet Flow project and to review recommendations from the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding public access.

Explanation: On December 4, 2014, the City Commission referred the Paynes Prairie Sheet Flow Project operations alternatives and costs to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works (RCAPW) Committee. Representatives of GRU, the Audubon Society and Sierra Club were invited to the meeting to discuss this matter.

The RCAPW Committee discussed this item and received a presentation from staff on January 8, 2015. After the presentation, the Committee received input from several Alachua Audubon Society members, the Sierra Club, and interested citizens in support of opening the park for public use as soon as possible. After much discussion, the committee approved the recommendation shown below.

Fiscal Note: Currently the City's General Government budget does not have funding allocated for operation of the public access elements of the Paynes Prairie Sheet Flow project. Staff has estimated costs for the operation of the public use elements in the park to be \$51,492 for weekend operation starting May 1st through the remainder of FY15, and \$126,800

for 7 day service in FY16. Fiscal resources need to be identified.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) receive an update from staff on the status of the Paynes Prairie Sheet Flow project; 2) direct the City Manager to include an increment for City Commission consideration as part of the FY16 budget for operating costs covering daily public park use; 3) direct the City Manager to prepare an agenda item for City Commission consideration with options for funding operating costs covering weekend public park use from May 1, 2015 through the end of FY15; 4) direct staff to continue to explore all partnership opportunities including with Florida State Parks, the University of Florida and the Alachua County School Board; and 5) request that as the City representative to the Alachua County Tourism Development Council, the Mayor take this item to the Council for potential support.

Legislative History

12/4/14	City Commission	Referred to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
1/8/15	Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee	Approved as shown above (See Motion)

[140581_Staff Presentation_20150108.pdf](#)

[140581_Sheetflow Presentation_20150205.pdf](#)

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (5:30pm)

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

[140672.](#)

School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day - February 5, 2015 (B)

RECOMMENDATION

Gainesville Police Department Specialty Units Commander Lt. Anthony Ferrara and Supervisor for School Crossing Guards PST Supervisor Robert Huff to accept the proclamation.

[140672_CrossingGuard_20150205.pdf](#)

[140673.](#)

Home Matters for Gainesville Month - February 2015 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *UF Bateman Team Andrea Cepeda to accept the proclamation.*

[140673_HomeMatters_20150205.pdf](#)

[140687.](#)

Special Recognition to the Gainesville Youth Cultural Ambassadors (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear the Special Recognition.*

[140687_YouthChorus_20150205.pdf](#)

CITIZEN COMMENT (to end at a time certain of 6:30pm or at such later time as allows for 30 minutes of citizen comment)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTIONS- ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[140638.](#)

Resolution Adopting the Recording of Regulatory Assets Related to Debt Issuance Costs and Costs Recoverable in Future Years Related to the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center (GREC) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Accounting Treatment. (B)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING OF REGULATORY ASSETS RELATED TO DEBT ISSUANCE COSTS AND RECORDING OF REGULATORY ASSETS FOR COSTS RECOVERABLE IN FUTURE YEARS RELATED TO THE GAINESVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH GASB STATEMENT NO. 62; PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS WITH RESPECT THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Explanation: GRU had bond issuance costs recorded as assets which were amortized over the life of the applicable bonds prior to fiscal year 2014. GRU is required to follow accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). For fiscal year 2014, GRU adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities. This statement requires the expensing of debt issuance costs unless regulatory treatment is elected. This resolution approves regulatory treatment of these costs which existed as of September 30, 2013 as well as regulatory treatment of debt issuance costs incurred in future bond issuances.

GRU has adopted capital lease treatment for the GREC PPA. In accordance with GASB 62, paragraphs 476-500, Regulated Operations, GRU has elected to record costs recoverable in future years in relation to the capital lease treatment of the GREC PPA as a regulatory asset to be recovered from customers over the life of the PPA.

The adoption of debt issuance costs as a regulatory asset will allow expensing of those assets over the lives of the bonds which is consistent with current accounting treatment. The adoption of capital lease activity as a regulatory asset will allow for net deferred costs attributable to the PPA to be recovered over the life of the PPA.

Adoption of the resolution will result in GRU's continued compliance with accounting standards.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact from the adoption of this accounting treatment.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

[140638 Resolution and Policy Mods Regulatory Items 20150205](#)

[140638 GRU Lease Accounting PPA Baker Tilley 20150205](#)

ADOPTION READING

[140513.](#)

QUASI-JUDICIAL - DEEMING STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 207 NE 7TH STREET AS CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES TO THE NORTHEAST RESIDENTIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT (B)

Ordinance No. 140513; Petition No. PB-14-155 MSC

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, deeming structures generally located at 207 NE 7th Street, as more specifically described in this ordinance, as contributing structures to the Northeast Residential Historic District in accordance with the historic preservation and conservation provisions of Section 30-112 of the Land Development Code; providing directions to the City Manager; providing directions to the Clerk of the Commission; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

This ordinance will deem two structures generally located at 207 NE 7th Street as "contributing structures" to the NE Residential Historic District, which will thereby protect these structures with the historic resources preservation and conservation provisions found in Section 30-112 of the Land Development Code. To receive the protections afforded in Section 30-112, a structure must (by adoption of the City Commission) either be:

1) individually listed on the local register of historic places, or 2) located within and deemed a "contributing structure" to an established historic district. The substantive criteria for designating a structure as a contributing structure to a historic district is found in Section 30-112(d) (3).

The property is approximately 0.48 acres in size, has RMF-5 zoning (a low-density, multi-family zoning), and the buildings on the property are in use as a nursing home. On January 6, 2009, the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) heard Petitions 4COA-09HPB and 1AVT-09HPB, concerning the rehabilitation/renovation of the two subject residences that were moved from SW 9th Road to 207 NE 7th Street in the NE Residential Historic District. In addition, there was a request for an ad valorem tax exemption related to the work on the buildings. At that meeting, there was a mention in the staff report that the HPB make a determination that the buildings be eligible for the tax exemption as contributing structures to the NE Residential Historic District. Unfortunately, the recommendation about the structures being contributing was not explicitly stated in the motion for approval and there was no recommendation to amend the NE Residential Historic District map to show the buildings as contributing. Since changes to contributing status on historic district maps also require action by the City Plan Board and the City Commission, staff requested that the HPB formally make that recommendation. As a result, on December 2, 2014, the HPB approved Petition HP-14-68, finding that the subject structures are contributing structures to the NE Residential Historic District and recommending that the item be referred to the City Plan Board, and ultimately to the City Commission, to amend the NE Residential Historic District map to designate these buildings as contributing structures.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on January 22, 2015, and recommended approval of this petition.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires one hearing and shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: (1) approve Petition No. PB-14-155 MSC, and (2) adopt the proposed ordinance.

[140513 draft ordinance 20150205.pdf](#)
[140513B Staff report 20150205.pdf](#)
[140513C Exh 1 Application 20150205.pdf](#)
[140513D Exh 2 Map showing proposed designation 20150205.pdf](#)
[140513E Exh 3 Photos of property 20150205.pdf](#)
[140513F Exh 4 Petition HP-14-68 20150205.pdf](#)
[140513G CPB minutes draft 20150205.pdf](#)
[140513H staff ppt 20150205.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[140463.](#)

QUASI-JUDICIAL - HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION - 207 NE 7th STREET (B)

Ordinance No. 140463

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, finding that property located at 207 NE 7th Street, Gainesville, Florida, as more specifically described in this ordinance, qualifies for an ad valorem tax exemption for historic properties; granting an exemption from ad valorem tax for certain improvements beginning January 1, 2015, and continuing for 10 years under certain conditions; authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk of the Commission to sign the Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Covenant between the property owner and the City; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chapter 25, Article IV, of the Code of Ordinances authorizes the City Commission to grant ad valorem tax exemptions for historic properties pursuant to Florida law. In order to approve a property for such exemption, the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) and the City Commission must determine that a particular property is eligible for the property tax exemption (i.e., historical designation or contributing property) and that it has been improved consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

The process for a property owner to receive a historic preservation property tax exemption entails two steps. First, the property owner submitted Part 1 (Preconstruction Application) of the Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Application for the restoration/rehabilitation of a contributing residential building in the Northeast Residential Historic District. Part 1 was approved by the HPB on January 6, 2009, with a finding that the property was eligible for the exemption and that the proposed improvements met the required

standards.

Second, the applicant completed the restoration/rehabilitation work and submitted Part 2 of the property tax exemption application (Final Application for Review of Completed Work). Staff inspected the completed work and found the work meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings as well as the City's Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings. On October 7, 2014, the HPB approved Part 2 with a finding that the eligible property has been improved consistent with the required standards; the HPB recommended the City Commission approve same. The renovations eligible for the tax exemption total \$707,228.74. However, pursuant to City Code and State Statute, the actual amount of the exemption will be determined by the County Property Appraiser.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two hearings and shall become effective immediately upon adoption; however, the ad valorem tax exemption shall be effective as of January 1, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

Legislative History

1/15/15 City Commission Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance) and Approved the Recommendation

[140463A draft ordinance 20150115.pdf](#)

[140463B Staff Report 20150115.pdf](#)

[140463C HPB 141007 Minutes and HPB 140906 Minutes 20150115.pdf](#)

[140463D Code of Ordinances Article IV 20150115.pdf](#)

[140463E staff ppt 20150115.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES, 1ST READING- ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[140657.](#)

TRANSITIONING THE DISABILITY BENEFITS CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO CITY EMPLOYEES FROM THE DISABILITY PLAN TO THE EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN (B)

Ordinance No. 140657

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Article VII, Divisions 5 (Employees Pension Plan) and 6 (Disability Plan) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville to transition the disability benefits currently provided to employees under the Disability Plan to the Employees Pension Plan; by amending Sections 2-523(c)(2) and 2-526 to add the disability benefits currently provided to employees

under the Disability Plan to the Employees Pension Plan; by amending Section 2-524 to provide for city funding of disability benefits; by amending Section 2-546 to close the Disability Plan; by amending Section 2-549(c) to provide for procedures for termination of the Disability Plan; by amending Section 2-550(e) to stop future eligibility in the Disability Plan; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: The City Commission, at its meeting of December 18, 2014, authorized the preparation and advertisement of this Ordinance. This Ordinance transitions the disability benefits currently provided to non-public safety City employees under the Disability Plan to the Employees Pension Plan. To accomplish this transition, this Ordinance amends the Employees Pension Plan to add the disability benefits currently provided to employees under the Disability Plan to the Employees Pension Plan as of February 20, 2015, amends the Disability Plan to stop future eligibility in the Disability Plan as of February 19, 2015, and amends the Disability Plan to provide for procedures for termination of the Disability Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

[140657_draft ordinance_20150205.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES, 2ND READING- ROLL CALL REQUIRED

PLAN BOARD PETITIONS

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD PETITIONS

SCHEDULED EVENING AGENDA ITEMS

[140690.](#)

Commissioner Craig Carter - Five Member City Commission (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss having five members on the City Commission instead of seven and take action deemed appropriate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMISSION COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT (If time available)

ADJOURNMENT (no later than 11:00PM - Mayor to schedule date and time to continue meeting)