

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes - Draft

September 30, 2020

3:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

Virtual Teleconference Meeting

## 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 - 3:01 PM**

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent** 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Saco

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion: Add CARES Act to the Agenda.*

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Saco

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

[200357.](#) **County Ballot Discussion (B)**

*Mari Daniels and Stephen Hofstetter gave presentations.*

*Penny Wheat gave a presentation.*

*Sylvia Torres spoke to the matter.*

*Andrew Persons spoke to the matter.*

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*Nathan Skop and Marylou Hildreth spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss the County ballot referendums for the upcoming Fall election.*

**Discussed**

[200375.](#) **CARES Act Discussion (NB)**

*Mr. Crosby spoke to the matter.*

*Michelle Liberman spoke to the matter.*

*The City Commission will send their proposals to the County (back-up plan).*

*Sylvia Torres spoke to the matter.*

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

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

**Discussed**

**TIME CERTAIN - 4:00 PM**

**200358.      COVID Response (Including UF) (NB)**

*Dr. Lauzardo spoke to the matter.*

*Dr. Mull spoke to the matter.*

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*Dr. Lane spoke to the matter.*

*Chip Howard spoke to the matter.*

*Nathan Skop and Kali Blount, spoke to the matter.*

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

**Discussed**

**200368.      Solid Waste Discussion (B)**

*Michelle Liberman spoke to the matter.*

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*Gus Olmos spoke to the matter.*

*Jim Harriott spoke to the matter.*

*Phil Mann spoke to the matter.*

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

**Discussed**

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

*Commissioner Simmons - Waldo Road and 39th Avenue. Mr. Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola: City and County staffs come back at the next meeting with cost funding sources for the Waldo Road Economic Development process. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Sacco absent. Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

*Commissioner Ward - Thanks to the County Commission for working together with the City.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola: 1) More strict regulations; and 2) Election - make sure that people are safe.*

**ADJOURNMENT - 6:21 PM**