

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

January 11, 2018

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room, City Hall, 200 East  
University Avenue, Gainesville, FL  
**General Policy Committee**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)*

*Commissioner 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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## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

## AGENDA STATEMENT

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## ROLL CALL

[170732.](#)

### **General Policy Committee Minutes (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of November 9 and December 14, 2017.*

[170732\\_GPC Minutes\\_20180111.pdf](#)

[160776.](#)

### **Gainesville Annexation Strategies (B)**

**This is a request to hear an update from staff on annexation strategies for the areas most impacted by the termination of the Fire Services Assistance Agreement (FSAA) and provide direction going forward.**

*Explanation: On August 24, 2017, the General Policy Committee (GPC) heard a presentation from staff and affected stakeholders in the unincorporated area, with a focus on the impact of the termination of the Fire Services Assistance Agreement (FSAA) and potential annexation strategies to provide relief to property owners who will see a reduction in service. Using spatial analysis and data analytics, staff presented the areas that would be most impacted by the termination of the FSAA, broken down into three tiers:*

*Tier 1*

*Tier 1 properties are outside of the City of Gainesville but currently receive fire services from Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR). The two closest fire stations to these properties are within the City of Gainesville and operated by GFR.*

- 1st closest fire station - GFR*
- 2nd closest fire station - GFR*

*Tier 2*

*Tier 2 properties are outside of the City of Gainesville and currently*

receive fire services from both GFR and Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR). The first closest station is within the City of Gainesville and operated by GFR, the second closest station is in the unincorporated area and operated by ACFR.

- 1st closest fire station - GFR
- 2nd closest fire station - ACFR

**Tier 3**

Tier 3 properties are outside of the City of Gainesville and currently receive fire services from both GFR and Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR). The first closest station is in the unincorporated area and operated by ACFR, the second closest station is in the City of Gainesville and operated by GFR.

- 1st closest fire station - ACFR
- 2nd closest fire station - GFR

All properties that fall in the Tier 1- Tier 3 areas will see a reduction in service when the FSAA is terminated.

Upon being presented with this research, the GPC directed staff to explore opportunities to survey residents who will be most impacted by the termination of the FSAA. Staff has since met with the Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) and the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections to develop a plan to survey those most impacted and schedule referendums in the neighborhoods where there is an interest from registered voters. This is a request to hear an update from staff and provide direction going forward.

*Fiscal Note:* The fiscal impact is to be determined.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee to receive a presentation from staff, discuss and take action deemed appropriate.

**Legislative History**

2/16/17	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
8/24/17	General Policy Committee	Discussed

[160776A Annexation Strategy Working PPT\\_20170824.pdf](#)

[160776B Annexation Strategies\\_20180111.pdf](#)

[160675.](#)

**Urban Development Standards (B)**

**This is a request to hear an update on the standards needed to develop urban areas.**

*Explanation:* Development and redevelopment in urban areas is complicated. Case by case exceptions create a challenging development review process for staff and the development community. A balance between City and GRU policies and requirements is critical for efficiency and requires a complex assessment and evaluation of older existing infrastructure.

On July 27, 2017 the General Policy Committee asked the City and GRU to:

- Continue evaluating alternative standards in urban areas
- Codify recommendations previously presented to General Policy Committee
- Research and present what it takes to consistently achieve the City's streetscape vision outlined in the New Land Development Code

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee: 1) Create an ongoing Development team that will continue to vet and align proposed changes to the Land Development Code, GRU Design Standards, and the Public Works Design Manual to ensure consistency; 2) Develop an internal conflict resolution process; 3) Rename "Urban Design Standards"; and 4) Remove item from the GPC referral list*

**Legislative History**

1/26/17	General Policy Committee	Heard
7/27/17	General Policy Committee	Approved as Recommended

[160675 Urban Development Standards Presentation 20170727.pdf](#)

[160675 MOD Urban Design Standards PPT 20180111](#)

[170655.](#)

**City's Investment Strategy (B)**

**This is a request for the General Policy Committee to review various investment strategies for the City.**

*Explanation: A local citizens group, Divest Gainesville, has requested that the City Commission consider enacting socially responsible investing and purchasing policies. These policies target support of fossil fuel pipelines, private prisons, or actions that violate indigenous sovereignty. City staff will be presenting the potential impacts to the General Policy Committee for consideration.*

*Fiscal Note: There aren't any expected expenses at this time.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from city staff and discuss options for moving forward.*

**Legislative History**

12/7/17	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
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[170655A\\_Gainesville Socially Responsible Investing Purchasing Analysis Revi:](#)  
[170655B\\_Divest Gainesville - Memo to the Mayor & City Commission\\_2018011](#)  
[170655\\_CWA\\_Divest Memo 1-9-2018\\_20180111.pdf](#)

[170716.](#)

### Replacement of RTS Sign - Rev. T.A. Wright (NB)

**RECOMMENDATION**            *General Policy Committee discuss.*

**Legislative History**

1/4/18            City Commission            Referred to the General Policy Committee

[170678.](#)

### General Policy Committee Referral List (B)

**This is a request for the General Policy Committee to review anticipated dates for pending items to be placed on an upcoming General Policy Committee Agenda.**

*Explanation: Staff was requested to provide anticipated dates that pending referrals would be placed on upcoming General Policy Committee Agendas.*

*Fiscal Note: None*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The General Policy Committee review the list of anticipated dates for pending referrals to be placed on upcoming General Policy Committee Agendas.*

[170678\\_GPC Referral List\\_20180111.pdf](#)

## ADJOURNMENT