

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

February 23, 2017

1:00 PM

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multi-Purpose Room, 301 SE 4th
Avenue, Gainesville, FL
General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Commissioner Craig Carter (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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ROLL CALL

[160788.](#)

General Policy Committee Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of February 9, 2017.

[160788_GPC minutes_20170223.pdf](#)

[Referral List.pdf](#)

[160773.](#)

Discussion on the Draft Land Development Code (B)

Discussion topics will include the upcoming public hearing timing, an update on proposed improvements to the document as a result of review by the Office of the City Attorney and the Department of Doing, and soliciting feedback from the City Commission. **

ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 20 MINS **

Explanation: The LDC has undergone a recent review by the Office of the City Attorney and the Department of Doing. The initial start of the update of the code was in 2012.

With a focus on creating a development code that is citizen and user friendly, we are crafting a code that is understandable to users regardless of the frequency of their interaction with the document. We are seeking the opportunity to share this vision with the Commission and solicit additional ideas on how to improve what we have created based on extensive stakeholder engagement. Our work has been based on improving the (document) user experience while being true to the tenets of community expectations for the built environment. Examples of changes that have been made include:

- *Placing all appeal provisions in one section*
- *Standardizing advisory board/commission language*
- *Inserting graphics to illustrate code provisions*
- *Amending “planner speak” to common usage phrasing*
- *Grouping all residential standards in one location*
- *Removing application form requirements, replacing with commission approval of forms*
- *Standardized how distance is measured*
- *Standardized language regarding “days” with regard to processing timing or appeals*

In addition, the staff is seeking Commission input on new additions or revisions to the LDC that are being proposed as part of initiatives that are underway or are being proposed to further the purpose of creating a comprehensively vetted code. Examples of these types of changes include amending food truck regulations to allow food trucks in more districts, allowing the encroachment of balconies into the right of way in the downtown and allowing public parks in all residential zone districts.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss the draft Land Development Code.

Legislative History

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

[160773A GPC Referral for LDC update 20170223](#)

[160773B List of Workshops and Meetings 20170223](#)

[160773C Staff ppt 20170223](#)

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GRUCom Broadband Connectivity (B)

Explanation: At the June 2, 2016 meeting of the City Commission, Commissioner Hayes-Santos expressed that one of his top priorities is to expand broadband and requested that the issue be referred to the General Policy Committee. The Commission asked staff to give a presentation on GRUCom’s fiber network, who GRUCom serves and GRU’s future plans for GRUCom, and staff made that presentation to the General Policy Committee on August 11, 2016.

At the November 4, 2016 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Hayes-Santos requested that staff bring back additional information on options to expand residential broadband service in the city for further discussion in the General Policy Committee.

Staff will present a general overview of GRUCom’s current business model, general costs for implementation of residential internet service, what some other municipalities have done, and common models for entering the residential business.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact at this time

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear a presentation on GRUCom as requested.

Legislative History

6/2/16	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
8/11/16	General Policy Committee	Heard

[160101 GRUCom Presentation 20160811](#)

[160101B Staff Analysis - Fiber TMS 20160811.pdf](#)

[160101 Broadband Connectivity 20170223](#)

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**Comprehensive Plan - Transportation Issues / Road Safety/
Complete Streets (B)**

This item is a request for the General Policy Committee to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and City policies addressing transportation safety and Complete Streets.

Explanation: At the January 2015 meeting the City Commission discussed "What's Next for Transportation" and specifically discussed what comprehensive plan policies drive transportation decisions related to capacity, lane reductions and complete streets.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact associated with this discussion.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee: 1) hear a presentation regarding Comprehensive Plan and other City policies addressing transportation safety issues and Complete Street concepts; and 2) consider options for moving forward.

Legislative History

1/15/15	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee
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[140699A Staff Analysis Cover 20170126.pdf](#)

[140699B PowerPoint 20170126.pdf](#)

[140699C FDOT Complete Streets Guidelines 20170126.pdf](#)

[140699D MTPO SummaryUnacceptable 20170126.pdf](#)

[140699A Staff Analysis 20170223.pdf](#)

[140699B Powerpoint 20170223.pdf](#)

[140699C FDOT Complete Streets Guidelines 20170223.pdf](#)

[140699D Figure1 MTPO SummaryUnacceptableLOS 20170223.pdf](#)

[140699E BikePed SAFETY MAP SERIES 20170223.pdf](#)

[140699F VisionZeroElements 20170223.pdf](#)

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