

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

April 14, 2021

4:00 PM

**Joint City/County Commission/School Board Special Meeting**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **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 - 4:00 PM**

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** 7 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

[200682.](#) **Attendance Affidavit (B)**

*Need to click on Item Number for Attachment.*

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Commissioner Johnson will present draft resolution for discussion at end of Item 201079.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Saco, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

[201075.](#) **Equity in Youth Literacy (B)**

*County Commissioner Ken Cornell introduced the item.*

*Rahkiah Brown, United Way, gave a presentation.*

*School Board Vice-Chair Tina Certain spoke to the item.*

*Commission members discussed.*

*Kali Blount and Dr. Moss spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from United Way and 2) hear a presentation from School Board member Tina Certain relating to the SAIL program.*

**Discussed**

201074.**Equity in Youth Programming (NB)**

*Children's Trust Executive Director, Colin Murphy, gave a presentation.*

*Members discussed.*

RECOMMENDATION      *The City Commission hear a presentation by Children's Trust.*

**Discussed**

201076.**Equity in Digital Access (Broadband) (B)**

*Motion: 1) Request that the three boards (City, County, School Board) work together to develop a plan to provide affordable, robust, universal broadband access to everyone in Alachua County; and to invite a member of each board to participate in the Digital Access Subcommittee.*

*Commissioner Cornell introduced the item.*

*School Board Chair McNeely and member Dr. Gunnar Paulson gave introductory remarks.*

*Dr. Carlee Simon, School Superintendent, spoke to the matter.*

*Billy Marcantel, Recreation Manager, spoke to the matter.*

*City Manager Lee Feldman provided an update on a consultation report on municipal broadband systems.*

*Commission members discussed.*

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

*Recess - 7:05 PM*

*Reconvene - 7:36 PM*

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

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

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

[201077.](#)

**Equity in Transportation (NB)**

*Motion: Direct staff to work with County and School Board staff on proposed solutions to help parents reach schools currently not served by RTS prior to the start of the new school year.*

*Commissioner Cornell introduced the item.*

*Dr. Carlee Simon spoke to the item.*

*City Manager Lee Feldman spoke to the item.*

*Commission members discussed.*

*Kristen Young and Dr. Moss spoke to the matter.*

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

[201079.](#)

**School Rezoning & City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Update (B)**

*City Manager Lee Feldman introduced the item.*

*Consultant Lydia Gaby, HRNA, gave a presentation.*

*School Superintendent Carlee Simon gave a presentation.*

*Commission members discussed.*

*Commissioner Johnson presented a draft resolution for City, County and School Board (attached in Legistar).*

*Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner*

*Hayes-Santos: Adopt the resolution. Motion failed 3-3. Commissioner Saco, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola and Commissioner Ward in dissent. Commissioner Simmons absent.*

*Mayor Poe commented about City's resolution process to be proposed by the City Attorney Nicolle Shalley.*

*Darlene Pifalo spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**Discussed**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT - 11:17 PM**