

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

February 24, 2022

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

## **General Policy Committee**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)*  
*Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut (At Large, Seat B)*  
*Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)*  
*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**CALL TO ORDER - 1:03 PM**

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

*Commissioner Ward arrived at 1:04 PM.*

**Present** 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Public Comment: Nathan Skop*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**AM-1** [210905.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the January 27, and February 10, 2022 General Policy Committee Meetings (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the January 27 and February 10, 2022 minutes.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

**DP-1** [210915.](#) **Appointments to the Gainesville/Alachua County Airport Authority, Library District Board of Trustees and the Utility Advisory Board (B)**

*Motion by Commissioner Chestnut, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the applicants for the Library Board. Motion passed 7-0.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Chestnut, to readvertise the open seat for the GACRAA. Motion passed 7-0.*

*Charles Dean Covey and Barry Jacobson spoke in support of their applications to the UAB.*

*Kristen Bryant, Executive Assistant, spoke to the matter.*

*Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco seconded by Commissioner Arreola, to appoint Charles Covey and Barry Jacobson to the UAB and to readvertise for the remaining terms. Motion passed 7-0.*

*Public comment: Nathan Skop*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission discuss the appointments to the Gainesville/Alachua County Airport Authority, Library District Board of Trustees and the Utility Advisory Board and take appropriate action.*

**Approved, as shown above.**

**DP-2    [190564.](#)**

**Discussion of Disposition of Old Fire Station 1 (B)**

*Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry and Phil Mann, Public Works Director, spoke to the matter.*

*Andrew Telles, University of Florida/SPARC352, spoke to the matter.*

*Motion by Commissioner Arreola to direct staff to raze Fire Station 1; and to come back in 60 days with a framework for an agreement with the funding sources approved by management with SPARC 352. Motion died for lack of a second.*

*Motion by Commissioner Chestnut, seconded by Commissioner Ward to (1) direct staff to look for public/private partnership options, continuing the partnership with SPARC352; to bring an ITN or other draft proposal back to the City Commission for approval before issuing; and to report back to the Commission at the first Regular Meeting in August; and (2) If the partnership option fails, to put the property up for sale. Motion passed 7-0.*

*The Mayor requested the Interim City Manager to notify the Commission if no interest arises prior to the August meeting.*

*Public comment: Nathan Skop, Andrew Telles, Onye Ozuzu, Debbie Martinez, Armando Grundy-Gomes, Osubi Craig, Dionne Champion.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommendations are:

1. The City sells Old Fire Station #1; or,
2. Defer action until the results of the ballot initiatives are received.

Regarding the open ITN, the City needs to resolve this matter.

Options include:

1. Cancel the ITN;
2. Defer the decision on the ITN until the outcome of funding Old Fire Station #1 improvements are known;
3. Negotiate with the University of Florida at a different location, such as the Duval Early Learning Center, where the City, County, School Board of Alachua County, and the University of Florida are already working on a similar joint project.

In addition to the recommended, the General Policy Committee will hear a report from staff on the condition of Old Fire Station 1 and on the ITN, and provide feedback.

**Approved, as shown above**

**DP-3**     [180257.](#)

**Local Food System Action Plan - Key Project Updates and Discussion (B)**

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, to adopt the staff recommendation on the grocery store; and food waste recovery initiative option 2(a) from the presentation; and to look for options to assist businesses with standardizing food waste recovery and connections to distributors. Motion passed 7-0.*

*Interim City Manager Curry introduced Karissa Raskin, Civic Collaboration Supervisor. Ms. Raskin gave a presentation.*

*Public comment: Nancy Daren*

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission will hear a presentation by staff that includes an update on existing food access projects led by staff and engage in discussion regarding the next steps for the City to take on existing and prospective food access projects.

**Approved, as shown above**

**DP-5**     [201092.](#)

**Proposed addition to Chapter 14.5 titled "Miscellaneous Business Regulations" of the City Code of Ordinances, adding Article IX "Fair**

**Chance Hiring" (B)**

*Motion by Commissioner Chestnut, seconded by Commissioner Duncan-Walker, to approve the staff recommendation, to include the ten recommendations from Community Spring, and to work with the group to bring the proposal before the Chamber and return to the City Commission within three months with an ordinance. Maintain definition of employer size at 15 employees; and specify that employers are not allowed to consider past arrests that did not result in conviction at the time of application. Motion passed 7-0.*

*Interim City Attorney Daniel Nee spoke to the matter.*

*Max Tipping and Tequila McKnight, Community Spring, spoke to the matter.*

*Public comment: Tequila McKnight, Katherine Williams, Danielle Chanzas, Natasha Brimm, Leah Cohen*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission direct appropriate staff to engage with local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce, and to perform a study to determine the impact of the proposed ordinance on local businesses, including the fiscal impact on the Office of Equity & Inclusion.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**DP-4**    [210805.](#)

**Vision Zero Update and Traffic Road Safety (B)**

*Motion: To allocate \$1.25 million in replacement ARPA funding; to start the hiring process for the position in FY22; ask that ongoing annual maintenance be incremented in the FY 23 budget.*

*Malissa McCreedy, Director of Transportation and Mobility, gave a presentation.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and Commissioner Arreola

**DP-6**    [210507.](#)

**GCRA Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report (B)**

*Sara Vidal-Finn, Director of the GCRA, gave a presentation.*

*Erik Bredfeldt, Director of Economic Opportunity and Special Projects Planning spoke to the matter.*

*Public comment: Armando Grundy-Gomes*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *General Policy Committee hear a presentation on GCRA FY 2021 Annual Report and provide feedback.*

**Discussed**

**DP-7**    [201087.](#)

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update (B)**

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the staff recommendation. The motion was amended to include a request for staff to analyze the remaining utility assistance funds and bring back allowable options for expending the funds.*

*Cintya Ramos, GG Finance Director, gave an update.*

*Interim City Manager Curry spoke to the matter.*

*Anthony Cunningham, Interim GRU General Manager, spoke to the matter.*

*Vote (parts #3, 4, 5 and 6): Motion passed 6 - 1. Commissioner Duncan-Walker in dissent.*

*Vote (remaining parts of recommendation): Motion passed 7 - 0.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission:*

- 1) Approve the irrevocable election to utilize the "standard allowance" of \$10 million to fund general government services,*
- 2) Set-aside the revenue loss "Standard Allowance" in a separate project account,*
- 3) Accept the "East Side Urgent Care Program Description"*
- 4) Appropriate \$2,250,000 of funding under the Revenue Loss category to the UF Health Eastside Urgent Care Center project on the next FY 2022 budget amendment*
- 5) Enter into a triparty agreement with the County and the*

*University of Florida Shands Hospital memorializing the East Side Urgent Care Center Project*

*6) Enter into a subrecipient or grant agreement with the provisions of the Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200 with the University of Florida Shands Hospital for the East Side Urgent Care Center funding partnership.*

*7) Appropriate \$2,440,377 from "Remaining ARPA Allocation" as an administrative expense for the duration of the ARPA SLFRF program, December 31, 2026, in a separate project account on the next FY 2022 budget amendment.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**POLICY REFERRAL UPDATES**

**PR-1**    [210858.](#)            **Swim Lane Items (B)**

*Mayor commented.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee accept the updated Swim Lanes and Policy Timelines for informational purposes.*

**Discussed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Debbie Martinez*

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Chestnut commented regarding potential future projects she will be bringing forward, including a senior center and sports complex.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos commented about the upcoming Joint City/County meeting, potentially discussing an expansion of the CRA border.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**March 10, 2022**

**ADJOURNMENT - 5:06 PM**