

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

January 26, 2017

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

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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ROLL CALL[160710.](#)**General Policy Committee Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of December 8, 2016.

[160710_GPCMinutes_20170126.pdf](#)

[160675.](#)

Urban Standards for GRU (NB)

Explanation: At their October 6, 2016 regular meeting, the Commission asked that GRU and City Planning look at the Urban Policy in redevelopment areas. This item was referred to the General Policy Committee. Neither GRU nor City Planning have an existing policy specific to Urban Redevelopment. GRU follows development standards that are set forth in the W/WW Standards and Energy Delivery Service Guide. Our standards are driven by statutory and safety requirements. All documentation related to GRU's Water/Wastewater and Energy Delivery standards can be found at:

<<http://www.gru.com/wwwstandards>>

<<http://www.gru.com/WorkWithGRU/ConstructionDevelopment/EnergyDeliveryServiceGuide.aspx>>

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.

Staff has already made and implemented many process improvements, including:

- GRU Community Liaison Meetings: Communicate standard changes and request feedback from development community
- Implemented numerous improvements through collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce Small Business Growth Task Force “Efficiency in GRU Plan Review Process”
- Engaged development community to review standards and provide suggestions to increase efficiencies in development review and process
- Conduct project meetings: Allows the Engineer of Record (EOR) and the Developer to receive technical advice on their proposed layout prior to construction plan submittal. GRU suggests alternative approaches when designs do not meet standards
- Reduced utility separation requirements by 25% or greater
- Established mitigation strategies to reduce utility separations to 3.5 foot (sheet pile, casings, tree wells, etc.) as set forth in development review standards and tree ordinance
- Coordinate concurrent plan review with all City Departments to reduce conflicting comments.
- Consulting with review staff prior to and throughout plan review process
- Significantly improved GRU and City staff coordination and collaboration to facilitate efficient plan review with electronic plan review implementation.

Additionally, there is flexibility in our standards to address plan review challenges:

- City planning setback requirements are a range which allows flexibility for the placement of structures. This provides alternatives for Engineer of Record to design utility infrastructure and meet setback requirements.
- As part of adapting to new development trends and space limitations in town, GRU has developed different alternatives including, but not limited to the following:
 - a) Building vertical clearance to the sky
 - b) Vaulted transformer installation
 - c) Building bay (“nook”)
 - d) Water meter rooms inside buildings
 - e) Alternatives to meeting standards (e.g. mitigation for utility separation)
 - f) Beautification programs to improve the aesthetic perspective of GRU’s pad-mounted equipment in urban areas.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

GRU and City Planning staff:

Receive input from City Commission, Utility Advisory Board, and Development Community

- Benchmark other communities' development standards.
- Evaluate alternative standards in urban areas.
- Evaluate City/GRU policies and requirements to identify areas in standards to facilitate urban development.
- Present evaluations and recommendations to General Policy Committee in March 2017.

[160233.](#)

Police Advisory Council Recommendations for the Gainesville Police Department to the General Policy Committee (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to hear a presentation from the Police Advisory Council. **ESTIMATED PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES**

Explanation: In January 2014 the Police Advisory Council (PAC) was formed and charged with providing the City Manager with a comprehensive review of their interactions with young black males. This charge was adjusted as the PAC learned of new initiatives across the country related to the charge and recommendations for decreasing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC). The PAC learned that DMC is an issue facing numerous communities across the country. Disproportionate Minority Contact has recently been further adjusted to the more acceptable title of Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED).

The PAC learned much during the previous year as they researched, read reports, heard testimony, listened to audio blogs, and most of all received information from Gainesville Police Chief Tony Jones. It was clear during the course of the year that communities across the country are struggling with this same issue. What the Police Advisory Council discovered from their work was that Chief Jones is recognized as one of the national experts on this topic.

On December 18, 2014, a final report was presented to the City Commission that provided background information, the Police Advisory Council's approach to the charge, a schedule of their work, and recommendations. The City Commission approved that the recommendations be discussed by the General Policy Committee for consideration to support funding for the recommendations.

On September 9, 2016, a presentation was made to the General Policy Committee and Mayor Poe requested that the Police Advisory Council review the 2009 Noble Management Inspection Audit and Analysis of the Gainesville Police Department and last year's Mayor's Ad hoc Community Response Council recommendations to compare and develop a document representative of all three efforts.

Fiscal Note: The fiscal aspect will depend on decisions made by the City Commission to fund the recommendations of the Police Advisory Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from a Police Advisory Council member regarding the recommendations from the Police Advisory Council, Mayor's Ad hoc Community Response Council and NOBLE reports; and 2) determine whether to move forward on the recommendations.

[160233a_PAC General Policy Committee Report_20160908](#)

[160233b_GPD Update to PAC Recommendations_20160908](#)

[160233A-MOD_PAC General Policy Committee Report_20160908.pdf](#)

[160233_GPD PAC Summary Report to GPC Comm_20170126](#)

[160396.](#)

Enterprise Zone Policies (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear an update the Enterprise Zone Policies.

Legislative History

9/15/16 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[160396A_Staff Analysis_20170126.pdf](#)

[160396B_EZ Dev Fee Discounts 2011-2016_20170126.pdf](#)

[160396C_EZ Fees-Credits_20170126.pdf](#)

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