

# **City of Gainesville**

*City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 25, 2010**

**6:00 PM**

**City Commission Special Meeting**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)  
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Scherwin Henry (District 1)  
Commissioner Lauren Poe (District 2)  
Commissioner Jack Donovan (District 3)  
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)  
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)  
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)*

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## CALL TO ORDER - 6:03 PM

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Henry moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded to adopt the agenda.*

*(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

*Mayor Hanrahan recognized Pat Fitzpatrick and Kali Blount who spoke to the adoption of the agenda.*

## ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Lauren Poe and Thomas Hawkins

## CITY MANAGER

### **090704. Land Development Code Regulations relating to Places of Religious Assembly Accessory Uses: 1) Food Distribution Centers for the Needy; and, 2) Residences for Destitute People (B)**

**This item to the City Commission is a referral from the Community Development Committee and represents the Committee's recommendations regarding various standards for accessory uses to Places of Religious Assembly in Residential Single Family Zoning Districts.**

*STAFF PRESENTATION: Planning and Development Director Erik Bredfeldt, Planning Manager Ralph Hilliard, Assistant City Attorney Stephanie Marchman, and Assistant City Manager Fred Murry gave presentations.*

*CITIZEN COMMENT: Mayor Hanrahan recognized the following citizens.*

- 1. Rodney Long*
- 2. Stephen Packer*
- 3. Pastor Honeysuckle, Ft. Clarke Baptist Church*
- 4. John Stokes*
- 5. Dan Harmeling*
- 6. Maggie Sampsill*
- 7. Will Smith*
- 8. Mark Goldstein*
- 9. Jared Ott*
- 10. David Weimer*
- 11. Kali Blount*
- 12. Scott Blades*
- 13. Karen Arrington*
- 14. Gabriella Ruiz*

15. Elizabeth Howard
16. John Harker
17. Kayla Sosnow
18. Jane Burman-Holtom
19. Miriam Elliott
20. Dr. Jimmy Harnsberger
21. John Hermsdorfer
22. Mark Venske
23. Joe Jackson
24. Michael Stoops
25. Linda Portal
26. Rob Brinkman
27. Becky Hart
28. Carolyn McCune
29. Father John Gillespie
30. Andrew Pridgen
31. Majida Mourad
32. Pat Fitzpatrick
33. Pastor Carl Romey

*COMMISSION DELIBERATION:*

*PASSING OF THE GAVEL: Mayor Hanrahan left the meeting room at 11:00 PM and passed the gavel to Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Henry.*

*MAIN MOTION: Commissioner Donovan moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded to: 1) Direct staff to work with the congregations to see if they will coordinate their efforts in improving the quantity and quality of help to the needy in terms of shelter and food; 2) that there will be a "City Manager's Permit" which will detail the terms of compatibility with the neighborhood and the expectations for the service of food and includes a management plan; 3) the number of people served meals per day will be up to 50 and will be limited to the physical capacity of the building according to the building code with the hours being between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM; 4) the number of people served bags of groceries per day will continue to be unlimited; 5) the number of people that may stay in a shelter will be up to 20; 6) the distance between meal sites and shelter sites will remain at 1320 feet as long as there are not 2 meal sites or shelters providing service at the same time; 7) that the distance from campus for meal and shelter sites will have a buffer zone of 2000 feet; 8) include language in the City Manager's management policy not allowing loitering, disorderly behavior, or solicitation on-site and in the surrounding areas; 9) ask staff to give guidance on language regarding non-compliance with the management plan and/or revocation of permit; 10) refer areas not acted upon by the Committee be referred to the City of Gainesville's Planning Consultant for further review; 11) remove this item from the Community Development Committee pending referral list; 12) direct staff to initiate a petition to change the Code of Ordinances and direct staff to look at the issue of churches serving sit-down meals during the hours of 9:00 and 5:00 on the weekends; and 13) continue the moratorium on permits until the Planning Consultant comes back with a recommendation.*

*(VOTE: 5-1, Commissioner Hawkins, No; and Mayor Hanrahan - Absent; MOTION CARRIED)*

*WAIVER OF RULES TO CONTINUE: Commissioner Poe moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded to waive the rules to continue the meeting to 11:15 PM.  
(VOTE: 6-0, Mayor Hanrahan - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

*WAIVER OF RULES TO CONTINUE: Commissioner Poe moved and Commissioner Hawkins seconded to waive the rules to continue the meeting to 11:20 PM.  
(VOTE: 5-1, Commissioner Hawkins - No; Mayor Hanrahan - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation on the Community Development Committee (CDC) referral regarding land development code regulations relating to places of religious assembly accessory uses; 2) review the CDC referral and provide direction to staff regarding the Committee's recommendations dealing with service and permit standards for places of religious assembly in residential single family districts; 3) refer areas not acted upon by the Committee to the City of Gainesville's Planning consultant for further review; and 4) remove this item from the Community Development Committee pending referral list.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Lowe, that this matter be Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Aye: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Thomas Hawkins, Craig Lowe, Lauren Poe and Scherwin Henry  
Nay: Jack Donovan  
Absent: Pegeen Hanrahan

**ADJOURNMENT - 11:20 PM**

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Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission