

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

December 10, 2020

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

## **General Policy Committee**

*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 - 1:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Modifications: 1) Move Item No. 200560 to the first item on the agenda; and 2) Continue Item No. 200585 and Item No. 200586 to the first meeting in January, 2021.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted with Modifications. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

[200560.](#) **Commissioner Gigi Simmons - Health Equity and Access Advisory Group Update (B)**

*Motion: 1) Assess the city's real estate assets, including GTEC, which could be used to create a public-private partnership to expand health care services in East Gainesville (specifically in zip codes 32609 and 32641); 2) Determine if existing Economic Development incentives (city, county, opportunity zone) may assist in recruiting health care services/providers to East Gainesville (specifically in zip codes 32609 and 32641); 3) Direct staff to bring back information for a pilot program, including cost to improve transportation access to health care services for impacted zip codes (32609 and 32641); 4) Research and report back to the Commission on a health insurance risk pool; and 5) Next phases of the community resource para-medicine program and analysis of the most services and barriers to those services.*

*Commissioner Simmons introduced.*

*Deborah Bowie, Assistant City Manager gave a presentation.*

*Commissioner Simmons gave a presentation.*

*Dr. Linda Cottler, UF College of Medicine gave a presentation.*

*Wendy Resnick, UF Senior Director of Finance spoke to the matter.*

*Nathan Skop, Doris Edwards and Nancy Daren spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*As part of its strategic plan, the Gainesville City Commission has prioritized health care access and equity. With no free-standing clinics (other than the Alachua County Health Department), urgent care centers or emergency rooms in District 1, it is the desire of the Health Equity and Access Advisory Group that the commission focus its attention first on east Gainesville by utilizing the findings of the Health Equity and Access survey to develop the most appropriate next steps and what role the city can play moving forward. With active involvement from the community, service providers and partners, the city is well-positioned to improve health care services and outcomes for the nearly 35,000 residents living in District 1.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons, 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, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, and Commissioner Ward

[200494.](#)

**Economic Outlook and First Community CDC (B)**

*Motion: 1) Mayor work with the City Manager to schedule a meeting in the first quarter of 2021 about our community neighbor well-being index and to update the Commission; and 2) Bring back the update on the well-being index sometime in the first quarter of next year.*

*Commissioner Johnson gave an update and introduced.*

*Carla Lewis-Miles gave a presentation.*

*Ed Bielarski, GRU General Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Lee Feldman, City Manager gave a presentation.*

*Nathan Skop and Nancy Daren spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Refer to Committee*

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

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

200352.

**Federal Legislative Agenda Priorities 2021(B)**

*Motion: 1) Adopt 2021 federal legislative priorities; and that we support the Biden Housing Plan; and 2) Support for federal climate action on the Green New Deal.*

*Lee Feldman introduced.*

*Harry Glenn, Federal Lobbyist gave a presentation. He will arrange a meeting with Mayor Poe and Congresswoman Kat Cammack between now and when she goes back for swearing in.*

RECOMMENDATION            *The General Policy Committee review and discuss the draft list of Federal Legislative items and establish the 2021 Federal Legislative priorities for our federal lobbying team.*

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

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

200585.

**Disadvantaged Workers Ordinance (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *Recommended Motion: The General Policy Committee: 1) review draft ordinance and 2) give further guidance on how to move forward with the ordinance as drafted.*

**Continued**

200586.

**Apprenticeship Ordinance (B)**

RECOMMENDATION            *Recommended Motion: The General Policy Committee: 1) review draft ordinance and 2) give further guidance on how to move forward with the ordinance as drafted.*

**Continued**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Simmons - Thanked Commissioners for support of vote.*

*Mayor Poe - Happy Chanukah; Joint meeting with County Commission.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**ADJOURNMENT - 5:04 PM**