

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

February 27, 2020

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner 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 Warren, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[190995.](#)

Approval of Minutes from the February 13, 2020 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of February 13, 2020.*

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, and Commissioner Hayes-Santos

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[191019.](#)

Zero Waste Update and Ordinance Discussion (B)

Motion: Form a Subcommittee in the City Commission that will start in May, 2020 and end November 30, 2020, with a mission to explore zero waste policies, gather community feedback and bring back a draft zero waste ordinance to the full Commission.

Dan Hoffman, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item.

Mike Heimbach, Sustainability Manager, Public Works Department, gave a presentation on a Zero Waste Ordinance.

Commissioner Arreola arrived at 1:26 PM.

Nina Bhattacharyya, Jay Rosenbeck, Nancy Daren, Donald Shepherd and Gina Hawkins spoke to the matter.

Mayor Poe requested that the Subcommittee ask for staff analysis of fiscal impacts early on in meeting so that the City Manager's Office can consider in the budget development process; and to apply equity lens to the work, in coordination with the Equal Opportunity Office; and involving Dr. Anne Wolf and the community engagement toolkit.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.*

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

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

[181042.](#)

Dignity Village Update (B)

Motion: 1) Accept the closure protocol; 2) Direct staff to bring back recommendations for expanding where SROs are allowed leases; and 3) Research on the models and funding for social workers or street outreach positions, and stronger legislative action.

Deborah Bowie, Assistant City Manager introduced the item.

Jon DeCarmine, Executive Director, GRACE Marketplace, gave a presentation on the Dignity Village Closure Plan.

Donald Shepherd and Kimber spoke to the matter

Mona Gil de Baja, United Way, commented about the support needed for housing, social workers, street outreach workers, rapid rehousing.

Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager stated that the City had requested

additional information on the cost of funding street outreach.

Mr. Feldman will reach out to the County to schedule a joint meeting to discuss planning for ongoing transition support for Dignity Village residents; and place on next joint meeting agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear an update regarding the closure of Dignity Village.

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

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

180260.

UF and City Partnership Update (B)

City Commission to hear an informational update on the UF-City Partnership model and corresponding overview of the pilot focus area of our local food systems.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Warren: Make literacy for all children by end of 3rd Grade as Focus #2 and begin collaborating with community partners. Motion failed 2-5. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Warren in support.

Bobbie Griffith, Strategic Initiatives, and Andrew Mathias, Director of Collaborative Initiatives, University of Florida, gave a presentation. Changing name of UF-City Partnership to “Partnership for Reimagining Gainesville”.

Kali Blount, Mona Gil de Baja, Nancy Daren, Carly Simon and Tana Silva spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear an update on the Partnership for Reimagining Gainesville and the pilot focus area, our local food systems.

Heard

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kali Blount

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT - 4:17 PM