

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

October 1, 2015

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)*  
*Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Carter (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)*

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**CALL TO ORDER - 1:04 PM****AGENDA STATEMENT**

*"Citizens are encouraged to participate in City of Gainesville meetings. In general, speakers will be limited to 3 (three) minutes per agenda item. Additional time may be granted by the Mayor or by the City Commission as directed. The City of Gainesville encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers limit their comments to specific motions and direct their comments to the Chair. Signs or Props are not permitted in the meeting room. Citizens are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the Clerk of the Commission before meetings and/or during meetings for inclusion into the public record. Citizens may also provide input to individual commissioners via office visits, phone calls, letters and e-Mail, that will become public record. In some instances, i.e., Quasi-Judicial Hearings, these particular contacts may be prohibited."*

**ROLL CALL****INVOCATION**

Prophet George Young

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (Including both General Government and Gainesville Regional Utilities items)****CITY MANAGER, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

[150288.](#)

**Local Government Contribution to Gainesville Housing Authority for an Affordable Housing Project (B)**

**This item is a request to the City Commission to approve the Gainesville Housing Authority's request for a local government contribution, as required by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Universal Cycle Tax Credit Program, to develop an affordable housing project.**

*Explanation: This item supports City Commission Strategic Initiative 6.1: Ensure the quality and broad distribution of affordable housing throughout the City.*

*At the September 3, 2015 City Commission Meeting, the Gainesville Housing Authority (GHA) requested that the City provide a local contribution of \$37,500 to allow the GHA to apply to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) Universal Cycle Tax Credits Program (File Number: 150288). At that meeting, the City Commission approved the GHA's funding request in concept; and directed staff to come back with a recommendation and an identified funding source for the affordable housing project.*

*The Universal Cycle Tax Credit Program (Program) provides for-profit and nonprofit organizations with a dollar-for-dollar reduction in federal tax liability in exchange for the acquisition and substantial rehabilitation, substantial rehabilitation, or new construction of low and very low income rental housing units. Since these tax credits can be worth millions of dollars, receiving this funding can determine whether or not an affordable housing project is developed in cities and counties across the State of Florida. The FHFC uses a competitive application system to determine which projects are awarded the tax credits to a housing project. Part of that system awards points to projects that meet certain criteria as established by the FHFC. Those criteria include affordability, sustainability, and serving an identified housing need.*

*The use of tax credits subsidizes the cost of developing housing units, thereby producing decent, safe, and affordable housing available to low-income households. One of the criteria the FHFC reviews is Local Government Contribution. Typically, a larger local government contribution enables FHFC to award more points to the project. However, to be eligible to be considered for Tax Credits, each project must receive a written commitment for a minimum local government contribution. The minimum contribution varies depending on the size of the county where the project is located. For Small/Medium counties similar to Alachua County, the minimum local government contribution is \$37,500. While this is a small contribution, compared to the overall cost of a project, it demonstrates the local government's commitment to providing affordable housing. To maximize points for the project, a local funding contribution must be provided in the form of a grant. If the local government contribution is awarded in the form of a loan (deferred and/or repayable), the funding will be discounted using the FHFC's net present value calculation, which would then require the City to provide a much larger local government contribution to the project.*

*The GHA is proposing to redevelop Woodland Park, which was built in the 1960s and currently has 170 residential units. Located at 1900 SE 4th Street, the proposed project is to demolish the existing buildings and construct approximately 300 new affordable residential units, to be built in three phases. The first two phases consist of multiple-family rental apartments (two- and three-stories high) and 5,200 square feet for non-residential uses. The third phase consists of affordable two-story townhomes reserved for owner-occupants. The new community will include a clubhouse with a fitness facility and a computer lab. The GHA has applied to the City of Gainesville for Master Plan Development Plan approval, and has notified the City that they will apply to the FHFC for Tax Credits to develop an affordable housing project in Gainesville, if the City will commit to provide a local government contribution (Attachment A).*

*As part of this process, GHA will be required to complete a housing project application for review and evaluation by staff, along with presenting its proposal to the SHIP Affordable Housing Advisory*

Committee (AHAC) to receive a funding recommendation for their housing project. Thereafter, the GHA will submit their application to FHFC for consideration of tax credit funding for their housing project. Should the GHA's housing project be selected by the FHFC to receive tax credit funding, staff recommends that the City provide a minimum local contribution of \$37,500 from the general fund revenue currently reserved in the City's Infill Housing Program.

The development of an affordable housing project would benefit the City by addressing an identified affordable housing need, creating quality housing, creating jobs and increasing the value and tax base of the property.

*Fiscal Note:* On January 8, 2007, the City and Santa Fe College (SFC) formed a partnership to build a new affordable infill home. Through that partnership, the City Commission approved a \$46,500 grant to the Charles R. Perry Construction Institute at Santa Fe College to build the new home. In mid-2009, SFC and the City invited Alachua Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (Habitat) into the partnership as the general contractor to complete the construction of the new home, which was built onsite at the Charles R. Perry Construction Institute. On April 21, 2011, the City Commission authorized the donation of one parcel of City-owned land (Tax Parcel #15995-043-000, 2404 SE 13th Street) to Habitat to relocate the new home to the site and sell it to a low-income, first-time homebuyer to complete the project. As part of the partnership with SFC and Habitat, the City's \$46,500 grant was returned to the City and approved by the City Commission to be reserved in the General Fund for future Infill Housing Program projects. The \$46,500 is currently available in the General Fund Infill Housing Program account and will be utilized only if the FHFC awards tax credits to an affordable housing project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission: 1) approve a local government contribution to the Gainesville Housing Authority for \$37,500 from the City's Infill Housing Program; and 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary documents to provide a grant commitment to the Gainesville Housing Authority, including other program documents required by the City and Florida Housing Finance Corporation related to the approval and completion of the housing project, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

**Legislative History**

9/3/15 City Commission Heard

[150288\\_MOD\\_gha\\_commish\\_ppt\\_20150903.pdf](#)

[150288\\_GHA\\_Funding\\_Request\\_20151001.pdf](#)

[150314.](#)**Budget Calendar (NB)****The City Commission approve dates for discussion of the FY2017/2018 biennial budget.**

*Explanation: Staff requests the City Commission approve dates to discuss items related to the FY2017/2018 biennial budget. Topics of discussion will include an updated Five-Year Financial Forecast, Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, Fire Assessment, Strategic Planning Retreat, Town Hall Meetings, and the GRU and General Government Budgets.*

*For the last several years, the City Commission has held Community Forum/Town Hall meetings to discuss various topics and services with citizens. In October 2014, the City Commission held its first Telephone Town Hall meeting which had positive results. The City Commission approved funding two Telephone Town Hall Meetings in FY2016. The first will be held on October 29, 2015 at 6:00pm in the auditorium. The topic to be discussed is the PRCA Master Plan. The proposed calendar below includes the second Telephone Town Hall meeting and a Community Forum.*

*Staff requests the City Commission approve the following dates:*

01/25/2016	5:00pm-9:00pm	Budget Planning Workshop & Five Year Financial Forecast	
			City Hall Room 16
02/08/2016	6:00pm-8:00pm	Community Forum (location to be determined)	
03/07/2016	6:00pm-7:00pm	Telephone Town Hall Meeting	
04/25/2016	5:00pm-7:00pm	Capital Improvement Plan 2017-2021 -	
		City Hall Room 16	
06/09/2016	8:00am-5:00pm	Strategic Planning Retreat (location to be determined)	
07/13/2016	10:00am-6:00pm	GRU/General Government Budgets	
07/14/2016	10:00am-6:00pm	GRU/General Government Budgets	
07/25/2016	10:00am-6:00pm	GRU/General Government Budgets, Adopt Preliminary Fire	
			Assessment Rate, by resolution
07/27/2016	9:00am-5:00pm	GRU/General Government Budgets	
07/28/2016	1:00pm-6:00pm	Adopt Proposed Tentative Budgets, Set Proposed Tentative	
			Millage, by resolution
09/08/2016	6:00pm	Adopt Final Fire Assessment Rate, Adopt Ordinances on 1st	
			reading related to Fee or Rate
		Changes (if any),	
			Hold 1st Public Hearing to Adopt
		Budgets and Set Millage	
			Rate for FY2017
09/15/2016	6:00pm	Adopt Ordinances on 2ndst reading related to Fee or Rate	
			Changes (if any), 2nd Public Hearing

to Adopt Budgets and

Set Millage Rate for FY2017.

Staff suggests the City Commission set the Preliminary Fire Assessment Rate immediately after the budget discussion on July 25, 2016, as well as the set the Proposed Tentative Millage and adopt Proposed Tentative Budgets immediately after budget discussions on July 28, 2016, which will require the City Commission to waive the rules to hear the Resolutions before 6:00pm.

Truth in Millage or TRIM requirements set forth in State Statutes require that various taxing authorities hold their public hearings on different dates and/or times in order to allow taxpayers to attend each hearing and provide feedback if desired. Taxing Authorities that cross multiple jurisdictions are given first priority on setting their public hearing dates. As a result, The City of Gainesville is required to set their public hearing dates in September so as not to conflict with the County, the School Board, the Library District and the Water Management Districts. In the event a conflict arises, staff will submit a revised schedule for September 2016 requesting alternative special meeting dates. These potential conflicts will not be known until July 2016.

*Fiscal Note:* The cost of conducting these meetings is available in the FY2016 Operating Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission: 1) Approve the dates requested by staff; 2) Waive the City Commission Rules to hear the Resolutions to approve the Preliminary Fire Assessment Rate before 6:00pm on July 25, 2016; and 3) Waive the City Commission Rules to hear the Resolutions to Set the Proposed Tentative Millage and Adopt the Proposed Tentative Budgets before 6:00pm on July 28, 2016.

[150333](#)

**Depot Avenue Corridor Project - 9th Supplemental Agreement to the Professional Design Services Agreement (B)**

**This item is a request for the City Commission to approve the supplemental agreement and any related documents, for Comprehensive Engineering Services, Inc., for Professional Design services for the Depot Avenue Roadway Project.**

*Explanation:* On April 24, 2006, the City Commission authorized contract negotiations with Comprehensive Engineering Services (CES) for Professional Design Services for the Depot Avenue Transportation Corridor Project (legislative file #051159.) CES has completed design work for Segment 2 and is currently finalizing plans for Segment 4 of the corridor. The updates are necessary to accommodate existing utilities which will no longer be relocated as previously coordinated during the preparation of

the 90% design. The plans shall be updated such that the existing water and sewer lines within the project limits may remain to the maximum extent feasible. The plans update shall primarily address changes in the closed drainage system to accommodate the aforementioned utilities and changes in the roadway typical to accommodate the updated drainage system. Updates to the signing and marking, lighting and landscaping which are required to accommodate the roadway and drainage updates are considered ancillary and shall be performed in accordance with the original scope of work.

*Fiscal Note:* Funding in the amount of \$109,996.02 is allocated and identified from the Depot Avenue Corridor Project funds; (\$108,044.89 is funded by GRU Water/Wastewater FY15 and \$1,951.13 is funded by LOGT FY09.)

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the supplemental Agreement for CES for Professional Design services for the Depot Avenue Roadway Project and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

[150333\\_SupplementalAgreement\\_20151001.pdf](#)

[150354.](#)

**Alcohol Sales and Consumption for Permitted Events at Parking Lot 10 and Parking Lot 13 (B)**

**This item involves a request for the City Commission to approve Parking Lot 10 and Parking Lot 13 as City-owned properties eligible for special event sales of alcohol.**

*Explanation:* The City Commission approved a new ordinance relating to the sale, dispensing, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages on second reading on March 6, 2014. The ordinance was intended to provide a comprehensive approach to temporary special event sales of alcohol and to consolidate relevant provisions in one section of the City Code of Ordinances. The ordinance provides for issuance of alcohol event permits for the temporary sale of beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages.

The ordinance allows the City Commission to determine which parcels of City-owned property can be made available for special event sales of alcohol. In the presentation of the ordinance to the City Commission, a few examples of City-owned properties were provided as examples that staff felt would be appropriate for such events. These City-owned properties included the Bo Diddley Community Plaza, Parking Lot 10 and Parking Lot 13.

On September 4, 2014, the City Commission approved Bo Diddley Community Plaza as a City-owned property eligible for special event sales of alcohol. At this time, staff is recommending that Parking Lot 10

and Parking Lot 13 be approved as a City-owned property eligible for special event sales of alcohol. In regards to Parking Lot 10, this approval would apply until ownership of the property transfers as the result the proposed development agreement for the property. Alcohol is currently permitted at Steamers on the Plaza. Events on City streets adjoining the Plaza as well Parking Pot 10 and Parking Lot 13 are also eligible for special event sales of alcohol similar to the United Downtown events of a few years ago.

*Fiscal Note:* There is no fiscal impact expected. Special events are evaluated for the City services needed to support them and the cost of these services is paid by those receiving permits for the events.

**RECOMMENDATION**            The City Commission approve Parking Lot 10 and Parking Lot 13 as City-owned property eligible for special event sales of alcohol.

[150354 Alcohol Ordinance 20151001.pdf](#)

## GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

## CITY ATTORNEY, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

[150351.](#)

**SCOTT MEYER V. CITY OF GAINESVILLE, GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FRANKLIN JAMES, POLICE OFFICER, MICHAEL PRESTON, POLICE OFFICER, ET AL; COURT CASE NO. 1:15-CV-185 (B)**

*Explanation:* On September 10, 2015, the City was served with a Summons and Complaint filed by Scott Meyer. The Plaintiff alleges defamation, false arrest, false imprisonment, and conspiracy to false arrest as a result of his arrest for his failure to provide proof of registration and for the unlawful use of a temporary tag. Mr. Meyer claims to have sustained pain and suffering, harm to his reputation, monetary loss and severe emotional and psychological distress. Mr. Meyer is seeking injunctive relief, compensatory and punitive damages, and attorney's fees and costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**            The City Commission authorize the City Attorney and/or special counsel if insurance coverage is available to represent the City and individual officers in the case styled Scott Meyer v. City of Gainesville, Gainesville Police Department, Franklin James, Police Officer, Michael Preston, Police Officer, et al; Court Case No. 1:15-CV-185.

[150351 Scott Meyer Consent 20151001.pdf](#)

[150357.](#)

**J.B. v. City of Gainesville (NB)**



*Explanation:* On February 10, 2014, the City of Gainesville received a notice of claim from Attorney Robert Rush on behalf of J.B., alleging battery, sexual battery, and civil rights violations by former GPD Officer Steven Carter and alleging negligent hiring and retention by the City of Gainesville.

*Pursuant to an internal affairs investigation, allegations against former Officer Carter were sustained as to battery and sexual battery on J.B. The City entered into a pre-suit mediation on the claims and reached a recommended settlement in the amount of \$125,000.00. It is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office, the Risk Management Director, the City Manager and the Chief of Police that the matter be settled in this amount.*

*To address the deficiencies that led to City liability in this case, the City Attorney's Office has met with City Commissioners and City Management staff, including the City Manager, Chief of Police and Human Resources Director to develop an action plan to prevent future liability and police misconduct of this nature. City Management will keep the City Commission informed as to timely implementation of the action plan.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission 1) approve the terms of the negotiated settlement; and 2) authorize the City Attorney to settle the claim of J.B.*

[150383](#)

**RETENTION OF AKERMAN LLP TO REPRESENT THE CITY  
d/b/a GRU IN ANY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS  
RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION COST ADJUSTER  
UNDER THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH  
GAINESVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER, LLC (NB)  
MODIFICATION - ADDED ITEM**

*Explanation:* The Office of the City Auditor issued a final audit report titled "Audit of Gainesville Regional Utilities Invoice Processing - Biomass Energy" dated September 15, 2015 (the "Audit Report.") Observation A identified in the Audit Report is that the Construction Cost Adjuster used to adjust the Non-Fuel Energy Charge on each monthly invoice from GREC to the City d/b/a GRU has not been calculated in accordance with the definition of "Dollar/Euro Exchange Rate" contained in the Power Purchase Agreement (the "PPA.") To address Observation A, the Audit Report recommends that GRU Management consider courses of action to recoup previous overpayments and going forward to use the contract definition of "Dollar/Euro Exchange Rate" in calculating the Construction Cost Adjuster.

*After reviewing Observation A and its recommendations with the City Auditor and the City Attorney, the General Manager for Utilities desires to retain outside counsel to represent the City d/b/a GRU in any dispute resolution process related to the Construction Cost Adjuster. The City*

*Attorney's Office assisted the General Manager in selecting the law firm of Akerman LLP, as the firm has done prior work for the City related to the PPA and has the relevant qualifications and expertise to represent the City in dispute resolution pursuant to the PPA.*

*Fiscal Note: Akerman LLP will bill for services on an hourly basis based on actual services rendered. The total cost of services will depend on the complexity of the dispute resolution process; however, at this time the costs are not anticipated to exceed \$100,000. Funding for outside counsel will be paid either from GRU budgeted funds for legal expenses or from unanticipated cost savings that GRU realizes.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Authorize the Office of the City Attorney to retain the law firm of Akerman LLP as outside legal counsel for representation of the City in any dispute resolution process related to the Construction Cost Adjuster issue.*

**CLERK OF THE COMMISSION, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

[150388.](#)

**Resignation of Erika Smith from the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board and Johnnie Snow from the Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board (B)**

*MODIFICATION - ADDED ITEM.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission accepts the resignation of Erika Smith and Johnnie Snow, effective immediately.*

[150388 Resignations 20151001.pdf](#)

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DIRECTOR, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**RECREATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, CONSENT**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, CONSENT**

**AUDIT, FINANCE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CONSENT**

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE, CONSENT**

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, CONSENT ITEMS**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT REGULAR AGENDA (Read if any, each item added or modified)**

**UTILITY-RELATED CITIZEN COMMENT (not to exceed 30 minutes in length)**

**GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES**

**UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORTS (PULLED FROM CONSENT)**

**UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Reports must be placed on the agenda by Charter Officer, through staff liaison after approval by Board/Committee.

**UTILITY-RELATED ITEMS FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES.** Must be submitted by a Charter Officer. Update limited to ten (10) minutes.

**UTILITY-RELATED ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION**

**UTILITY-RELATED COMMISSION COMMENTS (if time permits)**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT items of a time-sensitive or important nature or pulled from Consent.** Must be submitted or pulled the Mayor, a City Commissioner or a Charter Officer.

[150139.](#)

**Oversight Advisory Board Recommendations to the Gainesville City Commission and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (B)**

**The Empowerment Center Oversight Advisory Board seeks direction from the City Commission regarding allocation of the FY 2016 budget for the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry. \*\*ESTIMATED STAFF ORAL PRESENTATION 10 MINUTES\*\***

*Explanation: This agenda item is being presented to the Gainesville City Commission and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners regarding the FY 2016 budget for the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry (ACCHH).*

*In July and August, both Commissions approved the ACCHH's FY 2016 budget, with conditions. The total dollar amount of the budget was \$780,793.50 with the condition that ACCHH would have full access to \$559,680, but that \$221,113.50 would be put in a contingency fund to offset additional dollars needed, in case the ACCHH and Oversight Advisory Board's fundraising campaign was not successful in raising that*

amount.

*Staff sought policy direction from the Oversight Advisory Board regarding when the contingency funds were to be released to the ACCHH, as well as whether and what performance measures would trigger the release of those funds.*

*At the September 9 meeting of the Oversight Advisory Board, the monthly allocation of 1/12 the total budget (\$65,066.12) and access to the full budget amount of \$780,793.50 was approved. The Oversight Advisory Board recommendations put the original budget approval from the City and County Commissions in conflict, and staff cannot go forward with an amended agreement with ACCHH until both Commissions provide clear direction on how the funds are to be accessed and whether the City Commission is willing to allow access to the full budget at the beginning of the fiscal year and then reconcile against the outcome of the fundraising campaign at the end of the year.*

*Fiscal Note: The City Commission approved the FY 2016 budget with the understanding that the City and County would equally share in the funding of the Empowerment Center. The City approved the FY 2016 budget in the amount of \$780,793.50, with the City's share being \$279,840 for the center and \$110,557.50 to be placed in a contingency fund, subject to the fundraising campaign to be conducted by members of the Oversight Advisory Board and ACCHH. The County agreed to a similar budget plan for ACCHH as well. If the fundraising campaign was not successful, the City and County would then release the funds from the contingency fund to ACCHH.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The recommendation from the Oversight Advisory Board to the Gainesville City Commission and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners that ACCHH be allowed to access the full amount of the budget in the amount of \$780,793.50 or 1/12 per month (\$65,066.12), and reconcile the differences between that and what is raised during the fundraising campaign at the end of the budget year.*

*Alternate Recommendation*

*The City Commission take no action and recommend that the Oversight Advisory Board establish fundraising goals, with timelines, for ACCHH. If the goals are not successfully met within the designated timelines, the Oversight Advisory Board would then recommend that the City and County release the contingency funds.*

**Legislative History**

7/16/15 City Commission Approved, as shown above

[150139A Ltr to Lee Niblock re FY 15-16 EC budget 20150806.docx.pdf](#)

[150139B Oversight Board Minutes 20150716.pdf](#)

[150139C ACCHH budget proposal 20150716.pdf](#)

[150139A 7-16 Agenda Item 20151001.pdf](#)

[150139B 7-16-15 CCOM Minutes 20151001.pdf](#)

[140354.](#)

### **Gainesville Fire Rescue Special Sprinkler Initiative (B)**

**This item provides an update from Gainesville Fire Rescue on efforts to increase the use of home sprinkler systems. \*ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES\***

*Explanation: On October 2, 2014, Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls recommended a referral of the Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) Sprinkler Initiative to the Public Safety Committee. Risk Reduction Bureau Chief JoAnne Rice completed a presentation to the Public Safety Committee on December 16, 2014. Since then, GFR has researched opportunities, worked with stakeholders and building officials, and hosted sprinkler demonstrations in an effort to increase knowledge in the Gainesville community of the life-saving benefits of sprinkler systems and to encourage their installation in homes. On August 24, 2015, Interim Deputy Chief Rice provided an update to the Public Safety Committee. The Public Safety Committee recommended the presentation be provided to the City Commission.*

*Fiscal Note: The estimated cost for an economic impact study for residential fire sprinklers is \$20,000.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission 1) receive the presentation on Residential Automatic Fire Sprinklers from GFR staff; 2) direct staff to create a Public Service Awareness campaign to educate and inform the public on the benefits and myths of home fire sprinklers, to include public service announcements, 3) direct the City Manager to prepare an increment for City Commissioner consideration for FY 17 for an economic impact study to identify additional incentives for homeowners, builders, and developers; 4) direct staff to specify the inclusion of sprinkler systems in City initiated construction projects involving new housing and 5) direct staff to seek grants and other funding sources to retrofit existing residential structures for sprinkler systems.*

#### **Legislative History**

10/2/14	City Commission	Referred to the Public Safety Committee
12/16/14	Public Safety Committee	Discussed

8/24/15      Public Safety      Discussed  
                 Committee

[140354b HomeFireSprinklerCostAssessment2013\\_20141216](#)

[140354c\\_incentivesresidentialfiresprinklers\\_20141216](#)

[140354a FireSprinklerPresentation\\_20141216](#)

[140354a\\_FireSprinklerPresentation\\_20150824](#)

[140354b Cape Coral Cost Study\\_20150824](#)

[140354c\\_Estero Economic Impacts of Residential Fire Sprinklers\\_20150824](#)

[140354\\_GFR Sprinkler Initiative Update Presentation\\_20151001.pdf](#)

[150370.](#)

Mayor Ed Braddy - Agenda Review Changes (NB)

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission discuss changes to Agenda Review.*

[150370\\_draft resolution\\_20151015.pdf](#)

[150376.](#)

**Mayor Ed Braddy - Receive an update from Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter (NB)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *Hear an update and take appropriate action.*

**RECESS - 4:53 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS Placed on Agenda by Commissioner or Charter Officer**

[150377.](#)

**Certificate of Merit Recipients (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The City Commission hear the Special Recognition of:  
Shirley McNish, Carla Lewis, Vivian Filer, Officer Patrick Hopkins, Officer Brett Kikendall and Dr. Runa Peng.*

[150377\\_special recognition\\_20151001.pdf](#)

[150358.](#)

**White Cane Safety Awareness Month - October 2015 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *Alachua County Council of the Blind President*

*Spencer Morton to accept the proclamation.*

[150358\\_WhiteCaneSafety\\_20151001.pdf](#)

[150359.](#)

**Entrepreneurship Month - October 2015 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *Dug Jones to accept the proclamation.*

[150359\\_EntrepreneurshipMonth\\_20151001.pdf](#)

[150360.](#)

**Fire Prevention Week - October 4-10, 2015 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *Gainesville Fire Rescue Risk Reduction Specialist Krista Ott, Fire Chief Jeff Lane and Interim Deputy Chief JoAnne Rice to accept the proclamation.*

[150360\\_firePrevention\\_20151001.pdf](#)

[150361.](#)

**Florida Native Plant Month - October 2015 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *Paynes Prairie Chapter of FNPS Representative Sandi Sauers to accept the proclamation.*

[150361\\_NativePlant\\_20151001.pdf](#)

[150363.](#)

**Ron G. Herget Day - October 8, 2015 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *Ron G. Herget to accept the proclamation.*

[150363\\_RonHerget\\_20151001.pdf](#)

[150369.](#)

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Month (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *Tannia Weaver, Chapter President to accept the proclamation.*

[150369\\_Delta\\_20151001.pdf](#)

**6:00 P.M.**

**CITIZEN COMMENT (to end at a time certain of 6:30pm or at such later time as allows for 30 minutes of citizen comment)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**RESOLUTIONS- ROLL CALL REQUIRED**[150393.](#)**Utility System Revenue Bond Resolution - Authorized Officer (B)**

A resolution of the Gainesville City Commission withdrawing the appointment of David Richardson as an “authorized officer” as that term is defined by the Utilities System Revenue Bond Resolution, dated June 6, 1983, as supplemented and amended; appointing Justin Locke as Chief Financial Officer and Authorized Officer; and providing an immediate effective date.

*MODIFICATION - ADDED ITEM*

*Explanation: On October 1, 2015, Justin Locke commences his employment with the City in the position of Chief Financial Officer and Authorized Officer for Gainesville Regional Utilities.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

[150393 Resolution Appointing Justin Locke as CFO 20151001](#)

[150393 Resolution 20151001.pdf](#)

**ORDINANCES, 1ST READING- ROLL CALL REQUIRED**[150352.](#)**SETTING 2016 ELECTION DATES AND QUALIFYING DATES (B)****ORDINANCE NO. 150352**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, SETTING MARCH 15, 2016 AS THE DATE FOR THE 2016 REGULAR CITY ELECTION AND APRIL 12, 2016 AS THE DATE FOR THE 2016 RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY; SETTING THE DATES FOR QUALIFYING FOR THE 2016 REGULAR ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; REPLACING AND SUPERSEDING ORDINANCE NO. 140911; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

*Explanation: The City Commission, at its meeting of June 18, 2015, adopted Ordinance No. 140911 setting the dates for the 2016 regular city election, run-off election and qualifying periods. The 2016 regular election will be held in conjunction with the Presidential Preference Primary. The City Attorney's Office was notified by the Supervisor of Elections that the qualifying dates for the City regular election need to be moved to accommodate the mailing of the overseas ballots for the*



*Presidential Preference Primary. The qualifying dates in this ordinance will accommodate that requirement. The period to qualify as a candidate for the office of Mayor or City Commissioner will be between the 92nd and 88th day prior to the date of the election. This ordinance sets forth the actual calendar dates for 2016 as follows:*

*Regular election - Tuesday, March 15, 2016*

*Run-off election (if necessary) - Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

*Qualifying Period - From noon on Monday, December 14, 2015 to noon on Friday, December 18, 2015.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

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**ORDINANCES, 2ND READING- ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

**PLAN BOARD PETITIONS**

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD PETITIONS**

**SCHEDULED EVENING AGENDA ITEMS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT (If time permits)**

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:38**