

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

**May 27, 2021**

**1:00 PM**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **General Policy Committee**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Gail Johnson (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)*  
*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**CALL TO ORDER - 1:03 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Modifications: 1) Remove #201211; and 2) Remove #201060.*

*Teneeshia Marshall, Director of Equity and Inclusion spoke to the matter.*

*Public Comment: Nathan Skop.*

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

[201211.](#) **Continued Discussion of GRU's Proposed FY22 Budget (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff on the FY22 GRU budget take action as appropriate.*

**Withdrawn. Place on the June 7th agenda.**

[201186.](#) **Community Engagement (B)**

*Anne Wolf, Citizen Engagement Program Manager gave a presentation.*

*Shelby Taylor, Communications and Marketing Director spoke to the matter.*

*Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.*

*Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Brian O'Brien, Malissa Monita and*

*Debbie Martinez.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**Discussed**

[201087.](#)

**American Rescue Plan Act (B)**

*Teneeshia Marshall, Director of Equity and Inclusion introduced the item.*

*Ben Howart, Equity and Inclusion Manager gave a presentation.*

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*All form requests are due 6/14/21 by 5:00 PM to the Equity and Inclusion Office.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee discuss and take action or provide direction, as necessary.*

**Discussed**

[200743.](#)

**Mayor's Charter Amendment (B)**

*Motion: Bring back to a future meeting prospective community engagement process, identifying a general question around Gainesville's governance.*

*Zeriah Folston, Policy Oversight Administrator spoke to the matter.*

*Morgan Spicer, Fellow spoke to the matter.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd, Brian O'Brien, Nathan Skop, Mary Lou Hildreth, Debbie Martinez, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Darlene Pifalo.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

**Nay:** 2 - Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

[201060.](#)

**Charter Officer Complaint Procedures (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The General Policy Committee receive update and make recommendations.*

**Withdrawn**

[200351.](#)

**2021 State Legislative Update - Summary of the End of Session Report (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The City Commission hear a presentation from the City's state lobbying firm regarding the 2021 legislative session.*

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

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

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Ward - County-wide Burn Ban is about to be issued.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson - Wanted clarification on where the redistricting process is being managed. Without objection, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson would like it to be handled by the City Attorney's office.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos - Redistricting - put on GPC agenda in the next quarter.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**June 10, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT - 4:33 PM**