

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Minutes - Final**

**July 13, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**City Commission Special Meeting**

**Virtual Teleconference Meeting**

## **City Commission**

*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 - 9:00 AM****AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Modification: Adopt with the addition of a Powerpoint presentation.*

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

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

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

200093. **Gainesville Police Department Programs and Policies Discussion (NB)**

***Motion:***

**Upcoming Meeting in Early August**

- *Have staff come back with overview and options for the Commission to have a policy discussion on deflection/diversion program, civil citations, and city prosecution for city violations. Information on what are currently city volitions, what crimes should be part of civil citations and deflection/diversion programs.*
- *Have City Manager come back with a budget item to repurpose open sworn officer positions for 2021 budget.*
- *Have the City Manager come back with a budget item to have increased GPD mental health team coverage for 2021 budget.*
- *City Manager bring back other budget areas in GPD that would be good to relocate to a different part of the city or reallocate funding within GPD for the 2021 budget. Come back with options*

*for the Commission to consider.*

- Information request of breakdown of calls and who responds.*

**Discussion with the Commission in the Next 60 Days**

- Have City Manager and GPD work on how to rethink how we respond to 911 calls with non-armed individuals, and to come back to Commission with options.*
- Have the Mayor and City Manager work on crafting an MOU with community partners to fund a central funding facility.*

*Chief Jones gave opening remarks.*

*Captain Scott, Assistant Chief Pierce, Reichart House Director, J.Alexendar, Reichart House Manager, Caleb Young, Chief Inspector, Jorge Campos, Captain Schentrup, Reichart House Assistant Director, S Belk, Captain Owens, Lt. Koehler, Lt. Young, PIO Glover and Program Coordinator Halvosa gave presentations.*

*Beverly Craig, Dr. Fields, Jessica Teasley, Savannah Griffins, Will Cushman, Shawn Cane, Alice Laymon, Rosa B. Williams, Phia Malena, Tim Bryant, Kevin McMann, Kali Blount, Max Nolan, Alex Johnson, Shawn Fruner, Brandon Jones, Marcus Milani, Eli Barret, Tori Meadows, Andrew Welton, Alissa, Starr Davis, Jordan Mazura, Danny Castro, Wallace Davis, Jonathan Alexander, Danielle Alexander, Edward Spencer, Demetri, Angel Morales, Selina, Trey Pulpoli, Jonathan Dewayne, Latoya James, Madison Hamilton, Rev. Geraldine McClellan, Eric Doughty, Bob Cohen, Megan Regal, Armando Grundy Gomez, Greg Bradley, Ray Yen, and Arden Wiggins spoke to the matter.*

*Recess - 1:29 PM*

*Reconvene - 1:35 PM*

*Booker T Lewis, Cassandra, Doris Edwards, Carla Boyd, Tracey Moolchie, Lorenzo Weaver, Ian Singston, Marinana, Chance Jackson, Don Henderson, July Thomas. Mary Baxter, Eartha Wright, Mono Ausorio, Raya Thomas, Elizabeth Townsend, Karen Alford, Ken Van Nortwick, Zora, Karl Anderson and an Anonymous Caller spoke to the matter.*

*Recess - 2:43 PM*

*Reconvene - 2:50 PM*

*James Holland, Sophia, Liz Pratt, Anonymous Caller and Darius Ross spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *As requested by the City Commission on June 18, 2020, a special meeting has been scheduled to discuss the Police Department's programs and policies.*

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

**ADJOURNMENT - 4:31 PM**