

# 160710

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes

December 8, 2016

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room, City Hall 200 East University  
Avenue, Gainesville, FL

### General Policy Committee

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Helen Warren (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)*  
*Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)*  
*Commissioner Craig Carter (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - 1:01 PM**

*Remove Item No. 160600*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Budd, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Warren

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Goston

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

160601.

**General Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of November 10, 2016.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Budd, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Warren

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Goston

150167.

**Review of the Tree Ordinance -- Expansion of the Uses of the Tree Mitigation Fund (B)**

**This item covers a review of the Tree Ordinance and uses of the Tree Mitigation Fund.**

*Commissioner Goston arrived at 1:12 PM.*

*Motion: 1) Staff to work with the Tree Advisory Board on several items that need further analysis; 2) Enforcement of the assessment and workplan (funding from Wild Spaces/Public Places); 3) Not to move forward with any of the proposed allowable uses at this time; and 4) Report back on residential vs. commercial standards.*

*1st motion - passed 7-0 for everything but funding.*

*2nd motion - passed 4-3 for funding (from Wild Spaces/Public Places). Commissioner Budd, Mayor-Commissioner Pro-Tem Warren and Commissioner Hayes-Santos voting no.*

*Steve Phillips, Michah Lipscomb, David Schwartz, Paul Folkers, Linda Demetropoulos, Mark Siburt, Earline Luhrman, and Joe Wolfe made presentations.*

*Jim Konish, Jason Smith, Eric Smith, John Fleming, Mitch Glaeser, Sheryl Eddie and*

Meg Niederhofer spoke to the matter.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff concurs with the Tree Advisory Board and recommends Option A as shown in the Staff Analysis. The status quo should be maintained for now until the ecological assessment and urban forest management plan are completed, then utilize the information obtained to revise the tree ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Carter, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above.

**150991.**

**City Commission Discussion of Key City/County Issues (B)**

**This is a request for the General Policy Committee to discuss key City/County issues including the Local Option Gas Tax, Fire Station Location Study and Update on Transition of Fire Rescue Services in the SW 20th Avenue Area and the RTS Facility Update in preparation for the December 12th joint City/County Commission meeting.**

Sarah Vidal-Finn made a presentation.

Motion: The City Commission refer CRA funding issue letter to the City Attorney's office.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee discuss the key City/County issues in preparation for the joint December 12th City/County Commission meeting.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Goston, Commissioner Budd, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Warren

**150938.**

**Interlocal Agreement with Alachua County for Local Option Fuel Tax (B)**

**Section 336.025, Florida Statutes allow counties to impose local option gas tax of one to eleven cents on motor fuel sold in a county, with the revenue generated by such tax to be used by county and municipal governments only for transportation expenditures authorized by law. There are three interlocal agreements with Alachua County identifying the formulas for the distribution of these funds.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission discuss the local option gas tax as necessary in preparation for the Joint City/County Commission meeting on December 12, 2016.

**Discussed**

**160048.**

**Future Use of the Original RTS Facility (B)**

**This item provides the opportunity for the City Commission to discuss**

**the future of the Original RTS Facility located at 100 SE 10th Avenue.****\*\*ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 10 MINUTES\*\*****RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation; and 2) discuss the future use of the original RTS Facility with the County Commission.*

**Discussed**

*Paul Folkers and Jesus Gomez made presentations on Wild Spaces/Public Places, stormwater and Local Option Gas Tax.*

*Motion by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Goston to cancel the joint meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016. Motion passed 4-3 with Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Warren and Commissioner Hayes-Santos voting no.*

*Motion by Commissioner Budd, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos to write a letter to the County regarding the cancellation of the meeting and to supply information that is necessary; and 2) counter offer to split the cost of enhanced increase services as originally stated, up to a maximum of \$100,000 for Route 75 night services. Motion passed 7-0.*

**140423.****Fire Station Location Study and Update on Transition of Fire Rescue Services in the SW 20th Avenue Area (B)**

**This item recommends that the General Policy Committee hear a presentation from the Fire Chief on the Fire Station Location Study and an Update on the Transition of Fire Rescue Services in the SW 20th Avenue Area.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear the presentation.*

**Discussed****160600.****Urban Standards for GRU (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*GRU and City Planning staff:*

- 1) Receive input from the City Commission, the Utility Advisory Board, and the Development Community*
- 2) Benchmark other communities' development standards*
- 3) Evaluate alternative standards in urban areas*
- 4) Evaluate City/GRU policies and requirements to identify areas in standards to facilitate urban development*
- 5) Present evaluations and recommendations to General Policy Committee in March 2017*

**Not Addressed.**

**ADJOURNMENT - 4:47 PM**