

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

September 24, 2020

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

Virtual Teleconference Special 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 - 6:01 PM**

**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**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor Poe

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

[200129.](#) **Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges for Utilities Amendment - Water and Sewerage (B)**

Ordinance No. 200129

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to utilities; by amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges to revise fees, rates and charges for water and sewerage; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

*Nathan Skop and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.*

*Ed Bielarski spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION            *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). 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

**RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

[200354.](#)**Gainesville Regional Utilities Budget - Fiscal Year 2021 (B)**

Resolution No. 200354

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida relating to the budget for the City of Gainesville d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021; projecting revenues and adopting a budget to pay for personnel services expenses, operating and maintenance expenses and other expenses, for capital outlay, and for debt service requirements; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Nathan Skop and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.*

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

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos

[200315.](#)**Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (B)**

Resolution No. 200315

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to the levy of general municipal purpose Ad Valorem Taxes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; adopting the Final Millage Rate; directing the transmittal of certified copies; authorizing a specified adjustment to the final millage rate; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Karen Fiore, Budget Manager gave a presentation.*

*Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez and Jo Beaty spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission: 1) hear presentation from City staff regarding the final millage rate; 2) hear testimony from all interested person; and 3) adopt the proposed resolution.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. 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

[200316.](#)

**Final General Government Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (B)**

Resolution No. 200316

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its General Government Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; adopting the Final General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Rosa B. Williams, Nathan Skop, Brian O'Brien, Alfredo Morales, Dmitri, Corinne, Debbie Martinez, Kate and Kiara spoke to the matter.*

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Saco, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution). 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**

[200356.](#)

**General Fund Reserve Policy (B)**

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Approve the General Fund Policy. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*Karen Fiore gave a presentation.*

*Brian O'Brien and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The City Commission hear presentations from staff and take action as appropriate.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:37 PM**