

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

October 13, 2016

1:00 PM

**Gainesville Police Department Hall of Heroes, 545 NW 8th 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)
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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**AGENDA STATEMENT**

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ROLL CALL[160457.](#)**General Policy Committee Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of September 29, 2016.

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[160459.](#)**Referral List (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee discuss the referral list.

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[160432.](#)**Gainesville Creative Series Update (B)**

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to receive an update regarding the Gainesville Creative Series.

Explanation: The City Commission together with charter officers, organizational leaders, community leaders and citizens participated in the second session of a multi-part series called the Gainesville Creative Series on August 30, 2016 at the Alachua County Library Headquarters. The first session, the Inspire Session, was held on June 9th at the Catalyst Building. The Gainesville Creative Series is aimed at envisioning the future state of Gainesville with our community.

Concurrently, staff has been identifying the strategic priorities of the

organization and potential connection points with the vision and goals shared by the Commission, community stakeholders and citizens.

Staff will be presenting an integrated compilation of the narrative and data gathered thus far through the Gainesville Creative Series.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee receive an update regarding the Gainesville Creative Series.

[160383.](#)

OrgCode Consulting, Inc. Report on How to End Homelessness within City of Gainesville/Alachua County (B)

Explanation: The purpose of this item is for the City Commission to review the Action Plan to address the OrgCode report to end homelessness and provide policy direction to City Staff and recommendations to the County Commission and the Local CoC (North Central Florida Alliance for Homelessness and Hungry) on the Action Plan.

OrgCode Consulting, Inc. is a private consultant firm that conducted an evaluation and review of the local community's efforts to address and end homelessness within Gainesville/Alachua County, including the local CoC efforts. Iain DeJong, President and CEO, conducted the evaluation during the week of June 13, 2016. On July 12, 2016, a final report was submitted to the City and County staffs. The OrgCode report was funded jointly by the City and County with the purpose of determining if and how the community could improve its efforts to address homelessness.

The OrgCode Report recommends several actions, including the reallocation of local dollars to implement the Housing First Model for the community. More specifically, the report recommends that GRACE Marketplace focus on emergency shelter rather than transitional shelter; and the local CoC implement the Housing First model and the Rapid Rehousing/Permanent Supportive Housing approach to address homelessness in the community. This report notes that, in most cases, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) no longer supports Transitional Housing, and that the community could see a further decrease in its federal dollars if the community does not adhere to the Housing First model and the Rapid Rehousing/Permanent Supportive Housing approach.

The local CoC consists of five counties: Alachua, Levy, Bradford, Gilchrist, and Putnam Counties. The Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry is the lead agency responsible for ensuring that the local CoC complies with the rules and regulations governing the funded agencies. The local CoC is also responsible for submitting the federal funding application to HUD for the five-county area. The CoC is currently undergoing restructuring to adhere to the new federal approach to address homelessness. In September 2016, the CoC submitted its FY16/17 application to HUD.

The Housing First approach which includes the Permanent Supportive Housing Program, requires intensive case management services following the placement of homeless persons into housing in order to be successful. The homeless service providers have begun the transition to the Housing First approach to the community. The CoC has begun the implementation of a Coordinated Entry system designed to assure that services are targeted to those homeless persons most in need.

The purpose of the coordinated entry system is to provide housing services to homeless clients based upon needs and information gathered through the VI-SPDAT (Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance PreScreen Tool). The implementation of the Coordinated Entry system has begun in our community as well as with the other counties participating in the Local CoC. City and County staff are being trained on the coordinated entry system. This coordinated entry system will allow homeless clients throughout the County to obtain services based upon needs, rather than the traditional approach of gaining access to services.

In addition, to support the Rapid Rehousing program, City and County staff recommend that the Alachua County Community Support Services Department (County) implement a Rental Assistance Program for the City. The purpose of this partnership with the County is to jointly fund a program to provide funding to complement other rent subsidy programs such as Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), HUD CoC Rapid Rehousing, Challenge Grant and other related funding programs to address some of the homeless needs in the community. The proposed program would utilize SHIP funding to provide rental security and utility deposits, as well as, monthly rent subsidies (up to 12 months) to eligible low-income persons or households within Alachua County. As proposed, an interlocal agreement between the City and the County could allow for the County to administer the City and County SHIP funding set-aside for the Rental Assistance Program. The proposed agreement is subject to the approval of both City and County Commissions.

The OrgCode report also recommended that the City close Dignity Village by the end the calendar year. Given the current need for Dignity Village, staff recommends that Dignity Village remain open and active until further progress is made in the implementation of Housing First in our community.

The Action Plan includes timelines and recommendations for other items mentioned in the report. The report outlines the City, the County and the local CoC proposed action plans to address the findings and concerns in the OrgCode report. Staff is asking the City Commission to review the "Action Plan" and provide direction to staff, as well as recommendations to the County Commission, and the Local CoC to address homelessness. Representatives from the County, as well as the local CoC, are available to address the Action Plan.

Fiscal Note: At this time, no additional dollars are requested to implement the

OrgCode recommendations. Staff will review the need for additional dollars as a part of the FY18 and FY19 budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission review the Action Plan and provide policy direction to City staff and recommendations to the County Commission and the North Central Alliance for Homelessness and Hungry (local CoC).

[160383A_Moving to End Homelessness Workplan Draft_20161013.pdf](#)

[160383C_Ending Homelessness in Alachua County Work Plan Presentation_20161013.pdf](#)

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

This is a request for the City Commission to discuss key City/County issues including the Local Option Gas Tax and a Fire Station Location Study and Update on Transition of Fire Rescue Services in the SW 20th Avenue Area.

Explanation: The City/County relationship/partnership is of great importance. The City and County have many common interests and existing partnerships that work to the benefit of both the City and County. In reviewing key outstanding issues between the City and County, staff believes the City Commission would be well served by dedicating time to discuss some of these key issues in preparation for future City Commission discussion/engagement with the County Commission on the topics.

The key issues for discussion on May 12, 2016 include: the Local Option Gas Tax, the Voter Referendum on Extension of Wild Spaces Public Places, the Annexation Transition Agreement, a Shared Fire Station Alerting System to Improve Fire Rescue Response Times and The Evolution of Bed Tax Funding for the Arts.

Brief summaries of these items are provided below; however, staff analyses have been prepared providing a more comprehensive briefing on the topics.

The Local Option Gas Tax was discussed at the May 5, 2016 City Commission meeting. City staff will address questions/issues raised and seek direction from the City Commission in preparation for the May 19, 2016 City Commission meeting.

The Fire Station Location Study and Update on Transition of Fire Rescue Services in the SW 20th Avenue Area has been discussed previously and staff is prepared to provide an update.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal impact is addressed as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss the key City/County issues and provide guidance and direction as

appropriate.

[150938](#)

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

Section 336.025, Florida Statutes allow counties to impose a 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.

Explanation: Section 336.025, Florida Statutes permits the County the authority to levy a local option gas tax upon every gallon of motor fuel and special fuel sold in the County and taxed under the provisions of Chapter 206, F.S.

There are three (3) Interlocal Agreements that establish the revenue distributions:

- 1. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cents agreement expires September 30, 2018;*
- 2. 4th, 5th, and 6th cents agreement expires in December 31, 2017;*
- 3. 5 cent local option gas tax agreement expires in September 30, 2018.*

On May 19th, 2016 the City Commission directed staff to work with County staff to negotiate a new agreement. Staff will present an update on the discussions to date.

Fiscal Note: The current annual distribution to the City is approximately \$4.66 million or 38.635% of overall gas tax revenues.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear an informational presentation from City staff; and 2) provide guidance as desired.

[150938A Gas Tax Graph 20160505.pdf](#)
[150938B Gas Tax Estimates under Different Agreement Options 20160505.pdf](#)
[150938-MOD Gas Tax Powerpoint 20160505.pdf](#)
[150938 agreement local option fuel tax 20160519.pdf](#)
[150938A Gas Tax Presentation GPC 20161013.pdf](#)
[150938B Proposed Interlocal Spreadsheet 20161013.pdf](#)
[150938C Transp Exp-Self Defined Spreadsheet 20161013.pdf](#)
[150938D Transp Exp AFR Spreadsheet 20161013.pdf](#)
[150938E Transp Exp DOT Spreadsheet 20161013.pdf](#)
[150938F Population Spreadsheet 20161013.pdf](#)
[150938G Road Miles Spreadsheet 20161013.pdf](#)
[150938H Charts and Graphs 20161013.pdf](#)

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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.

Explanation: Based on previous staff recommendation and direction from the City Commission regarding fire services in Southwest Gainesville, a consultant performed a Fire Station Location Study. This item recommends that the General Policy Committee hear a presentation from Fire Chief Jeff Lane on the Fire Station Location Study and an Update on the Transition of Fire Rescue Services in the SW 20th Avenue Area.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal note.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear the presentation.

[140423A Presentation Update on Transition SW 20161013.pdf](#)

[140423B Fire Station 19 Interlocal Agreement 20161013.pdf](#)

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