

# City of Gainesville

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**May 21, 2012**

**5:00 PM**

**City Hall, Room 16**

## **Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee**

*Mayor Craig Lowe, Chair  
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Lauren Poe, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****110932.****Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee approve the minutes of April 3, 2012, as circulated.*

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS****110659.****City of Gainesville Elections - Expanded Examination of Several Issues (B)**

*Explanation: On December 17, 2009, the City Commission referred the matter of City Election Issues - Permanent Election Date Legistar Item #090601) to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee (AFLC). On September 20, 2010 and November 30, 2010, the AFLC discussed the concept of establishing a fixed spring election date with the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections. Ultimately, the AFLC recommended the City Commission maintain the current process established by ordinance regarding floating City election dates in the spring and retain this item in committee.*

*On August 30, 2011, the AFLC continued to discuss possible solutions for establishing permanent dates for future City elections, including options raised by previous Charter Review Committees. Provided as backup information was a July 6, 2011 memo from the City Attorney regarding previous Charter Review Committee processes and the October 10, 2005 final report from the City's Charter Review Committee, which recommended 4 year terms of office for the Mayor and City Commissioners, retaining 2-term limits and implementation of a consistent date for standalone fall elections in consecutively odd years.*

*Also included as back-up from the August 30, 2011 AFLC meeting is a possible transition plan for moving to 4-year terms with fall elections.*

*At the January 19, 2012, City Commission meeting, Commissioner Susan Bottcher raised several issues related to City elections during Commission comment. The City Commission, after some discussion of the issue, approved an expanded referral to the AFLC to examine all facets of the City of Gainesville election systems and process including dates, terms, term limits and*

*other issues relating to elections.*

*On April 3, 2012, the AFLC discussed this issue, receiving input from interested City Commissioners, City staff and citizens in attendance. As a result, this item was retained in committee.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The AFLC discuss this item and take whatever action is deemed appropriate.*

**Legislative History**

1/19/12	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee
4/3/12	Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee	Retained in Committee	

110659-1 City Attorney Memo to City Commission Regarding Previous Charter Review Pl

110659-2 October 10, 2005 Charter Review Committee Final Report.pdf

110659-3 Possible Transition Plan for 4 Year Terms with Fall Elections.pdf

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**