# **City of Gainesville**

City Hall 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32601



# Meeting Agenda - Final

July 17, 2014

1:00 PM

**MODIFIED AGENDA** 

**City Hall Auditorium** 

# **City Commission**

Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large) Commissioner Lauren Poe (At Large) Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large) Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls (District 1) Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Todd Chase (District 2) Commissioner Craig Carter (District 3) Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)

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# CALL TO ORDER

# AGENDA STATEMENT

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**ROLL CALL** 

#### INVOCATION

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

## **CITY MANAGER, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

<u>130561.</u>	First Amendment to Agreement to Administer and Implement Services for Homeless Persons at the Former Gainesville Correctional Institution (GCI) (B)
	This item is a request for the City Commission to authorize an amendment to the Agreement with the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry (ACCHH) to administer and implement homeless services at the former Gainesville Correctional Institution (GCI).
Explanatio	This item supports City Commission Strategic Initiative 3.1: Continue Implementation of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.
	On February 6, 2014, the City Commission authorized the City Manager to execute a service agreement with the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry (ACCHH) to administer and implement homeless services at the former Gainesville Correctional Institution (GCI). As per the Agreement language, in FY13/14, the City agrees the pay the ACCHH an advance payment in the amount of \$77,000 and eight (8) additional monthly payments of \$28,875 for a total a maximum amount of \$308,000.

On June 3, 2014, the ACCHH submitted a letter to the City requesting to

amend the payment schedule in the Agreement to reflect the original start-up funding (Attachment A). The ACCHH is requesting to amend the FY13/14 payment schedule to six (6) additional monthly payments, which includes the advance payment of \$77,000, with two (2) monthly payments of \$28,875 and four (4) monthly payments of \$43,312.50 for a total maximum amount of \$308,000. Staff recommends amending the Agreement to modify the payment schedule to reflect the original start-up funding for the ACCHH to administer and implement homeless services at the facility.

The Agreement may be modified and amended by mutual agreement of the City and ACCHH; however, any modification shall only become effective upon a written amendment to this Agreement, duly executed by the duly authorized representative of the City and ACCHH. Attached are copies of the First Amendment to the Agreement (Attachment B) and the executed Original Agreement (Attachment C) for reference.

*Fiscal Note:* The City Commission and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners have each approved \$154,000 (\$308,000 total) for funding of operations at the facility during Fiscal Year 13/14. City and County staff are finalizing an agreement that will provide the details of this funding partnership, and must be approved by both Commissions.

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	The City Commission authorize the City Manager
	to execute an amendment to the Agreement to
	modify the FY13/14 payment schedule for the
	Alachua County Coalition Homeless and Hungry,
	Inc. to administer and implement homeless
	services at the former Gainesville Correctional
	Institution (GCI), subject to approval by the City
	Attorney as to form and legality.

#### Legislative History

12/19/13	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
2/6/14	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
<u>130561A</u>	Bid Tab 20131219.pd	<u>df</u>
<u>130561B</u>	Alachua Coalition Pro	posal_20131219.pdf
<u>130561C</u>	Lazarus Restoration I	Ministries Proposal 20131219.pdf
<u>130561A</u>	MOD Service Agreem	nent_20140206.pdf
<u>130561B</u>	MOD License Agreen	nent 20140206.pdf
<u>130561A</u>	ACCHH Payment Sch	nedule Amendment Request_20140717.pdf
<u>130561B</u>	Draft 1st Amendment	_20140717.pdf
<u>130561C</u>	Executed Service Age	reement_20140717.pdf
130561B	MOD Draft 1st Amen	dment 20140717 pdf

#### <u>140035.</u>

# Contract Award to Tolar Manufacturing Company, Inc., for Bus Stop Amenities for the Regional Transit System (RTS) (B)

This item is a request to approve the recommended award and execute a contract with Tolar Manufacturing Company, Inc., for Bus Stop Amenities for the Regional Transit System (RTS).

*Explanation:* On May 21, 2013, the City's Purchasing Division solicited an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for bus stop amenities for the Regional Transit System (RTS). The ITB process was implemented in compliance with, and as required by, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Florida Statutes and City of Gainesville policies.

*Two (2) proposals were submitted by the deadline. The lowest bid meeting all requirements and specifications was from Tolar Manufacturing Company, Inc.* 

RTS desires to enter into a contract for three (3) years with Tolar Manufacturing Company, Inc., not to exceed \$225,000 annually.

- *Fiscal Note:* Funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$225,000 annually are available in the RTS capital budget.
  - **RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with Tolar Manufacturing Company, Inc., for Bus Stop Amenities for the Regional Transit System (RTS), subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

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#### <u>140038.</u>

Request to Combine Capital Improvement Project Accounts to replace two roofs at Morningside Nature Center Living History Farm (NB)

This item involves a request to combine five CIP account balances from the FY 2009 Capital Improvement Plan and reallocate these to address an immediate Capital need at the Morningside Nature Center Living History Farm.

*Explanation:* During Fiscal Year 2009, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department received funding for a number of minor Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) which were completed and have small balances remaining in the various CIP accounts. Additionally, in one instance, a project funded with CIP dollars was budgeted in the Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) allocation approved by the City Commission in late 2009, along with other WSPP-funded CIP projects. The funds now remaining in the CIP accounts listed below are needed to address serious roof issues at both the cabin and the barn at the Morningside Nature Center. The Department requests permission to combine the remaining funds in order to cover the costs of new roofs at the two Morningside outbuildings. The accounts are as follows: 1) remaining balance of \$123 from the A. Quinn Jones House Project account that has been completed; 2) \$7,700 from the Rosa Williams Center Roof project that has been completed and was paid for using WSPP funding rather than FY2009 CIP funding; 3) remaining balance of \$18,755 from the Possum Creek Park improvements that have been completed; 4) \$389 from a different A Quinn Jones House Project account that has been completed; and 5) \$212 from the Patriotic Flag Project that has been completed. The total amount of funding derived from these five CIP accounts equals \$27,179 and is close to the roofing estimates received.

*Fiscal Note:* \$27,179 from funding source FY 2009 Capital Improvement Project Plan is needed to replace the roofs on the cabin and barn at the Morningside Nature Center.

**RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission direct staff to combine the above listed CIP accounts to establish one CIP account with funding to replace two roofs at Morningside Nature Center.

#### <u>140040.</u>

#### Staff Recommendations for Telephone Town Hall Meeting (NB)

#### This item is to request a postponement of the August 13, 2014 Telephone Town Hall Meeting.

*Explanation:* As part of the City of Gainesville FY 15/16 Biennial Budget Calendar, the City Commission approved dates for a series of public meetings to gather feedback from residents on the City's strategic priorities. The first Town Hall Meeting was held on February 10, 2014 at the Senior Recreation Center and approximately 70 residents attended. To reach out to a greater number of residents, a Town Hall Meeting was scheduled to be conducted over the phone.

> On May 1, 2014, the City Commission heard a presentation on Telephone Town Hall meetings and gave staff direction to come back with a set of recommendations on how a meeting should be conducted in Gainesville. A Telephone Town Hall meeting was scheduled for August 13, 2014 and staff developed a set of recommendations for the Commission to consider.

*On June 19, 2014 the Telephone Town Hall item was continued until August 7, 2014.* 

*Fiscal Note:* The cost of a Telephone Town Hall meeting is approximately \$4,500 for a one-hour call.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) direct the Clerk of the Commission to cancel the August 13, 2014 Telephone Town Hall meeting; and 2) reschedule the Telephone Town Hall meeting to a date to be determined.

Legislative History

6/19/14	City Commission	Continued
140040	Telephone Town Hall	Ppt 20140619 pdf

#### **<u>140059.</u>** Historic Preservation Small Matching Grant Application (NB)

This item involves a request to accept a Historic Preservation Small Matching Grant from the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historic Resources, if awarded, to support a phased project to protect historic resources in six City Nature Parks.

*Explanation:* The City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department submitted an application for a Historic Preservation Small Matching Grant on May 30, 2014 for funding that becomes available July 1, 2015. The proposed project will be a phased multi-year plan to address protection of historic and archaeological resources within City of Gainesville Nature Parks. This grant application, if successful, will fund Site Condition Assessments by a consultant for two (2) City Nature Parks, Split Rock Conservation Area and Broken Arrow Bluff, and update the Master Site File forms for four (4) other sites; Bivens Arm Nature Park, Boulware Springs Nature Park, Gum Root Nature Park, and Palm Point Nature Park to allow the City to prepare future grant requests. Updated Master Site File listings are required upon submittal of a grant application.

*Fiscal Note:* PRCA has applied for a Historic Preservation Small Matching Grant for \$7,875. PRCA's Nature Operations FY15-16 general operating funds can be used to meet the required 1:1 matching funds. No additional funds will be necessary to facilitate this request.

**RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission: 1) approve the request to accept a grant, if awarded, from the State of Florida Division of Historic Resources, and 2) if the grant is awarded, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the grant award agreement and other grant-related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

#### <u>140076.</u>

2015 National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) Grant Application (NB) This agenda item requests approval for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) to accept, if awarded, a grant from the National Archives and Records Association (NARA) Office of National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) to digitize the burial records of the historic Evergreen Cemetery

- *Explanation:* The City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department has submitted a grant application to the National Archives and Records Management in the amount of \$20,000 to support the digitization of the historic Evergreen Cemetery records. The historic Evergreen Cemetery records tell the story of early settlers and pioneers that shaped the growth of Gainesville to what it is today. The cemetery records are in need of preservation and conservation through modern methods of electronic record keeping. The digitized records will become available to the public through genealogy research and serve as a primary resource for families, researchers and those interested in early Alachua County history. The funds, if awarded, will provide for the purchase of scanning equipment, computers and provide a stipend to volunteers to conduct the scanning process.
- *Fiscal Note:* PRCA has submitted a grant application to the National Archives and Records Association (NARA) for \$20,000. There is a 25% cash or in-kind match required for the grant. The cash match will be met with a contribution from the Evergreen Cemetery Association of Gainesville, Inc., as well as an in-kind match from PRCA department. No additional funds will be necessary to facilitate this request.
  - **RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission: 1) approve the request to accept the grant if awarded, from the National Archives and Records Association to support the digitization of the historic Evergreen Cemetery records; and 2) if the grant is awarded, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the grant award agreement and other grant related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

#### <u>140077.</u>

Lowe's Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Grant Application (NB)

This agenda item requests approval for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) to accept, if awarded, a grant from the Lowe's Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Grants program to support the installation of waste receptacles in three City parks.

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- *Explanation:* The City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department has submitted an application to the Lowe's Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Grant on June 25, 2014 for funding to support the installation of new receptacle bins at three City parks. One of the goals of the PRCA Master Plan is to integrate sustainable measures into the active and passive parks in the City to improve the community. The containers' combination of trash and recycling in the design allows access from the side versus the top, eliminating the intrusion of rain into the collection receptacle. The grant is a public-private partnership with Keep America Beautiful local affiliate, Keep Alachua County Beautiful.
- *Fiscal Note:* PRCA has submitted a grant application to the Lowe's Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Grant for \$10,000. There are no administrative or matching funds associated with this grant.
  - **RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission: 1) approve the request to accept the grant, if awarded, from the Lowe's Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Grant; and 2) if the grant is awarded, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the grant award agreement and other grant related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Florida Division of Cultural Affairs General Program Support, Local Arts Agency Grant (NB)

This item requests approval by the City Commission for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) to accept, if awarded, a FY15-16 Local Arts Agency grant from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

*Explanation:* Since being designated as the Local Arts Agency (LAA) for Alachua County in 1985, the City of Gainesville Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs' Department, Cultural Affairs Division, has applied a number of times to the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA) for a general program support grant in the LAA category. Cultural Affairs Division qualifies as a Level III organization and can apply for the highest level of funding, \$150,000. PRCA recently received notification of full funding for it FY14-15 request for this amount and has applied for the same program support grant for FY15-16.

> PRCA seeks to continue initiatives begun with the FY14-15 LAA grant award with its application for General Program Support Grant for FY15-16. Requested funds for FY15-16 will be applied to initiatives that will build local arts agencies' capacity, including the partial salary of the PRCA Tourism Marketing Technician who services the Cultural Resource Center. The grant will provide funding for the "352ArtsRoadmap" Cultural Master Plan implementation for the City of

Gainesville and Alachua County, and related marketing initiatives. In addition, it will provide support for the Thomas Center Galleries' exhibitions curation and marketing; artists' fees for the "Jest Fest!" series at Bo Diddley Community Plaza, and the continuation of the very successful "Music at the Thomas Center" monthly concert series in partnership with Shakerag Culture Center, Inc. Lastly, the grant will provide resources for a feasibility study for the new amphitheater/arts center, which is envisioned in the PRCA "Vision 2020" Master Plan.

The recent grant submission deadline was June 2, 2014; a panel review of applications will be scheduled for September, and final funding recommendations will be announced in June 2015.

- *Fiscal Note:* The FY15-16 General Program Support \$150,000 grant, which has been applied for in the LAA category, will be matched 1:1 by expenditures within the PRCA operating budget. No additional funds will be necessary to facilitate this request.
  - **RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager to accept the FY15-16 Local Arts Agency grant from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs if awarded; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any grant related documents subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

# Settlement of Worker's Compensation Claim - Elmore Reynolds (NB)

This item involves the full and final settlement of Mr. Elmore Reynolds workers' compensation claim(s), which will include all future medical and indemnity payments. The total settlement amount is \$100,000.00 and represents a significant cost advantage to the city.

*Explanation:* While employed by RTS, Mr. Elmore Reynolds received injuries to his back and neck due to a motor vehicle accident. This led to ongoing medical treatment. As a result of his injuries, the present potential exposure to the City in future medical treatment, indemnity payments and the potential surgery is significant given his life expectancy.

The City Attorney's Office, the Risk Management Department, RTS, Special Counsel and our Worker's Compensation servicing agent all concur as to the full and final settlement of this claim. The total amount \$100,000.00, includes future medical costs and future indemnity payments.

*Fiscal Note:* The settlement of this case in the amount of \$100,000.00 will be paid out of the General Insurance Fund.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> The City Commission authorize Special Counsel to prepare and execute the appropriate documents

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for a lump-sum settlement of the Worker's Compensation claim of Mr. Elmore Reynolds, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

<u>140088.</u>	Request to Combine Capital Improvement Project Accounts to Install Fencing Around Fred Cone Park Track (NB)
	This item involves a request to combine CIP account balances from the FY 2006 Capital Improvement Plan and reallocate these to address an immediate Capital need at the Fred Cone Park Track.
	<i>Explanation:</i> During Fiscal Year 2006, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department received funding for a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for Racquetball Court Conversion at Albert Ray Massey Westside Park. The project was completed when a new tennis practice wall was added where two racquetball courts were removed. The remaining unspent CIP funds are needed to install a fence around Fred Cone Park Track, which was not fenced during the original construction. The track has been open for over a year and it is documented that a fence is needed in order to conduct sanctioned high school and amateur athletic events. Controlling children, bicycles, and access onto/off of the track is paramount for successful events.
	The Department requests permission to utilize the remaining funds from the FY 2006 Racquetball Court Conversion, \$15,775, and combine the funds needed to complete the project with the CIP Project Account Recreation Land Improvements, \$22,350.
	Fiscal Note: \$15,775 from funding source of FY 2006 Capital Improvement Project Plan is needed to install fencing around Fred Cone Park Track.
	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b> The City Commission approve combining the above listed CIP accounts to establish one CIP account with funding to install a fence at Fred Cone Park Track.
<u>140089.</u>	Bid Award - Bus Stop Improvements Phase II (B)
	This item is a request for the City Commission to authorize the bid award to Hicks Seal Coating and Striping, LLC, for the Bus Stop Improvements Phase II Project for the construction, replacement and installation of sidewalks, pads and signage associated with bus stop improvements per the project plans, in the amount of \$117,560.
	<i>Explanation:</i> On May 8, 2014, the City's Purchasing Division solicited bids for the Bus Stop Improvements Phase II project for the construction, replacement and installation of sidewalks, pads, signage and other items as shown and described in the construction plans at specific locations within the City of Gainesville. One (1) firm responded with a bid. Hicks Seal

Coating and Striping, LLC, has been deemed to be a responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$117,560. It is in the best interest of the City to award to the sole bidder because its bid was only 5% more than the Engineer's Estimate and there is an impending period of performance deadline to utilize grant funding that could be missed if bids were to be solicited again.

*Fiscal Note:* Funding for the Bus Stop Improvement Phase II project in the amount of \$117,560 is allocated and identified in the following sources: TCEA and Joint Participation Agreement No., AQE90.

**RECOMMENDATION** 

The City Commission: 1) award the bid to Hicks Seal Coating and Striping, LLC, for the Bus Stop Improvements Phase II Project; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and any necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

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140090.The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)FY 2014 Comprehensive Anti-gang Strategies and Program (NB)

This is a request for City Commission approval for the Gainesville Police Department to accept a grant if awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

.. Explanation

The Gainesville Police Department will apply for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) FY 2014 Comprehensive Anti-gang Strategies and Program by July 14, 2014. This grant provides the communities with funds to hire a multi-strategy gang coordinator who will be able to enhance the coordination of existing community based anti-gang programs and strategies that are closely aligned with law enforcement efforts and to add or enhance gang prevention, intervention and suppression programs.

This program supports the implementation of comprehensive community-based anti-gang strategies and enhances existing resources and activities that support programs that reduce gang activity in targeted communities.

*Explanation:* The Gainesville Police Department will apply for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) FY 2014 Comprehensive Anti-gang Strategies and Program by July 14, 2014. This grant provides the communities with funds to hire a multi-strategy gang coordinator who will be able to enhance the coordination of existing community based anti-gang programs and strategies that are closely aligned with law enforcement efforts and to add or enhance gang prevention, intervention and suppression programs.

This program supports the implementation of comprehensive community-based anti-gang strategies and enhances existing resources and activities that support programs that reduce gang activity in targeted communities.

- *Fiscal Note:* There is no match requirement for this grant. The maximum funding is \$200,000 for a 2 year project period.
  - **RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission authorize the City Manager to: 1) accept the grant if awarded, by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Program Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and 2) if awarded, execute any grant documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

140098.Approval for Regional Transit System (RTS) to apply for Federal<br/>Transit Administration (FTA) Ladders of Opportunity Initiative<br/>(LoOI) Grant (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to authorize the Regional Transit System (RTS) to submit a grant application for a Federal Transit Administration Ladders of Opportunity Initiative (LoOI) Grant.

*Explanation:* On June 4, 2014, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of approximately \$100 million in competitive grant funds through a new Ladders of Opportunity Initiative (LoOI). The purpose of the grant funds is to support transit initiatives that connect the transportation disadvantaged to jobs and services, such as education, employment training and healthcare.

RTS desires to submit the application for the Five Points Transfer Center near the intersection of Waldo and Hawthorne Roads that was modeled in the Go-Enhance (Alternative Analysis) study. The application would also include a request for \$5 million to purchase 11 replacement buses to support service to the area. The study provided an estimate for design and construction of the facility at \$3.2 million.

The federal share of awarded projects would not exceed 80% of the total project capital costs and local match will be requested through Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) toll revenue credits.

If pursued, RTS would explore integrating the facility with the City's Bike Boulevards program, offering 20 minute frequencies or better, to the Five Points Transfer Center and beyond to the Rosa Parks Downtown 140127.

Station. RTS would also incorporate a small development facility into the design (meal/snack facility or other use) as part of a public/private partnership. Preliminary design from the Alternatives Analysis (AA) study included a small number of parking spaces for those wishing to use the facility as a park and ride.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION** 

The City Commission: 1) authorize Regional Transit System (RTS) to submit a Ladders of Opportunity Initiative (LoOI) grant application; 2) authorize staff to begin dialogue with the current landowner regarding interest in selling the proposed location; and 3) authorize the Mayor and/or the City Manager to submit a letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on behalf of the City Commission supporting the project.

140098 SupportLetter 20140717A.pdf

# Extending Marsh Broker Contract an Additional Six Months to December 31, 2014 (NB)

*Explanation:* The City uses a competitive bid process to award our broker services contract. Typically, the City renews or awards this contract in September, which is the same time frame that the City's insurance program is being marketed by the current broker. This makes transitioning to a new provider very difficult and puts our bid process in the middle of our insurance marketing efforts. Staff has been somewhat disappointed in the responses to our previous attempts to market this service. The City only received three proposals during the last attempt to market broker services. In an effort to increase competition, staff believes moving the process to January will allow more providers to prepare a response for the City to consider. Most public entities market their insurance programs during August and September which makes it difficult for vendors to devote time to a bid process which would conflict with their current client base.

Recently, our carriers scheduled a loss control visit to assess the relative risk of our high valued assets. This typically is part of the renewal process for the City's property insurance program and the outcome of the recommendations and responses associated with the loss control visit are important to a successful marketing and pricing of the property insurance program. Of specific interest to the insurance markets are the City's operations and maintenance of those facilities has proven to be very beneficial in presenting a positive risk profile to the markets. It is staff's belief that having this continuity will benefit the City of Gainesville and Gainesville Regional Utilities during both the loss control and placement processes.

Marsh USA, Inc. has agreed to continue to provide the service on a six month basis until the selection process has completed. Marsh USA has provided superior service to the City during its contract periods and is a public entity and utility insurance industry leader. Marsh has provided innovative solutions to our insurance needs and superior loss control support for Gainesville Regional Utilities.

*Fiscal Note:* Funds of \$99,230 are available in the General Insurance Fund. This is no increase over the current annualized amount.

**RECOMMENDATION** 

The City Commission: 1) approve the additional six month extension to Marsh USA, Inc.; and 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into the six month extension to the current agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

#### GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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#### General Manager-Utilities Executive Search (B)

- *Explanation:* Kathy Viehe has been serving as Interim General Manager-Utilities since November 15, 2013. In order to hire a new General Manager, it is necessary to initiate a search to find suitable candidates to fill this position.
- *Fiscal Note:* The anticipated fiscal impact is \$70,000. This amount includes \$55,000 in search fees and \$15,000 allocated for candidate travel and other expenses. Funds required to initiate a search will be covered by current and anticipated vacancies in GRU's approved FY14 budget. Funds required upon placement of the General Manager have been allocated in the FY15 budget.
  - **RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission (1) approve the General Manager-Utilities Job Desctiption, (2) approve the Executive Search Plan developed by the Human Resources Department, and (3) authorize the Human Resources Department to engage the services of an Executive Search Firm to initiate the search.

#### Legislative History

1/16/14	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
2/20/14	City Commission	Approved, as shown above
6/25/14	City Commission	Discussed

130621 GM-Utilities Executive Search Plan 20140220

Item No130621 General Manager Utilities Job Description 20140220

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130621 GM-Utilities Draft Executive Search Plan for Discussion 20140625

130621 General Manager Utilities Job Description 20140625

130621 GM-Utilities Executive Search Plan 20140717

130621 General Manager Utilities Job Description 20140717

# **CITY ATTORNEY, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

#### <u>120125.</u>

# UPDATE REGARDING DRAFT ORDINANCE PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENTS FOR CITY COMMISSION ELECTIONS (NB)

*Explanation:* After holding a series of Charter review meetings during 2013, the City Commission, at a special meeting on November 4, 2013, directed the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance that would place before the voters a Charter Amendment to move City elections to coincide with regular elections for federal, state, and county officials; provide for a preceding primary election to avoid runoff; and propose a transition schedule to 4-year terms that would not extend or shorten any incumbent city commissioner's term.

> While working on this referral, staff discovered some legal issues, practical difficulties, and possible unintended consequences. Because the drafting of a proposed charter amendment ordinance requires considerable staff effort and the expense of advertisement, further commission direction would be helpful at this point.

The proposed charter amendments would make considerable changes to the City's elections. In addition to lengthening the terms of office and reducing elections from every year to every other year, the amendments -- by requiring a preceding primary election and a general election would appear to institute partisan elections (as Florida is a closed primary state) and would allow the election to be decided by a mere plurality of votes cast in the general election.

We are not certain that the Commission intended to create partisan elections or a plurality voting system. Holding a preceding primary election will winnow away the candidates who declare a party affiliation on the ballot, but it does not appear that it will avoid a runoff. Rather, the general election will serve as the runoff; however, since all candidates who seek to qualify without party affiliation or as a member of a party without opposition could proceed directly to the general election, the election is likely to be decided by a plurality, rather than majority, of votes cast. If the Commission intends this result, it would be more cost effective to simply hold one plurality election. In researching these issues and looking for a municipal election model that Gainesville could follow, we found no other municipalities in the State of Florida with partisan municipal elections. Our research was confirmed by an official from the State of Florida Division of Elections.

In sum, the issues presented by this referral are complex, appear to result in unintended consequences, and may benefit from more discussion and direction before a charter amendment ordinance is drafted by the Office of the City Attorney.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	The City Commission refer this matter to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee for further discussion and direction.
Legislative History	

6/7/12	City Commission	Referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee
1/29/13	Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee	Retained in Committee
3/14/13	Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee	Approved as Recommended, as Modified
4/18/13	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
7/29/13	City Commission	Approved, as shown above
9/24/13	City Commission	Discussed
11/4/13	City Commission	Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)
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Current Charter Laws.pdf

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#### <u>130635.</u>

# CITY'S CLAIM AGAINST BEAZER EAST, INC. FOR COST RECOVERY UNDER FLORIDA AND FEDERAL LAW (B)

*Explanation:* On March 4, 2013, the City placed Beazer East, Inc. ("Beazer") on notice of the City's cost recovery claims arising from the approximately \$1.8 million dollars that the City expended from 2001 to present to ensure that the remedy selected by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Koppers Superfund Site is adequately protective of the City's primary source of drinking water for the Gainesville community, the Murphree Wellfield, which is located downgradient of the Koppers Site.

Since March 2013, City staff (from Public Works, Legal and GRU) have

been working with Beazer staff to negotiate a settlement of the cost recovery claims without resort to litigation, as it is anticipated that such litigation will be lengthy and time and cost-intensive for both parties. To date, the key terms of the settlement discussion include Beazer undertaking and/or contributing to public improvements (e.g., utility, road, stormwater and park/recreation) in the Stephen Foster neighborhood and soil removal and restoration in the City's Municipal Storage Yard.

On January 16, 2014, the City and Beazer entered into a Tolling Agreement that preserved and tolled the applicable Statute of Limitations period (a statutory timeframe within which legal action must be filed) until May 2, 2014. On May 1, 2014, the City and Beazer executed the First Amendment to Tolling Agreement extending the Tolling Agreement to July 16, 2014.

City staff has continued to negotiate in good faith with Beazer staff with a goal of finalizing a proposed written settlement agreement that can be recommended for approval to both the Beazer Board and the City Commission. To allow staff to complete negotiations and prevent the City's cost recovery claims from being extinguished by the Statute of Limitations, it is necessary to amend the Tolling Agreement to further extend the Tolling Period.

**RECOMMENDATION** 1) Authorize the City Manager and the Interim General Manager for Utilities to execute the Second Amendment to Tolling Agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

#### Legislative History

1/16/14	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
5/1/14	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
<u>130635</u>	Mod Beazer Tolling A	greement_20140116.pdf
<u>130635</u>	Beazer Tolling Agreer	ment 20140501.pdf
130635	Beazer Tolling Agreer	ment 2nd Amd 20140717 ndf

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# CORNELIUS MINAFIELD AND EULA DANIELS VS. CITY OF GAINESVILLE AND SANDY L. TEASLEY; EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CASE NO. 2014-CA-1958 (B)

*Explanation:* On June 18, 2014, the City was served with a Summons and Complaint filed by Cornelius Minafield and Eula Daniels in the Circuit Court against the City of Gainesville and City employee Sandy Teasley, a Police Officer. On June 16, 2014, Sandy Teasley was served with a Summons and Complaint. Cornelius Minafield and Eula Daniels allege that they were involved in an automobile accident with a City vehicle on November 25, 2012 at the intersection of SE 4th Avenue and SE 3rd Street, in Gainesville. Cornelius Minafield and Eula Daniels claim to

have suffered significant and permanent loss of an important bodily function and/or permanent and significant scarring, permanent injury within a reasonable degree of medical probability other than scarring or disfigurement, aggravation or activation of an existing disease or physical defect, pain, suffering, disability, physical impairment, mental anguish, inconvenience, and a loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, expenses of medical care and treatment in the past and in the future, and loss of wages and/or loss of earning capacity in the future. Mr. Minafield and Ms. Daniels seek money damages in excess of \$15,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the City Attorney to represent the City and the City employee in the case styled Cornelius Minafield and Eula Daniels vs. City of Gainesville and Sandy L. Teasley; Eighth Judicial Circuit, Case No. 2014-CA-1958.

140082 Minafield and Daniels Consent 20140717.pdf

<u>140111.</u>

# KENNETH J. KOPROWSKI AND JUDITH A. KOPROWSKI v. CITY OF GAINESVILLE; PRESUIT CLAIM ARISING FROM AN ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN GAINESVILLE, ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON OR ABOUT JULY 5, 2012. (NB)

*Explanation:* On Thursday, July 5, 2012, Kenneth Koprowski was driving his vehicle in Gainesville with his wife, Judith Koprowski, as a passenger. Both of the Koprowskis utilized the seat-belts. They were travelling through Gainesville on their way home to Homosassa, Florida. The Koprowskis' vehicle was stopped at a red light headed southbound on SW 34th Street (SR 121), when they were struck from behind by a large City-owned utility bucket truck with a rig in tow. The Koprowskis were travelling in a 2012 sports utility vehicle that sustained sufficient damages to be a total loss. The impact of the collision caused the supporting braces for the driver's seat to bend and become dislocated.

> Emergency vehicles responded to the scene of the accident, and transported Mr. and Ms. Koprowski to the Shands Hospital Emergency Room. Mr. Koprowski suffered considerable injuries, surgery, and inpatient rehabilitation. In total, Mr. Koprowski incurred medical bills in excess of \$136,000.00. Ms. Koprowski's medical bills exceeded \$13,000.00. Mr. Koprowski also experienced lost wages and ability to earn income. At the time of the accident, he had recently been laid-off from his long-term employment, and was receiving unemployment compensation while actively seeking a new position. His hospitalization and injuries prevented him from seeking employment and adversely affected his ability to qualify for unemployment compensation. Ms. Koprowski experienced a loss of consortium, including marital services and companionship. They both experienced compensable pain and suffering resulting from the accident.

Due to the nature of the accident and injuries, and with the cooperation of the claimants and their attorneys, the City Attorney's Office and Risk Management Department conducted a thorough evaluation and investigation of these claims prior to the filing of a lawsuit. A complete review of the applicable medical records was performed, a sworn deposition of Mr. Koprowski was conducted, and other witnesses were interviewed. Per the application of Florida's limited waiver of sovereign immunity contained in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, the City's liability and authority to settle claims such as this is limited to \$200,000.00 per person and \$300,000.00 per incident. After cooperative, reciprocal due diligence was performed by both the City and lawyers for the claimants. a negotiated settlement was achieved. Representatives for the City agreed to recommend a settlement in the amount of \$192,500.00 to Mr. Koprowski, and \$7,500.00 to Ms. Koprowski, for a total sum of \$200,000.00, subject to the approval of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville. In exchange, the Koprowskis will provide a full and complete Release to the City including waiving the pursuit of a claims bill to the Legislature. It is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office and the Risk Management Department that the case be settled for that amount.

Fiscal Impact: Funds are available in the City's General Insurance Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) approve the terms of the negotiated settlement; and 2) authorize the City Attorney to settle the claims of Kenneth Koprowski and Judith Koprowski arising from an accident that occurred on or about July 5, 2012.

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# RETENTION OF BACHARA CONSTRUCTION LAW GROUP TO REPRESENT THE CITY IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT DISPUTES REGARDING DEPOT PARK POND AND PUMP STATION (NB)

*Explanation:* On November 13, 2012, the City of Gainesville through its Public Works Department, entered into a construction contract with the low bidder, R.E. Arnold Construction, Inc. (Contractor) for the construction of a regional stormwater facility on a 35 acre brownfield site known as Depot Park. The contract work included construction of a lined stormwater pond, including a concrete retaining wall and forebays, a stormwater pump station and associated structures and piping. The work also included trails, landscaping, and wetland creation and restoration work.

> During the term of the contract, the City and the Contractor have had ongoing disagreements over change orders, contract prices, and completion dates. After months of negotiations between City staff and the Contractor, it became apparent that the parties would not reach an amicable resolution prior to the expiration of the construction contract (The construction contract expired April 23, 2014). The Public Works

Department and the City Attorney's office determined that outside counsel, familiar with construction law, would best represent the City in resolving these disputes. City staff sought legal counsel who could assist in reaching agreement with the Contractor and could continue to advise the City in the event litigation was necessary.

The City Attorney's office interviewed three law firms. Bachara Construction Law Group was selected after being interviewed. The firm was recommended by other attorneys and by clients of the firm. Attorneys Brian Crevasse and Chip Bachara of Bachara Construction Law Group are both Board Certified Construction Law attorneys. Chip Bachara is also a state certified civil court mediator. Together they were instrumental in helping Public Works reach an agreement with the Contractor that resolved the conflicts over contract price and schedule through June 11, 2014 (the date Change Order #2 was executed by the Contractor).

Unfortunately, disputes between Public Works and the Contractor have continued after June 11, 2014. To date, the City has incurred \$50,000 in legal fees with Bachara Construction Law Group. The Financial Services Procedures manual permits the City Attorney to retain outside counsel for contracts of \$50,000 or less. Public Works and the City Attorney's office believe that it will be necessary to continue to retain this firm through the conclusion of the construction contract.

*Fiscal Note:* The rates specified in the retention letter are hourly rates. Funding for outside counsel will come from Public Works budgeted funds.

**RECOMMENDATION** Authorize the Office of the City Attorney to amend the retention letter with Bachara Construction Law Group for representation of the City in ongoing construction contract dispute with the Contractor for Depot Park Pond and Pump Station in the amount to exceed \$50,000.

# **CLERK OF THE COMMISSION, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

<u>140121.</u>

Resignation of Christopher Coleman from the Pension Review Committee, Jeffery Saunders from the Gainesville Human Rights Board and Winn Keeton and Josh Elam from the City Beautification Board (B)

**RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission accepts the resignation of Christopher Coleman, Jeffery Saunders, Winn Keeton and Josh Elam, effective immediately.

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Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees

(NB)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	The City Commission appoint: E. J. Bolduc to the Tree Board of Appeals for a term to expire 1/1/17
	Austin Browning to the Citizen Advisory Board for Community Development for a term to expire 11/1/17
	Robert Castellucci to the Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board for a term to expire 9/30/17
	Bruce Frendahl to the Gainesville Human Rights Board for a term to expire 2/22/17 James Tyger to the Student Community Relations Advisory Board for a term to expire 9/30/16 Betsy Albury to the Historic Preservation Board for a term to expire 6/1/17.

# EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DIRECTOR, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** 

RECREATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, CONSENT

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, CONSENT

AUDIT, FINANCE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CONSENT

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE, CONSENT

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, CONSENT ITEMS

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

CITIZEN COMMENT (not to exceed 30 minutes in length)

CITY COMMISSION COMMENT (if time available)

CHARTER OFFICER UPDATES

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

CITY MANAGER

<u>130928.</u>

Informational Presentation by Parks, Recreation and Cultural

	Affairs Department Development and Partnership Program Coordinator (B)
	This item requests the City Commission hear a brief presentation on the progress of the Development and Partnership Program Coordinator position. **ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 5 MINUTES**
Explanation:	In adopting the FY14 budget, the City Commission approved the inclusion (in Appendix A to the Gainesville Code of Ordinances) of a surcharge to fund the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department's Master Plan, which the Commission adopted in November 2012. Uses of the surcharge include funding a newly created Development and Partnership Program Coordinator position. The department advertised the vacancy, interviewed candidates and hired Ms. Alicia Antone who started work on February 17, 2014.
	During the last sixty days Ms. Antone has become immersed in departmental needs and has participated in numerous development activities and projects as described: 1) secured the department's inclusion in a "Florida Living History" article in the Gainesville Magazine; 2) secured a permanent barricade advertising at the Butler Plaza for the month of April for Jest Fest (between Trader Joes and Ross Stores); 3) confirmed a new partnership with GRU for the use of a Ranger 6X6 ATV for prescribed burns in the nature parks; 4) secured a Schwinn Cruiser bicycle for staff at the Morningside Nature Center to use during busy times to transport items between locations within the park; 5) submitted a \$50,000 grant proposal to AEC Trust Foundation to implement an afterschool tutoring through the arts program at three City community centers through a partnership with Yopp, Inc.; 6) submitted a grant application to AEDgrant.com for eighteen new and updated AED machines; 7) submitted the Facility Assistance Form to the United States Tennis Association for the resurfacing of four tennis courts at the T.B. McPherson Park for reimbursement up to 35% of the project costs; 8) submitted \$5,000 grant proposal to the TD Bank Foundation through a community partner Sisters Helping Sisters in Need, Inc. for new LED lighting and censors in the Porters Community Center; 9) submitted \$500 grant application to Plum Creek Foundation for a new shade structure at the Eastside Community Center playground; 10) submitted a \$500 grant application to the 2014 Pop Warner/Team Cheer Uniform and Apparel Grant to support the Gator Cheerleading unit; 11) worked diligently to secure funding for the Summer Heatwave Program "crowdfunding" fundraising campaign project; 12) developed a Grants Management Outlook calendar to manage grant proposal deadlines and fundraising activities; 13) researched policies and guidelines for sponsorships, naming and partnerships to develop draft policies for the department; 14) developing a database of the "needs" and potential

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Vision 2020 Master Plan; 15) assisted with developing an Adopt-a-Trail Agreement for local community groups.

*Fiscal Note:* There are no fiscal costs associated with this presentation.

**RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission hear a brief presentation from staff regarding the progress of the Development and Partnership Program Coordinator Position in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department.

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#### FY15 and FY16 Cultural Outside Agency Funding (B)

This item requests that the City Commission approve the funding recommendation of the Gainesville-Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board for the Outside Agency cultural grants program. \*ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 10 MINUTES\*

*Explanation:* The Gainesville-Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board uses the Cultural Plan to evaluate Outside Agency grant applications, assessing each application for its ability to meet criteria specified in the Plan, including arts and cultural accessibility, education and audience development.

A public scoring workshop was conducted on May 3, 2014, to review applications and score agencies for funding. Applications were received from thirteen agencies this year and all thirteen are recommended for funding. Evaluation of applicants takes into consideration the City's Cultural Plan, the applicants' fiscal and artistic history, verification of 501 (c) (3) status as a "not-for-profit" agency, and how well the agency's application meets specific criteria outlined in the grant guidelines such as, audience development, project management and program merit. Prior to submitting their applications, all applicants are provided with a complete copy of evaluative criteria. Applicants must score 75 points or better to be eligible for funding.

In keeping with the City's two-year budget cycle, grant awards are for a two-year period, similar to granting procedures of the State's Division of Cultural Affairs. Applicants' requests and award amounts are based on a tiered funding system for small, medium and large agencies, with request caps based on agencies' last closed fiscal year expenditures budget. This results in awards more closely aligned with each agency's operational needs. Recommended agency awards are specified on attachment #140083B, "Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board Funding Recommendations FY15 and FY16 Outside Agency Grants."

*Fiscal Note:* The current funding level for the Outside Agency grant program is \$56,979. Award recommendations are based on current funding level, subject to final budget deliberations and allocations in the budget

process; should the funding level decrease, agency grant awards will be decreased proportionately to ensure the total award amounts do not exceed the total amount available for the Outside Agency grant program.

**RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission: 1) hear a brief presentation by Gainesville-Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board Chair Fred Sowder, regarding FY15 and FY16 Outside Agency cultural grant awards; and 2) approve the FY15 and FY16 Outside Agency cultural grant awards as recommended by the Gainesville-Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board, contingent upon adoption of the final FY15 and FY16 City of Gainesville budget.

140083A\_FY15 & FY16 OA Rec PPT\_20140717.pdf

140083B\_FY15 & FY16 OA Recs\_20140717.pdf

140084.

Naming Regional Transit System (RTS) Administration/Operations/Maintenance Facility after Congresswoman Corrine Brown (NB)

This item is a request for the City Commission to approve naming the Regional Transit System (RTS) Administration/Operations/Maintenance Facility after Congresswoman Corrine Brown.

*Explanation:* On March 6, 2014, the City Commission requested staff to review the process for naming the new Regional Transit System (RTS) complex after U. S. House Representative Corrine Brown. Congresswoman Brown has been a long-time supporter of Gainesville and RTS. Specifically, she designated money to support RTS in the most recent surface transportation reauthorization bill in 2005 and provided letters in support of Gainesville's applications for federal grants and funding for this project.

Currently there is no City naming policy for buildings; however, RTS followed the naming policy for City Parks as closely as possible. There was no application process or collection of signatures because it was a referral from the City Commission.

The Regional Transit System Advisory Board made a motion to recommend naming the facility after Congresswoman Brown at its March 26, 2014 meeting. RTS staff and the RTS Advisory Board recommend the facility be named the "Corrine Brown Transit Facility."

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact associated with this request.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve naming the Regional Transit System (RTS)

Administration/Operations/Maintenance facility the "Corrine Brown Transit Facility."

130910. 2014 Hurricane Season and Emergency Management Presentation **(B)** This item involves a request to the City Commission to receive a presentation regarding the 2014 Hurricane Season and the City's **Emergency Management preparations. \*\*Estimated Staff** Presentation 30 minutes\*\* Explanation: With the 2014 hurricane season and increased potential for emergency management related incidents, a joint City/County presentation on emergency management will be provided to the City Commission. Captain Lonnie Scott, as Chair of the Emergency Management Team will facilitate the presentation which will incorporate both the County's Emergency Management 2014 Hurricane Briefing and the City's Emergency Management preparations. Fiscal Note: None **RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission receive a presentation regarding the 2014 Hurricane Season and the City's Emergency Management preparations. 130910 CityEmergencyManagement2014 20140619 130806. **Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax Interlocal Agreement (B)** Section 212.055, Florida Statutes allows charter counties to impose a discretionary sales surtax of up to 1 percent. The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners approved a November 2014 ballot initiative for a 1-cent Charter County Transportation System Surtax that requires an interlocal agreement between the City and County. **\*ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 10 MINUTES\*** Explanation: Section 212.055, Florida Statutes allows charter counties to impose a discretionary sales surtax of up to 1 percent to fund transportation projects including transit, on-demand transportation services and roads or bridges. The City of Gainesville must enter into an interlocal agreement with Alachua County in order to receive the funds and must provide a final list of projects for inclusion in the agreement. Surtax proceeds shall be used only for projects identified on the list of projects. The agreement also includes the provision for the oversight of

On April 17, 2014, the City Commission adopted a list of projects

expenditures by a citizen oversight committee.

allocating 55% of revenues to roadway projects inclusive of system preservation, enhancement and expansion; 40% to transit projects inclusive of fleet and operational enhancements to expand the reach of existing services and add a few new routes, accessibility improvements and amenities; and, 5% to bicycle and pedestrian projects including expanded connectivity, safety and accessibility enhancements. The list was transmitted to Alachua County on April 30, 2014.

On June 5, 2014, the City Commission adopted a modification to the project list reducing the roadway and transit allocation by \$800,000 each in order to fund a senior transportation initiative and requested staff to present options to accommodate the funding reallocation. The following options are presented for consideration:

(1) Transit Reduction:

a) Remove the proposed new Route 53 which was conceived to serve the Senior Recreation Center starting in FY18 in response to senior transportation needs. This would result in operating cost savings of \$934,736 plus the cost of a new bus; the surplus over \$800,000 would be reallocated towards transit vehicle replacement; or, b) Reduce the proposed implementation of amenities (i.e., bus shelter, landing pads, benches, trash cans and bus bays) by \$800,000

(2) Roadway Reduction:

a) Reduce the pavement management allocation by \$800,000; or, b) Remove the SE 21st Street new capacity project (total reduction of \$794,000)

Staff recommends the removal of new Route 53 and the removal of SE 21st Street from the project list in order to fund the senior transportation initiative. A copy of the interlocal agreement is provided in the backup as well as a copy of the currently adopted list of projects.

*Fiscal Note:* The Board of County Commissioners approved an 8-year term surtax allocating 43.24% of revenues, approximately \$12,970,216 per year for a total of \$103,761,728, to the City of Gainesville. The actual amount will vary depending on actual revenue.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	The City Commission: 1) approve the revised project list for the 8-year Transportation Surtax Funding Plan with the addition of a Senior Transportation Initiative and removal of RTS Route 53 and SE 21st Street; 2) approve the Interlocal Agroament Between Algebug County
	Interlocal Agreement Between Alachua County and the City of Gainesville for Use and Distribution of 1% of the Funds Generated by a Charter
	County and Regional Transportation System Sales
	Surtax To Be Used For Improvement and
	Maintenance of the Transportation System with
	the revised 8-year Transportation Surtax Funding
	Plan; and 3) authorize the Mayor to execute the

Interlocal Agreement and any related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Alternative Recommendation:

The City Commission adopt an alternative modification to the 8-year Transportation Surtax Funding Plan for inclusion in the interlocal agreement.

#### Legislative History

4/3/14 City Com	mission	Continued
4/17/14 City Com	mission	Approved as Recommended
130806A SalesTaxPr	oposal 20	140403.pdf
130806B_OverallProj	ectList_201	40403.pdf
130806C Map 20140	0403.pdf	
130806D_Transportat	tion_20140	403.pdf
130806E ProjectCost	s 2014040	<u>)3.pdf</u>
130806F_Presentatio	n_2014040	<u>l3.pdf</u>
130806A MOD Sales	TaxPropos	al_20140403.pdf
130806G-MOD_Sumr	mary List-2	0140417.pdf
130806H-MOD_Maps	and Table	s_20140417.pdf
130806I-MOD Preser	ntation 201	40417.pdf
130806A_InterlocalAc	reement_2	20140717.pdf
130806B COG List of	f Projects	20140717.pdf
130806C_Transportat	ionFunding	OptLetter_20140717.pdf
130806D RouteMap	20140717.	pdf

# **GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES**

# **CITY ATTORNEY**

# **CITY AUDITOR**

# EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DIRECTOR

# COMMITTEE REPORTS (PULLED FROM CONSENT)

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

#### <u>121109.</u>

Lighting Issues (B)

Evaluation and Proposed Modifications to the Lighting Ordinance. This item is a referral from the Community Development Committee regarding modifications to the current lighting ordinance. \*\*ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 5 MINUTES\*\*

*Explanation:* This item is the result of a referral from the City Commission to the Community Development Committee in response to concerns from the development community and GRU about limitations of the lighting ordinance. Following public input and deliberation, the Committee voted to forward staff's recommendation to the City Commission for consideration. The recommendation includes amending the ordinance to address the concerns of stakeholders and GRU; create a section that addresses energy efficiency and security lighting consistent with CPTED principles; revise the waiver provision to create greater flexibility; and modify the development review process to include staff from GRU's Electrical Department to participate in the review of photometric plans. The Committee also asked staff to review the 15 feet light pole height issue when lighting is provided adjacent to residential areas.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMEND	petit light back Com heig area Com Alter City back for fu	City Commission: 1) Direct staff to initiate a ion to the City Plan Board to modify the ing ordinance as recommended by staff in the sup materials to the Community Development amittee, including changes to the 15 feet pole ht for lighting when adjacent to residential s; and 2) remove this item from the amunity Development Committee's referral list. Thative Recommendation Staff to the City Commission - Refer the item a to the Community Development Committee urther consideration.
Legislative Histo		
5/2/13	City Commission	Referred to the Community Development Committee
8/14/13	Community Development Committee	Approved as shown above (See Motion)
10/9/13	Community Development Committee	Approved as shown above (See Motion)
1/29/14	Community Development Committee	Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)

121109 Memo to CDC re Lighting Issues 20130814.pdf

121109A\_GRU Rental Light Program PPT\_20131009.pdf

121109B\_Planning Staff Memo\_20131009.pdf

<u>121109C\_PWD Staff Memo\_20131009.pdf</u>

121109D\_MOD GRU Rental Light Program PPT\_20131009.pdf

121109A Planning Report 20140129.pdf

121109B\_GPD CPTED Recommendations\_20140129.pdf

121109C GRU Nov 2008 Rental Brochure 20140129.pdf

121109A\_CDC recommendation to modify the lighting ordinance\_20140717.pdf

121109B CDC 140129 Minutes 20140717.pdf

121109C\_staff ppt\_20140717.pdf

# **RECREATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

# **PERSONNEL & ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

AUDIT, FINANCE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES (APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS)

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

COMMISSION COMMENTS (if time available)

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RECONVENE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (5:30pm)

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS** 

#### <u>130865.</u>

Cultivating the Future Day - April 17, 2014 (B)

**RECOMMENDATION** 

Miss Gainesville Scholarship Pageant Public Relations Chair Tavares Kettles-Jones to accept the proclamation.

#### Legislative History

4/17/14 City Commission Postponed 130865 Proc 20140417.pdf

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 Parks, Recreation and Culture Month - July, 2014 (B)

 RECOMMENDATION
 Public Recreation and Park Board Chair Elisabeth<br/>Manley, Nature Centers Commission Chair Dave<br/>Miller and Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural<br/>Affairs Board Chair Fred Sowder to accept the<br/>proclamation.

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#### **<u>140119.</u>** Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Month - July, 2014 (B)

**RECOMMENDATION** 

Office Equal Opportunity Director Cecil Howard to accept the proclamation.

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CITIZEN COMMENT (to end at a time certain of 6:30pm or at such later time as allows for 30 minutes of citizen comment)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**RESOLUTIONS- ROLL CALL REQUIRED** 

#### ADOPTION READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

#### <u>130103.</u>

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT (B)

Ordinance No. 130103; Petition Nos. PB-13-51 CPA & PB-13-108 CPA An ordinance amending the Capital Improvements Element of the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan by amending Policy 1.2.1 and by updating Table 14: 5-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements (FY 12/13 - 16/17); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Update since first hearing: On May 1, 2014, the City Commission approved this ordinance on first reading. City staff then transmitted this ordinance to the state reviewing agencies in accordance with the statutory expedited review process for comprehensive plan amendments. During the 30-day comment period, the City received letters from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Florida Department of Transportation. The nature of the comments received did not necessitate any changes to the ordinance.

This ordinance combines Petitions PB-13-51 CPA (Legistar No. 130103) and PB-13-108 CPA (Legistar No. 130613) as they both address amendments to the Capital Improvements Element.

Petition No. PB-13-108 CPA amends Policy 1.2.1 of the Capital Improvements Element that relates to Level of Service standards for public facilities by correcting the reference to the Public Schools Facilities Element.

Petition No. PB-13-51CPA is the annual update of the City's 5-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements in the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan. Capital improvements are defined as: land, non-structural improvements to land, and structures (including the costs for design, permitting, construction, furnishings and equipment) with a unit cost of \$25,000 or more. The improvement shall have an expected life of at least two years. Projects and/or facilities in the 5-Year Schedule are needed to: correct existing deficiencies in levels of service (LOS); maintain existing LOS; or deal with projected LOS deficiencies that will occur during the 5-year planning period. For this update, the 5-year planning period is FYs 2012/2013 through 2016/2017.

This update to the 5-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan and reflects the City's latest fiscal year capital improvements projects and projected projects through FY 2016/2017. The projected total cost of the 53 projects in the updated 5-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements is \$292,374.4 million, of which the estimated cost to the City is \$195,585 million.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on June 11, 2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on June 27, 2013, and recommended approval of Petition No. PB-13-51 CPA by a vote of 5-0.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on November 13, 2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on December 2, 2013, and recommended approval of Petition No. PB-13-108 CPA by a vote of 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, sets forth the procedure for amending the Comprehensive Plan. The first hearing is the transmittal stage and must be advertised at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. The second hearing is the adoption stage and must be advertised at least five (5) days prior to the hearing. Within ten (10) working days after the first hearing, the City must transmit the amendment to the reviewing agencies and to any other local government or state agency that has filed a written request for same. These agencies have 30 days after receipt of the amendment to forward comments to the City. The City must consider any written comments received during the second hearing. If adopted on second reading, the City will forward the amendment within ten (10) working days to the state land planning agency and any party that submitted written comments.

Within 30 days following the City's adoption of this amendment, any affected person may file a petition with the State Division of Administrative Hearings to request a hearing to challenge the compliance of this amendment with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. If not timely challenged, this amendment shall become effective 31 days after the state land planning agency notifies the City that the amendment package is complete. If timely challenged, this amendment shall not become effective until the state land planning agency or the Administration Commission issues a final order determining that this amendment is in compliance with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this amendment may be issued or commenced before this amendment has become effective.

**RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission: (1) receive letters from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Florida Department of Transportation, and (2) adopt the proposed ordinance.

#### Legislative History

5/1/14	City Commission	Approved (Petition) and Adopted (Ordinance) on Transmittal Hearing
<u>130103A</u>	draft ordinance_20140	501.pdf
<u>130103B</u>	Staff reports and exhib	<u>its_20140501.pdf</u>
<u>130103C</u>	CPB 130627 131202	minutes 20140501.pdf
<u>130103D</u>	_staff ppt_PB-13-51 CP	A 5YearTable_20140501.pdf
<u>130103B</u>	comment letters from s	state reviewing agencies 20140717.pdf
<u>130103A</u>	draft ordinance_20140	717.pdf

130435.

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - AMENDING FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT & DELETING URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT (B)

Ordinance No. 130435; Petition No. PB-13-93 CPA An ordinance amending the Future Land Use Element and deleting the Urban Design Element of the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan; by incorporating certain goals, objectives and policies from the Urban Design Element into the Future Land Use Element and by clarifying and updating certain objectives and policies of the Future Land Use Element, as more specifically described in this ordinance; by amending Objective 1.1, adding Objective 2.3 relating to collaboration with the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency, amending Policy 3.4.1, adding Policies 3.5.5 and 3.5.6, amending the Commercial land use category in Policy 4.1.1, amending Policy 4.3.5 relating to Hatchet Creek Planned Use District, amending Policies 4.7.2 and 4.7.5 relating to the Idylwild/Serenola Special Area, amending Goal 5; by deleting the Urban Design Element; providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

#### Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Update since first hearing: On May 1, 2014, the City Commission approved this ordinance on first reading. City staff then transmitted this ordinance to the state reviewing agencies in accordance with the statutory expedited review process for comprehensive plan amendments. During the 30-day comment period, the City received letters from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Florida Department of Transportation. The nature of the comments received did not necessitate any changes to the ordinance.

This petition/ordinance will integrate portions of the Urban Design Element into the Future Land Use Element by amending policies regarding collaboration with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the University of Florida on urban design issues and by establishing a new goal regarding the implementation of urban design standards in the Land Development Code. This petition/ordinance will also amend the Future Land Use Element for clarity and internal consistency and delete the Urban Design Element.

#### Urban Design Element

The proposed elimination of the Urban Design Element (UDE) is consistent with the approved recommended changes outlined in the original 2001-2010 Comprehensive Plan Final Evaluation & Appraisal Report (EAR) adopted on October 21, 2010. The EAR report found that many of the urban design policies included in the Urban Design Element are currently being implemented through newer and more developed policies in the Future Land Use and Transportation Mobility Elements. The adopted recommendation from the EAR was to eliminate the Urban Design Element and incorporate the related policies into other elements, including a new goal in the Future Land Use Element that specifically addresses urban design. This will eliminate redundancy and elevate the status of these policies.

An objective and associated policies related to the ongoing collaboration with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) are being added to the Future Land Use Element. The proposed policies reflect the City's ongoing collaboration with the CRA, while maintaining flexibility as the City and the CRA continue to identify new projects in the future. The Urban Design Element also contained several policies that encouraged coordinating with the University of Florida to achieve high-quality urban design in areas and roadways adjacent to campus. These policies have been consolidated and refined in the Future Land Use Element.

Goal 5 of the Future Land Use Element has been refocused to include urban design objectives and policies intended to support the implementation of urban design standards in the Land Development Code. Concurrent with the ongoing update to the Land Development Code, Planning staff anticipates bringing forward additional amendments to this and other sections of the Future Land Use Element as well as potentially several other elements of the Comprehensive Plan to support the Land Development Code update.

Consistency amendments to the Future Land Use Element

Staff is proposing amendments to the policies related to the Idylwild/Serenola Special Area and to Policy 4.3.5 (Hatchet Creek Planned Use District (PUD)) to ensure consistency with updated processes and terminologies included in the Conservation, Open Space and Groundwater Recharge Element and Article VIII, Division 4. -Regulated Natural and Archaeological Resources (NAR) of the Land Development Code. These policies are being updated to reference the NAR for consistency with current regulations. The Hatchet Creek PUD land owner has been notified and has no objections to these changes.

Staff is also proposing a small amendment to the Commercial land use category to eliminate the provision for residential development when sensitively designed. The term "sensitively designed" is not defined within the Comprehensive Plan or the Land Development Code. This lack of definition creates a potential difficulty in applying this standard. Staff is also proposing a small amendment to Objective 1.1 for internal consistency with the urban design related changes and a change to Policy 3.4.1 for internal consistency with the new Transportation Mobility Element.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on October 8, 2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on October 24, 2013,

and recommended approval of this petition by a vote of 6-0.

#### CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

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Within 30 days following the City's adoption of this amendment, any affected person may file a petition with the State Division of Administrative Hearings to request a hearing to challenge the compliance of this amendment with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. If not timely challenged, this amendment shall become effective 31 days after the state land planning agency notifies the City that the amendment package is complete. If timely challenged, this amendment shall not become effective until the state land planning agency or the Administration Commission issues a final order determining that this amendment is in compliance with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this amendment may be issued or commenced before this amendment has become effective.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	The City Commission: (1) receive letters from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Florida Department of Transportation, and (2) adopt the proposed ordinance.
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130435C Exh A-1 Deleted Urban Design Element 20140501.pdf

130435D Exh A-2 Proposed amendements FLUE 20140501.pdf

<u>130435E\_Exh B-1\_Application\_20140501.pdf</u>

<u>130435F\_CPB minutes\_20140501.pdf</u>

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130435B comment letters from state reviewing agencies 20140717.pdf

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#### <u>130436.</u>

# LAND USE CHANGE - LARGE SCALE - 4 PARCELS GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF CONE PARK, SOUTH OF THE 3100 BLOCK OF E UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND WEST OF THE 400 BLOCK OF SE 43RD STREET (B)

Ordinance No. 130436; Petition No. PB-13-94 LUC An ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use category of approximately 134 acres of property consisting of 4 parcels generally located east of Cone Park, south of the 3100 block of E University Avenue and west of the 400 block of SE 43rd Street, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Alachua County Medium Density Residential to City of Gainesville Residential Low-Density; providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

#### Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Update since first hearing: On May 1, 2014, the City Commission approved this ordinance on first reading. City staff then transmitted this ordinance to the state reviewing agencies in accordance with the statutory expedited review process for comprehensive plan amendments. During the 30-day comment period, the City received letters from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of State, and Florida Department of Transportation. The nature of the comments received did not necessitate any changes to the ordinance.

This large-scale land use change from Alachua County Medium Density Residential (4-8 du/ac) to City of Gainesville Residential Low-Density (up to 12 units per acre) pertains to an approximately 134-acre property that was voluntarily annexed into the City in 2012. The property is undeveloped, wooded land in east Gainesville and within the Plan East Gainesville area. It is located east of Cone Park and south of the Morningside Nature Center, and consists of four parcels between the 3100 block of E. University Avenue (south side) and the 400 block of SE 43rd Street (west side). The majority of the property contains extensive areas of regulated natural resources.

This petition is related to Petition PB-13-96 ZON, which proposes rezoning from Alachua County Single family, medium density (R-1b) district and Multiple family, medium density (R-2) district to City of Gainesville RMF-5 (12 units/acre single-family/multiple-family residential district).

This large-scale amendment, if approved, will facilitate future residential development of the property. The proposed Residential Low-Density (up to 12 units per acre) (RL) land use provides an increase in maximum density of up to 12 units per acre over the maximum of 8 units per acre under the existing Alachua County land use category of Medium Density Residential (4-8 du/ac). Both RL land use and the existing County land use allow attached dwelling units. The allowance of attached dwelling units in combination with the relative increase in density by the proposed RL land use provides needed flexibility for future residential development of an undeveloped property with extensive areas of regulated natural resources. Future development of this property will be subject to applicable requirements for avoidance, minimization, buffering, mitigation, and conservation area management required by the City's Conservation, Open Space and Groundwater Recharge Element and Land Development Code.

The proposed large-scale amendment to Residential Low-Density (up to 12 units per acre) (RL) is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on October 8, 2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on October 24, 2013, recommended approval of this petition by a vote of 6-0.

### CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

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amendment shall become effective 31 days after the state land planning agency notifies the City that the amendment package is complete. If timely challenged, this amendment shall not become effective until the state land planning agency or the Administration Commission issues a final

order determining that this amendment is in compliance with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this amendment may be issued or commenced before this amendment has become effective.

**RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission (1) receive letters from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of State, and Florida Department of Transportation, and (2) adopt the proposed ordinance.

#### Legislative History

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130436B Staff report 20140501.pdf

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130436E\_Append C\_Application\_20140501.pdf

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130436G staff ppt 20140501.pdf

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130436A draft ordinance 20140717.pdf

130436B Comment Letters From State Review Agencies 20140717.pdf

### **ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

<u>130437.</u>

## REZONING - 4 PARCELS GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF CONE PARK, SOUTH OF THE 3100 BLOCK OF E UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND WEST OF THE 400 BLOCK OF SE 43RD STREET (B)

Ordinance No. 130437; Petition No. PB-13-95 ZON

An ordinance amending the Zoning Map Atlas of the City of Gainesville, Florida, by rezoning approximately 134 acres of property consisting of 4 parcels generally located east of Cone Park, south of the 3100 block of E University Avenue and west of the 400 block of SE 43rd Street, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Alachua County Single family, Medium Density (R-1b) and Multiple family, Medium Density (R-2) districts to City of Gainesville Residential low density district (RMF-5); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

### Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

This rezoning from Alachua County Single family, medium density (R-1b) district and Multiple family, medium density (R2) district to City of Gainesville RMF-5 (12 units/acre single-family/multiple-family residential district) pertains to an approximately 134-acre property that was voluntarily annexed into the City in 2012. The property is undeveloped, wooded land in east Gainesville and within the Plan East Gainesville area. It is located east of Cone Park and south of the Morningside Nature Center, and consists of four parcels between the 3100 block of *E.* University Avenue (south side) and the 400 block of SE 43rd Street (west side). The property has extensive areas of regulated natural resources.

This petition/ordinance is related to Petition No. PB-13-94 LUC/Ordinance No. 130436, which proposes amendment of the City of Gainesville Future Land Use Map from Alachua County Medium Density Residential (4-8 du/ac) to City of Gainesville Residential Low-Density (up to 12 units per acre) for this property.

This proposed rezoning, if approved, will facilitate future residential development of the property. The proposed RMF-5 (12 units/acre single-family/multiple-family residential district) zoning provides an increase in maximum density of up to 12 units per acre over the maximum of 8 units per acre allowed under the existing Alachua County Single family, medium density (R-1b) and Multiple family, medium density (R-2) districts. Both RMF-5 zoning and the existing County R-1b (allows attached single-family) and R-2 allow attached dwelling units. The allowance of attached dwelling units in combination with the relative increase in density by the proposed RMF-5 zoning provides needed flexibility for future residential development of this large, undeveloped property with extensive areas of regulated natural resources. Future development of this property will be subject to applicable requirements for avoidance, minimization, buffering, mitigation, and conservation area management of the City's Conservation, Open Space and Groundwater Recharge Element and Land Development Code.

The proposed rezoning to RMF-5 (12 units/acre single-family/multiple-family residential district) is consistent with the

City's Comprehensive Plan and will implement the related, proposed RL (Residential Low-Density (up to 12 units per acre) land use.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on October 8, 2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on October 24, 2013, recommended approval of this petition by a vote of 6-0.

### CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two hearings. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption; however, the rezoning implemented by this ordinance shall not become effective until the amendment to the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan adopted by Ordinance No. 130436 becomes effective as provided therein.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Legislative History

5/1/14 City Commission Approved (Petition) and Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance), as modified

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130437C\_Append A\_Comp Plan GOPs\_20140501.pdf

130437D\_Append B\_Supplemental Docs\_20140501.pdf

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### **ORDINANCES, 1ST READING- ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

## APPENDIX A - SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES & CHARGES -RELATING TO CEMETARY FEES & PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS FEES (B)

Ordinance No. 130912

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges of the Code of Ordinances by revising fees, rates and charges for cemetery and parks, recreation and cultural affairs facilities and events; amending sections 18-17 and 18-23 of Chapter 18, Article II, Park regulation of the Code of Ordinances related to registration fees for youth programs and surcharges; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

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### Explanation: PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs is a department that evolved through a series of mergers over the years to create and provide consistent services and programs to our citizens. The Nature Operations Division first merged with the Parks and Recreation Department then the Cultural Affairs Division merged with the Park and Recreation Department to create what is now the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department. With that said, there are areas that staff is addressing to establish greater consistency throughout the department. The process for approving fees, fee increases and establishing fees for programs and events is one of these areas.

In working with the City Budget and Finance Office, it was recommended that all departmental fees and charges be included in the biennial ordinance adopted by the City Commission every two years. This past adoption in 2013 did this for the very first time. As with anything new or a change in operation such as including the fee structure in the ordinance, it requires early evaluation and revisions to make certain quality service is achieved. The revisions to the fee ordinance are being recommended to provide greater clarification for staff and the public and to provide overall better service.

The revisions to the Cemetery fees represents contracts with Tacachale and Alachua County for indigent burial services consistent with the existing contractual commitments.

The rental damage fee for centers is needed to create greater consistency throughout the department for damage deposits required when renting facilities such as the Thomas Center.

In instances where Recreation fees are being adjusted, revised, or text added or removed in a fee title, these are cases where changes occurred during the time period the ordinance was being prepared and when it was actually adopted or are requested to better clarify and describe the fee itself. Some revisions are operational changes being requested after the 2013 summer season to provide overall better service to our customers.

The revisions for festival ticket prices and t-shirts sales address changes that will simplify the collection of the fee at an entrance gate or a sales booth such as at the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire where the need to make change hampers the ability to quickly process customers at the entrance gates. In these cases, some fees were rounded up to the nearest dollar and some were rounded down to nearest dollar. In all cases as this, the changes reflect a consistent method that offset each other still yielding the same amount of revenue or greater perhaps. These changes were recommended by the City's Finance personnel who worked the event in the recent past. Thomas Center fees were added when staff realized these were not included in the ordinance originally.

Lastly, the department has always had the ability to provide reduced rates for early registrations, small incentive discounts for signing up early, etc. These are business incentives designed primarily for youth programs to encourage early registrations. The department requests permission to continue to promote early discount incentives similar to what has occurred in the past.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

If the City Commission approves changes to the fees, then this ordinance requires two hearings and will become effective immediately upon adoption; however, the new fees, rates and charges are not applicable to reservations of parks, recreational or cultural facilities, if the reservation was booked prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission: (1) approve the fee changes and (2) adopt the proposed ordinance.

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## 130319.TEXT CHANGE - FOOD TRUCK SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT<br/>WITHIN THE CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT (B)

Ordinance 130319; Petition No. PB-13-73 TCH

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Land Development Code to provide regulations for food truck special events as part of a zoning district's applicable special event permitting process; by adding new definitions to Section 30-23. Definitions; by creating Section 30-125. Food truck special events; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

### Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

This ordinance results from a referral from the City Commission to amend the Land Development Code to increase the allowance of food trucks within Central City District (CCD) zoning. Currently, food trucks are permitted as part of a zoning district's applicable special event permitting process, which for the CCD may occur once every 60 days. This ordinance provides general regulations for food truck special events and will allow business and/or property owners within the CCD to host a food truck special event up to once per month. Food truck special events will be limited to private property between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on August 6,

2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on August 22, 2013, and recommended approval of the petition with amendments by a vote of 6-0. On November 21, 2013, the City Commission approved the petition as amended by staff by a vote of 7-0.

### CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two hearings and shall become effective immediately upon adoption at second reading.

While drafting this ordinance, it was discovered that Section 19-93 of the City Code of Ordinances permits Itinerant Food Vendors in the Central City zoning district (CCD); however, it is not listed as a permitted use in Section 30-66 (the CCD zoning district) of the Land Development Code. This office has discussed the matter with Planning staff and Planning staff will initiate a planning petition to correct this inadvertent oversight.

# **RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

### Legislative History

10/3/13	City Commission	Striken from Agenda (Petition)			
11/21/13	City Commission	Approved (Petition) as Modified			
<u>130319A</u>	City Plan Board Recom	mendation 20131003.pdf			
<u>130319B</u>	130319B Staff Report. 20131003.pdf				
<u>130319C</u>	Exhibit 1 Proposed Or	dinance Mod 20131003.pdf			
<u>130319D</u>	Exhibit 2_Relevant Cod	de References_20131003.pdf			
130319E	CPB minutes draft 201	<u>31003.pdf</u>			
<u>130319F</u>	staff ppt_20131003.pdf				
130319A City Plan Board Recommendation 20131017.pdf					
<u>130319B</u>	Staff Report20131017	'.pdf			
<u>130319C</u>	Exhibit 1_Proposed Or	dinance Mod_20131017.pdf			
<u>130319D</u>	Exhibit 2 Relevant Coo	de References 20131017.pdf			
130319E_CPB minutes draft_20131017.pdf					
130319F staff ppt 20131017.pdf					
<u>130319A</u>	City Plan Board Recom	mendation_20131121.pdf			
<u>130319B</u>	Staff Report. 20131121	.pdf			
<u>130319C</u>	Exhibit 1_Proposed Or	dinance Mod_20131121.pdf			
<u>130319D</u>	Exhibit 2 Relevant Coo	de References 20131121.pdf			
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## <u>130821</u> **REZONI**

## REZONING - PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF 3500-3800 BLOCK OF SW 34TH STREET (B)

### Ordinance No. 130821; Petition No. PB-13-106 ZON

An ordinance amending the Zoning Map Atlas of the City of Gainesville, Florida, by rezoning approximately 8 acres of property generally located on the east side of SW 34th Street between SW 35th Place and SW 41st Place, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Planned Development District (PD) to Mixed-Use Low Intensity District (MU-1); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

### Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

This petition/ordinance will rezone approximately 8 acres of undeveloped property located on the east side of SW 34th Street between SW 35th Place and SW 41st Place from Planned Development District (PD) to Mixed-Use Low Intensity District (MU-1).

PD zoning was approved for this property in 2008 by Ordinance No. 070621 for a mixed-use development of up to 122 residential units (plus 2,000 square feet of related office space), and 30,000 square feet of nonresidential uses. Subsequent to the execution of a TCEA Zone C agreement for this development, the property owner requested that the TCEA mitigation fee be returned and that the TCEA agreement be nullified. The City did so, the development order approved by adoption of the PD ordinance has expired, and the property owner is now requesting this rezoning.

This proposed rezoning will facilitate future non-residential and/or residential infill development of this undeveloped property that is less than one half-mile from Archer Road and Butler Plaza, and is surrounded by developed areas. To the north is a small retail center along SW 34th Street, and to the north and east is an apartment complex on the south side of SW 35th Place. An apartment complex and a residential treatment facility are to the south, and commercial development and an undeveloped property are to the west, across SW 34th Street. General Business District (BUS) and Multiple-Family Medium Density Residential District (RMF-8) zoning are to the north and west, and RMF-8 zoning is to the south and east. An environmentally significant area of natural upland forest (mesic hammock) that includes the Florida spinypod (Matelea floridana), which is a listed plant species. is in the southeast part of the property. At the development plan stage, any proposed development will be required to meet all applicable requirements of the Land Development Code, including those of Division 4 - Regulated Natural and Archaeological Resources. The proposed rezoning to MU-1 is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and will implement the existing Mixed-Use Low Intensity (MUL) land use category.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on November 13, 2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on December 2, 2013, and recommended approval of this petition by a vote of 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two readings and shall become effective immediately upon adoption at second reading.

**RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission: (1) approve Petition No. PB-13-106 ZON and (2) adopt the proposed ordinance.

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130821C Append A Comp Plan GOPs Exhibit A-1 20140717.pdf

130821D\_Append B\_Supplemental Docs\_Exh B-1\_B-5\_20140717.pdf

130821E\_Append C\_Application Pkg\_Exh C-1\_20140717.pdf

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## 130118.PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT - MAGNOLIAPARKE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (B)

Ordinance No. 130118; Petition PB-13-55 PDA An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, updating and clarifying the regulations, including regulations pertaining to allowable drive-throughs, for the Magnolia Parke Planned Avenue, as more specifically described in this ordinance; by amending the Zoning Map Atlas by rezoning the subject property to Planned Development District (PD); adopting PD maps, a PD report, and development conditions; providing for enforcement; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

> This ordinance updates and clarifies regulations for the Magnolia Parke Planned Development (PD) located in the vicinity of the 4600-5000 block of NW 39th Avenue. One of the primary changes this ordinance makes is clarifying the regulations pertaining to allowable drive-throughs in the Magnolia Parke PD. Specifically, this ordinance clarifies that each of the allowable drive-throughs may have up to three (3) drive-through lanes. Note: The petition associated with this ordinance originally allowed up to two (2) drive-through lanes, but subsequent to the City Commission's approval of that petition on August 1, 2013, the petitioner and city staff

discovered that one of the existing drive-throughs currently has three (3) lanes.

This ordinance also updates the PD conditions to reflect the new Transportation Mobility Element criteria for future development or redevelopment and supersedes and repeals the prior PD ordinance and its amendments.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on June 11, 2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on June 27, 2013, and by a vote of 5-0, recommended approval of the petition with certain revisions. The City Commission held a public hearing on August 1, 2013, and approved the petition by a vote of 6-0.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two hearings and shall become effective upon final adoption.

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	The City Commission adopt the proposed
	ordinance.

#### Legislative History

8/1/13 City Commission Approved (Petition)

<u>130118A\_staff report\_20130801.pdf</u>

130118B Exb A-1 rezoning packet 20130801 .pdf

130118C\_cpb minutes\_20130801.pdf

<u>130118D staff ppt 20130801.pdf</u>

130118A\_draft ordinance\_20140717.pdf

130118 MOD presentation from Craig Brashier 20140717.pdf

## 130157.TEXT CHANGE - AMEND SIGN REGULATIONS IN THE LAND<br/>DEVELOPMENT CODE. (B)

Ordinance No. 130157; Petition No. PB-13-57 TCH An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, updating, clarifying and reorganizing the sign regulations in the Land Development Code by amending Article IX. - Additional Development Standards, Division 1. -Sign Regulations; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

This ordinance updates, clarifies, and reorganizes the sign regulations in the Land Development Code. Beginning in 2011, staff has met with stakeholders regarding the sign code and has developed the following proposed revisions:

Permanent signs and structures

Increases the allowable sign area in certain circumstances based on frontage.

Reduces the frontage requirement from 600 linear ft. to 500 linear ft. for a second frontage sign.

Provides an allowance for signage on secondary street frontages. Removes the provision requiring Florida Nursery Grade 1 landscape plants.

Building-mounted signs

Provides a consistent measuring system based on the width of the building or leased area.

Provides additional signage for businesses on multiple street frontages. Clarifies when window signage will be counted towards

building-mounted signage.

Adds an exemption for 12 sq. ft. of window signage.

Increases the amount of signage allowed for most non-residential businesses.

Adds flexible signage regulations for multi-story buildings over 2-stories. Adds a signage allowance for Parking Garages.

Temporary signs

Clarifies short term versus long term temporary signs. Extends the time frame for long term temporary signs from 60 days to 120 days.

Increases the number of Contractor and Real Estate signs allowed on a property.

Nonconforming and abandoned signs

Defines the term development activity as it relates to abandoned signs and extends the determinative time period for abandoned signs from 120 days to 12 months.

Amends the time period for removing an abandoned sign from 10 days to 30 days.

Defines what reasonable repair and maintenance means as it relates to nonconforming signs.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on June 11, 2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on June 27, 2013, and by a vote of 5-0 recommended approval of the petition with certain revisions. The City Commission held a public hearing on August 15, 2013, and approved the petition by a vote of 5-0.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two readings and shall become effective immediately upon adoption at second reading.

**RECOMMENDATION** 

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

#### Legislative History

8/15/13 City Commission Approved (Petition)
130157A CPB recommendations Draft sign code 20130815.pdf
130157B staff report 20130815.pdf
130157C CPB Special Meeting Agenda 092911 20130815.pdf
130157D Draft Sign Code 20130815.pdf
130157E Multi Story Building Signage 20130815.pdf
130157F Single Story Signage 20130815.pdf
130157G CPB minutes 20130815.pdf
130157H staff ppt 20130815.pdf
130157A draft ordinance 20140717.pdf

### **ORDINANCES, 2ND READING- ROLL CALL REQUIRED**

## 140043.TEXT CHANGE - LANDLORD PERMITS - CLARIFICATION OF<br/>LANGUAGE (B)

### Ordinance 140043

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances to clarify the language in Section 14.5-1. Landlord Permits regarding the application for permit and issuance of permit; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

*Explanation:* This ordinance clarifies language in Section 14.5-1. Landlord permits. The purpose of this ordinance is to clarify the definition of dwelling unit and clarify that any owner of a dwelling unit, as defined in Section 30-23, that is located within certain designated zoning districts shall annually apply to receive a landlord permit for each such dwelling unit under his/her ownership.

> CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM This ordinance requires two hearings and shall become effective immediately upon adoption at second reading.

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

### Legislative History

6/19/14 City Commission Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance)

140043A draft ordinance 20140619.pdf

## PLAN BOARD PETITIONS

## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD PETITIONS

## SCHEDULED EVENING AGENDA ITEMS

130721.	Personnel & Organizational Structure Committee	(B)
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*Explanation:* The City Commission on February 20, 2014, referred the Personnel and Organizational Structure Committee to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee.

This item was discussed during the March 31, 2014 Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting with general consensus that Legislative and Organizational Structure related items currently referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee should be transferred to a separate committee to be staffed by management.

On July 1, 2014, the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee discussed this item and a memorandum from the City Manager regarding "Possible Re-institution of the Personnel and Organizational Structure Committee," which is attached as backup. The Committee agreed to take forward a recommendation to the City Commission to establish a "Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee" and to discuss a "Committee of the Whole Concept," which was discussed briefly at a recent City Commission strategic planning session.

**RECOMMENDATION** The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee recommends the City Commission:

1. Establish a new standing committee, entitled the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee, to focus on legislative and organizational policy issues and referrals such as the City's Legislative agendas, rules of the City Commission, organization of citizen advisory boards, public records issues, personnel policies, pay study results, etc.

2. Discuss a "Committee of the Whole Concept" among the City Commission and take appropriate action.

### Legislative History

2/20/14	City Commission	Referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee
3/31/14	Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee	Retained in Committee

5/8/14	Audit, Finance and	Continued
	Legislative	
	Committee	

130721- Memo to AF&L Committee dated 5-13-14 Possible Re-Institution of P&

<u>140101.</u>

City Commission Interest in Exploring a Potential Merger of Gainesville and Alachua County Fire Rescue Services (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to hear a presentation from City staff on the history of fire rescue merger discussions between the Gainesville and Alachua County, and determine a response to the County Commission's inquiry as to the City's interest in exploring the potential merger of fire rescue services. \*ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 20 MINUTES\*

*Explanation:* Subsequent to a meeting of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding Fire Station 19 on February 4, 2014, BOCC Chair Lee Pinkoson sent a letter to City of Gainesville Mayor Ed Braddy requesting the City's position on the consolidation (merger) of fire rescue services.

*City staff will provide a presentation on the history of fire rescue merger discussions between the City and County.* 

Staff sees two primary options:

Advise the BOCC that the City is not interested in discussing the consolidation/merger of its fire rescue services with Alachua County.

Advise the BOCC that the City Commission is interested in exploring the feasibility of a consolidated/merged fire rescue service between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County and sharing the cost of hiring a consultant to conduct a consolidation/merger study.

- *Fiscal Note:* The estimated cost of a consolidation/merger study could be approximately \$150,000 of which the City would pay half. City funding would need to be identified as it is not in the current FY14 budget, or the recommended FY15 and FY16 budget.
  - **RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from City staff; 2) determine if the City Commission is interested in exploring a potential merger of Gainesville and Alachua County Fire Rescue services; and 3) authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Chair of the County Commission conveying the position of the City Commission.

140101A Executive Summary Fire Services Merger 2014 20140717.pdf

140101B CM Memo to CC re Fire Merger discussions 2010 20140717.pdf

140101C\_Analytica Study\_20140717.pdf

140101D\_City-County Interlocal Agreement\_20140717.pdf

140101E\_City-County Fire Services Merger\_20140717.pdf

140101F Fire Merger Proposal 2003 PPT 20140717I.pdf

140101G\_Alachua County Merger Proposal 2000\_20140717.pdf

140101H MERGER PROPOSAL 2001 20140717.pdf

140101I\_SINGLE PROVIDER MODEL\_20140717.pdf

140101J MOD Staff Presentation 20140717.pdf

### <u>140153.</u>

Request to have the Mayor or a City Commissioner Provide Testimony to the EPA in Regard to the Clean Power Plan Proposed Rule (B)

*Explanation:* On June 2, 2014, the EPA proposed the Clean Power Plan Rule that is intended to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants. Based on staff's initial understanding of the rule and in consultation with experts throughout the industry, staff is recommending that GRU provide comments to the EPA. GRU has requested and been granted five minutes of testimony, which is scheduled for July 30, 2014 at 9:55 AM in Atlanta, Georgia. Staff is requesting that the City Commission designate the Mayor or a Commissioner to testify on behalf of GRU. A backup document, titled "GRU/City of Gainesville Draft Testimony to EPA on the proposed Clean Power Plan Rule" is attached.

*Fiscal Note:* Funds from the GRU 2014 O&M budget will be used for travel expenses. It is anticipated that these costs would not exceed \$2,000.

**RECOMMENDATION** Approval for the Mayor or a City Commissioner to provide testimony to the EPA on behalf of GRU/City of Gainesville.

140153 GRU COG Draft Testimony to EPA 20140717

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**COMMISSION COMMENT** 

### <u>140136.</u>

Mayor Ed Braddy - Update on GRU Audit Process (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear a presentation from the City Auditor and take action deemed appropriate.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT (If time available)**

ADJOURNMENT (no later than 11:00PM - Mayor to schedule date and time to continue meeting)