

# City of Gainesville

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**March 30, 2016**

**1:00 PM**

**GRU Multipurpose Room, 301 SE 4th Ave.**

## **Community Development Committee**

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Carter, Chair  
Commissioner Randy Wells, Member*

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## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL CALL

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

## DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[150167.](#)

### **Review of Tree Ordinance (B)**

**This item requests the Community Development Committee conduct a Stakeholder Workshop regarding the City of Gainesville's Tree Ordinance.**

*Explanation: Article VIII, Environmental Management, Division 2, Subdivision 1, Landscape and Tree Management, Stormwater Management and Water/Wastewater Connection Policy of the Land Development Code, the "tree ordinance," ORDINANCE NO. 090878, was approved by the Gainesville City Commission on June 6, 2013.*

*The revision process began in 2003 with a referral from the City Commission to the Tree Advisory Board (TAB) to recommend changes to the Land Development Code to better protect Gainesville from Southern Pine Beetle epidemics.*

*In 2004, the City Commission asked that the TAB expand provisions for invasive exotic pest plant management. The City Commission requested the TAB strengthen the heritage tree protection following a law suit where a developer sued the City for denying a development plan that proposed the removal of a 40" Live Oak.*

*Twelve public meetings were held in 2008 and 2009 in which the proposed changes to the tree ordinance were discussed.*

*The City Plan Board approved the proposed changes to the tree ordinance by a 4-0 vote, on February 25, 2010. The City Commission subsequently approved the petition on May 6, 2010 by a vote of 7-0.*

*City staff worked extensively to prepare a draft ordinance and released same for review and comment in March 2011. Several public stakeholders expressed concern with and interest in revising the draft ordinance. As a result, on April 18, 2011, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) directed CRA staff to hire a consultant to review the draft ordinance and coordinate a stakeholder review process. On March 19, 2012, a revised draft was presented to the CRA board by*

*the CRA staff and consultant, Perkins + Will. Between May 2012 and May 2013, City staff and the TAB continued to meet with stakeholders and held public meetings.*

*On May 30, 2012, City Planning staff provided the revised draft to the stakeholder group, and on June 4, 2012, the TAB reviewed and approved the draft with further revisions.*

*The City Commission approved the changes on first reading on May 16, 2013 and adopted the ordinance on second reading June 6, 2013.*

*During one of the Citizen Comment portions of the July 16, 2015, City Commission meeting, a citizen spoke regarding the City's tree ordinance. The matter was referred to the Community Development Committee for further discussion. Later staff were informed of concerns related to a development proposal for Holy Faith Church and were asked to include those concerns as well. At the September 3, 2015 City Commission meeting the issue of the Tree Ordinance and Appeals Process was also referred to the Community Development Committee. The Community Development Committee met to discuss these items on October 14 and December 2, 2015 and determined that a dedicated meeting to discuss the issue should be scheduled. A stakeholder workshop was held on January 27, 2016, led by Perkins + Will, who reviewed and analyzed the Tree Ordinance with community members. A second stakeholder workshop coordinated by Perkins + Will has been scheduled for March 30, 2016 to continue the Tree Ordinance discussion. As part of the workshop Dr. Michael Andreu (University of Florida) and Rob Northrop (University of Florida-IFAS) will share their experiences with the City of Tampa's tree inventory and urban forest management plan. Perkins + Will will discuss possible expanded uses of the mitigation funds, incentives for tree preservation, economic hardship of mitigation, equity of mitigation requirements, and alternate approaches to the tree ordinance.*

*Fiscal Note: This is a discussion item and there is no fiscal impact at this time.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Community Development Committee hear a follow-up presentation by Perkins + Will, as well as by Dr. Michael Andreu and Rob Northrop.*

**Legislative History**

7/16/15	City Commission	Referred to the Community Development Committee
10/14/15	Community Development Committee	Discussed
12/2/15	Community Development Committee	Discussed

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[150167B\\_CondGuide\\_20151014.pdf](#)  
[150167C\\_Ord090878\\_20151014.pdf](#)  
[150167D\\_Sec20-254\\_20151014.pdf](#)  
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**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE -- TBD**

**ADJOURNMENT**