

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final-Revised

September 12, 2019

1:00 PM

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multi-Purpose Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER**AGENDA STATEMENT**

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ROLL CALL**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[190349.](#)**Approval of Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of August 22, 2019.

[190349 August 22 Minutes 20190912.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS[190064.](#)**Update on LED Mass Change-Out and Smart Streetlight (B)**

Explanation: On October 1, 2017, the City Commission adopted an ordinance requiring GRU to replace all streetlights with LED fixtures. Since that time, GRU staff has worked with the Public Works Department to develop the project and undertake implementation. Currently, GRU is working with the City of Gainesville Department of Technology, since March 2019, to coordinate and support the Smart Streetlight project.

At the request of the City Commission, staff will provide details about their projects and the current status.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Hear a presentation from staff and take any action deemed appropriate.

Legislative History

6/6/19 City Commission Referred to the General Policy Committee

[190064 LED Lighting Presentation 20190912](#)

[190323.](#)

Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid with Alachua County for Fire and EMS Services (B)

This item requests the General Policy Committee hear a presentation on the proposed Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid with Alachua County for Fire and EMS Services and refer the agreement to the next Joint City-County Commission Meeting.

Explanation: The City of Gainesville and Alachua County entered into the Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and City of Gainesville Regarding Automatic Aid for Fire and EMS Services on June 13th, 2018. The agreement expires September 30th, 2019.

Staff from Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) and Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR) have prepared a new Interlocal agreement establishing the cost per unit response; the automatic aid service area; and the types of units and calls for service that will be compensable under the agreement. The new agreement also provides for a preliminary cost per unit response to use for monthly billing with the expectation of a fiscal year true-up.

Under the FY19 automatic aid agreement, the balance of GFR unit responses into the Alachua County service area have exceeded the ACFR unit responses into the City of Gainesville by an average of 54 responses per month at the current cost per unit response of \$821.39.

At the September 5th, 2019 City Commission meeting, the Commission approved the referral of this item to the General Policy Committee.

Fiscal Note: The proposed cost per unit response is \$869.92.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee 1) hear a presentation on the proposed Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid with Alachua County for Fire and EMS Services; 2) provide direction to staff; and 3) refer the agreement to the next Joint City-County Commission Meeting.

Legislative History

9/5/19 City Commission Approved as Recommended

[190323A Automatic Aid 2019 Presentation 20190912](#)

[190323B Draft Automatic Aid Agreement 20190912](#)

[190369.](#)**Cannabis Arrests Update (B)**

AGENDA UPDATE - ADDITIONAL BACK-UP

Explanation: With the passing of the Senate Bill 1020 (Ch. 2019-132) on July 1, 2019, Hemp with a Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) 0.3% became legal. This has affected the enforcement of cannabis laws and the legality of prosecution. In coordination with the 8th Judicial State Attorney's Office, the Gainesville Police Department has issued a legal bulletin in reference to these guidelines. Staff will provide an update to the City Commission to include statistics involving cannabis arrests, notice to appears, and sworn complaints made prior to and after the change in the law.

RECOMMENDATION The City Commission hear a presentation by staff.

[190369A_Legal Bulletin 2019-09_20190912.pdf](#)

[190369B_GPC_SA Cannabis Letter_20190912.pdf](#)

[190369C_GPC Cannabis Update_PPT_20190912.pdf](#)

[190361.](#)**State Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY 2020 (B)**

AGENDA UPDATE - CHANGED TEXT FILE

Explanation: The purpose of this agenda item is to identify the City Commission's top priorities for the FY 2020 State Legislative Session. The State legislative Session will begin in January 2020 instead of March 2020 due to the Presidential primaries and the fall election. In August 2019, representatives from Pebbles, Smith & Matthews, Inc. met with members of the City Commission about the upcoming Legislative Session. Items were identified by the Commission in no particular order about the City's Legislative requests (Attachment A).

A memo dated August 22, 2019 from Assistant City Manager Fred Murry was delivered asking each member of the Commission to identify his/her top Legislative priorities. Below are the items submitted by the members of the City Commission.

Mayor Poe:

Mental Health Central Receiving Facility
Affordable Housing (Sadowski) Trust Funds
Public Safety/Background Checks for Gun Sales
Florida Forever/Florida Communities Trust Program/Florida
Recreation Development Assistance Program/Mayfield Working
Waterfronts Program
Job Growth Grant Funds

Commissioner Arreola:

Job Growth/Vocational Training

*Smart Cities
Affordable Housing
Mental Health Central Receiving Facility
Downtown Santa Fe Campus*

Commissioner Hayes-Santos:

*Support Funding for Downtown Santa Fe Campus
Mental Health Central Receiving Facility
Wastewater Improvements/Septic to Sewer
Broadband to Underserved and Rural Areas
Public Safety/Background Checks for Gun Sales*

Commissioner Johnson:

*Support Funding for Downtown Santa Fe Campus
Mental Health Central Receiving Facility
Affordable Housing (Sadowski) Trust Funds
Job Growth Grant Funds
Public Safety/Background Checks for Gun Sales*

Commissioner Simmons:

*Support Funding for Downtown Santa Fe Campus
Affordable Housing (Sadowski) Trust Funds
Job Growth Grant Funds*

Commissioner Ward:

*Wastewater Improvements/Septic to Sewer Conversion
Mental Health Central Receiving Facility
Florida Forever/Florida Communities Trust Program/Florida
Recreation Development Assistance Program/Mayfield Working
Waterfronts Program
Public Safety/Background Checks for Gun Sales
Preemption of Local Authority/General*

Commissioner Warren:

*Affordable Housing (Sadowski) Trust Funds
Florida Forever/Florida Communities Trust Program/Florida
Recreation Development Assistance Program/Mayfield Working
Waterfronts Program
Job Growth Grant Funds
Support Funding for Downtown Santa Fe Campus
Public Safety/Background Checks for Gun Sales*

We are requesting the City Commission to review the list (Attachment A) and select five items as its combined Top Priorities for FY 2020. This list will be presented to the Alachua County Delegation on September 23, 2019 but keep in mind that the list may change during the legislative session. The complete list will be shared with the City's lobbyist firm to advocate for any of the items on the list that are beneficial to the City of Gainesville.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss the list of State Legislative items submitted and determine the top five items to include in the City's Legislative packet for FY 2020.

Legislative History

9/5/19 City Commission Approved as Recommended

[190361A Attachment A - City of Gainesville State Legislative Priorities Draft 20](#)

190282.**Adoption of the Ten-Year Regional Transit System Transit Development Plan (TDP) for FY20-FY29 (B)**

The item involves a request by the City Commission to receive a presentation and adopt the Regional Transit System (RTS) Transit Development Plan (TDP) for FY20-FY29.

AGENDA UPDATE - ADDITIONAL BACK-UP

Explanation: To maintain eligibility for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) transit block grant funding, RTS must develop and maintain a Transit Development Plan (TDP). The TDP outlines the development of transit in a community over a ten-year period with major updates of the plan occurring every five (5) years. This is a major update. The City Commission approved the last major update to the RTS TDP on August 21, 2014.

The governing board of a transit system must adopt the major update to maintain eligibility for FDOT transit block grant funding. The City Commission acts as the governing board for public transit in Gainesville urban area. A draft copy of the ten-year RTS TDP for FY20-FY29 is attached as back-up and the consultant from Tindale Oliver will make a presentation.

Fiscal Note: During FY19, RTS received \$1,956,645 in FDOT transit block grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission receive a presentation and adopt the Regional Transit System Transit Development Plan for FY20-FY29.

Legislative History

9/5/19 City Commission Withdrawn

[190282A Draft 2020-2029 TDP Plan 20190905](#)

[190282B TDP Plan PPT 20190912](#)

[190282C Mobility Workshop PPT 20190912.pdf](#)

[190282D_ARCADIS Mobility Hubs 20190912.pdf](#)

[190370.](#)

GPC Referral List (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss and take appropriate action.

[190370_Referral List_20190912.pdf](#)

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MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

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