

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

September 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Teleconference Special Meeting

City Commission

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

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Welcome to the City Commission meeting!

We're glad you're here. Please review the meeting process and how you can participate.

What is the Meeting Agenda? The City Commission makes policies and conducts the city's business in an open and transparent forum. The agenda is an outline of what will happen during the meeting. It includes the following sections:

Adoption of Consent Agenda (CA): The Consent Agenda is a group of business items that are voted on together in one motion. These items are not discussed separately. The Commission may remove an item to discuss it during the meeting or at a later meeting.. This process saves time for the Commission to discuss items on the Regular Agenda.

Adoption of Regular Agenda: The Commission must approve the order of items on the Regular Agenda, which is the list of items set for discussion. The Commission can also re-order or remove items.

The **(B)** after an item's title means that there are materials, called Backup, in support of the item. Click the links on the agenda to view the documents. An **(NB)** after an item's title means there are no Backup materials for the item.

How to Share Your Opinion. Your opinion is important to the City Commission. There are multiple ways to add a comment to the official record.

Submit Written Public Comment: You may write a public comment on any City Commission Meeting agenda item. Visit our website, www.cityofgainesville.org, and go to the "Agendas & Minutes" tab. Click on the "eComment" link in the right-hand column. Written comment opens when the agenda is published the Friday before the meeting and closes one (1) hour before the start of the meeting. Your comments will be sent to the City Commissioners and added to the official record.

Speak at a Public Meeting: Any member of the public may sign up to speak at a City Commission meeting. Visit our website, www.cityofgainesville.org, and go to the "Agendas & Minutes" tab on our website. Click on the "eComment" link in the right-hand column and register to speak on a specific agenda item. Online registration closes one (1) hour before the meeting is called to order. You may also register on the sign-up sheet in the Auditorium before the meeting begins. Speakers will be called to the podium by name and should address their comments to the Chair of the meeting, usually the Mayor. There are two types of public comment during Commission Meetings:

General Public Comment: The public is invited to speak to the Commission for three (3) minutes about any topic, as long as it is not on the Agenda. This is an opportunity to bring up new ideas or issues to the Commission. Each person may speak during one comment period: at the start of the 1pm session, at the start of the 5:30pm session, or at the end of the meeting. The Commission will not discuss or make decisions on ideas presented during this time. Comments may be referred to City staff for follow up.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: The Commission may request public comment on specific agenda items during discussion. Speakers may have three (3) minutes and comments must stay focused on the agenda topic at hand.

Early Public Comment: The Commission has created Early Public Comment to allow community members to speak on agenda items without waiting for the item to be called during the meeting. Speaking at Early Public Comment waives the right to speak later during the meeting. Members of the public may speak for three (3) minutes on one agenda item or five (5) minutes on two or more items. Speakers should begin their comments by announcing which items they are addressing so the timeclock can be set properly.

The City of Gainesville encourages civil public speech. Disruptive behavior is not permitted during City Commission meetings. Please do not bring food, drinks, props, signs, posters, or similar materials into the Auditorium. Cheering and applause are only permitted during the Proclamations/Special Recognitions portion of the meeting.

We look forward to a productive meeting and are glad you have joined us.

CALL TO ORDER**AGENDA STATEMENT**

"Individuals are encouraged to participate in City of Gainesville meetings. In general, speakers will be limited to 3 minutes for general public comment once during the meeting. Speakers who wish to participate in early public comment will be limited to 3 minutes to speak on one agenda item or 5 minutes if they wish to speak on several agenda items. If speakers do not participate in early public comment, speakers will be limited to 3 minutes per agenda item. The City of Gainesville encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers direct their comments to the Chair. Signs, props and posters are not permitted in the meeting room."

ROLL CALL**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**[200129.](#)**Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges for Utilities
Amendment - Water and Sewerage (B)**

Ordinance No. 200129

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to utilities; by amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges to revise fees, rates and charges for water and sewerage; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Explanation: STAFF REPORT

On July 13, 2020, the City Commission held a special meeting regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget for the combined utilities system. At this meeting, the General Manager for Utilities made recommendations to revise the water and sewerage rates and charges as required to meet system revenue requirements for Fiscal Year 2021. This ordinance is necessary to implement the changes to the fees, rates and charges effective October 1, 2020.

This ordinance requires two readings. The new and amended fees, rates, and charges shall be applied to all monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 AM, October 1, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

[200129_draft ordinance_20200910.pdf](#)

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[200147.](#)

Fire Assessment - Annual Rate Resolution (B)

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the provision of fire services, facilities and programs in the City of Gainesville, Florida; imposing Fire Services Special Assessments against assessed properties located within the City for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2020; providing for exemptions; approving the assessment roll; providing for the estimated fire services assessed cost; approving the rate of assessment; providing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: On June 18, 2020 the City Commission adopted Resolution 191143 (the "Preliminary Rate Resolution") which set the proposed fire services assessment rate and provided for notice by mail and publication of the proposed rate and public hearing to set the final rate. In adopting the Annual Rate Resolution, the Commission will have to determine the Fire Services Special Assessment rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) receive any written objections filed; 2) hear testimony from all interested persons; 3) approve the assessment roll; 4) establish the annual rate for the Fire Services Special Assessment; and 5) adopt the proposed Annual Assessment Resolution.

[200147_Annual Rate Resolution_20200910.pdf](#)

[200284.](#)

Gainesville Regional Utilities Tentative Budget - Fiscal Year 2021 (B)

Explanation: The proposed resolution adopts a tentative budget for the City of Gainesville d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021 to pay for personnel services expenses, operating and maintenance expenses and other expenses, for capital outlay and for debt service requirements. The proposed resolution is submitted for adoption by the City Commission.

Fiscal Note: Gainesville Regional Utilities FY2021 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

[200284 GRU FY21 Budget Resolution Tentative 20200910](#)

[200284 GRU FY21 Budget Book 20200910](#)

[200258.](#)**Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (B)****Resolution No 200258**

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to the levy of general municipal purpose Ad Valorem taxes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; establishing a Tentative Millage Rate; setting a public hearing; providing for the publication of notice; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: The City Commission is required by Florida Law to adopt a tentative millage rate to fund the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

[200258A Tentative GG Budget and Millage Rate Presentation 20200910.pdf](#)

[200258B Resolution-Tentative Millage Rate 20200910.pdf](#)

[200257.](#)**Tentative General Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (B)****Resolution No. 200257**

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its General Financial and Operating Plan Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; adopting the Tentative General Financial and Operating Plan; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: The tentative General Financial and Operating Plan Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 is submitted for approval by the City Commission.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

[200257A Resolution-Tentative General Government 20200910.pdf](#)

[200257B Attachment A 20200910.pdf](#)

ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[200250.](#)**Ordinance Suspending Enforcement of Open Container During the COVID-19 Pandemic (B)**

ORDINANCE NO. 200250

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, suspending the enforcement of Sec. 4-4 and Sec. 18-20(16) as it relates to the consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverage in any open container on property owned or operated by the city (including parks) or on any public right-of-way during the declared State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic; providing for repeal by emergency ordinance; providing for non-codification; providing a severability clause; providing a conflict clause; and providing an effective date and termination date

Explanation: City Management and the City Commission are concerned that with the return of University of Florida students to Gainesville for the Fall 2020 semester, the operating and capacity restrictions placed on bars and restaurants through the State and County Emergency Orders issued in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic will drive students to congregate and possess and consume alcoholic beverages in large, non-socially distant groups in indoor locations (such as house or fraternity/sorority parties).

To address this concern, City Management and the City Commission desire to provide opportunity for all persons to possess and consume alcoholic beverages outdoors on City-owned or operated property (including parks) and public right-of-way throughout the City by temporarily suspending the enforcement (as to personal possession and consumption) of Sec. 4-4 and Sec. 18-20(16) of the City Code of Ordinances. This ordinance is intended to be of limited duration during the declared emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic and may be repealed by emergency ordinance if the cessation of enforcement creates an immediate public health, safety or welfare concern.

If adopted on first reading on September 3, 2020, this ordinance will be heard on second reading at the Special City Commission Meeting on September 10, 2020.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact on the General Government budget resulting from adoption of this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss the draft ordinance and take action deemed appropriate.

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ADJOURNMENT