

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Meeting Agenda - Final

May 6, 2021

12:00 PM

City Commission Swearing-In Ceremony

Steps of City Hall

## City Commission

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*

*Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)*

*Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)*

*Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (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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The public may attend this meeting *virtually* or *in person*. Limited in-person capacity is available during the State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic. Safety protocols including facial coverings and social distancing will be observed at all times.

The City Commission makes policies and conducts City business in an open forum. The **agenda** outlines what will happen during the meeting. It includes the following sections:

**Consent Agenda (CA):** Business items that the Commission approves together in one motion to save time. The Commission may remove an item to discuss separately.

**Regular Agenda:** Includes Business Discussion (**BD**) items considered by the Commission for action during the meeting. The Commission may re-order or remove discussion items.

Note: The **(B)** after an agenda item's title means that Backup materials are included. Click the links on the agenda to view the documents. An **(NB)** after the title means there are no Backup materials for the item.

**Public Comment.** Share your opinion with the Commission for the official record. Please see the city's [Public Meeting Calendar](#) for specific public comment options for upcoming meetings.

The following public comment opportunities may be available for this meeting. Verbal comments are limited to three (3) minutes unless otherwise specified.

**General Public Comment:** Share a comment about a topic or issue *not* on the Meeting Agenda.

Note: *In-person General Public Comment is not available during the COVID-19 health emergency.*

- **Record a comment *before* the meeting:** Dial 352-334-5003 to leave a voice message with a general public comment. The line is open from 8:00am on Friday until Noon on Wednesday prior to the meeting. All pre-recorded comments will be played during the meeting.
- **Comment by phone *during* the meeting:** At the start of the afternoon session (1:00 pm), dial toll-free 1-800-876-7516. A moderator will call on you to speak. Mute the sound on your computer/device if you are watching the meeting online. State your name clearly for the record.

### Public Comment on Agenda Items

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- **Email** to [citycomm@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:citycomm@cityofgainesville.org)
- **E-Comment:** Visit the "Agenda & Minutes" page on the City's website [www.cityofgainesville.org](http://www.cityofgainesville.org). Click the "eComment" link for a meeting agenda to leave comments on specific items.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

*"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**

**INVOCATION**

*Pastor Michael A. Frazier, Sr. - Lead Pastor of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church and Greater Liberty Hill United Methodist Church*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OATH OF OFFICE - Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker**

*The Honorable Walter M. Green, Eighth Judicial Circuit Judge*

**OATH OF OFFICE - Commissioner Gail Johnson**

*The Honorable Gloria R. Walker, Eighth Judicial Circuit Judge*

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONER DESMON DUNCAN-WALKER**

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONER GAIL JOHNSON**

**ELECTION OF MAYOR-COMMISSIONER PRO TEM**

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**Election of Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem (NB)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission appoint a City Commissioner as Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem for the 2021-2022 term.*

**ADJOURNMENT**