

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final-Revised

July 12, 2021

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Gail Johnson (At Large, Seat B)
Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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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****BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

[201225.](#)

Fire Assessment - Preliminary Rate Resolution (B)

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the provision and funding of fire services, facilities and programs in the City of Gainesville; providing for the imposition and computation of fire services special assessments; providing for legislative determinations of special benefit and fair apportionment; describing the method of assessing fire services assessed costs against assessed property located within the City of Gainesville; establishing the estimated assessment rate for fire assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; providing for hardship assistance; providing for method of collection; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; providing for application of assessment proceeds; providing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: On June 9, 2008, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 070623 which establishes the authority to implement a Fire Services Special Assessment each year if the Commission chooses to do so.

The Preliminary Rate Resolution, if adopted, would establish a maximum assessment rate for the Fire Services Special Assessment and provide for notice to affected property owners of the proposed rates. The Preliminary Rate Resolution also provides for notice of a public hearing on the Annual Rate Resolution to be held on the date as set forth in the Resolution.

In adopting the Preliminary Rate Resolution the Commission will have to determine the Preliminary Rate to be sent in the notice to affected property owners. The City Manager recommends the Net Factored Fire Protection Unit rate be maintained at \$133.00 per NFFPU for Fiscal Year 2021-22. If the Commission decides to change the rate, the change will be

made in the Preliminary Rate Resolution. (See page 4 of the Resolution).

The Preliminary Rate can be anywhere from 100% of the assessable costs to provide fire services, or less. It must be noted, however, that while the Preliminary Rate can change at the final hearing, it cannot be increased, but can only be decreased. In other words, if the Commission establishes the Preliminary Rate at \$133.00 per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit and notices that as the Preliminary Rate, at the Final Hearing the \$133.00 rate can decrease, but it cannot go above \$133.00.

In adopting the Preliminary Rate Resolution, the Commission will have to set the date for a public hearing. The City Manager has recommended that date be September 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm (see page 6 of the Resolution). If the Commission decides to change that date, changes will be made to the Resolution.

Strategic Connection: This item is connected to Goal 5 “Best in Class” Neighbor Services.

Fiscal Note: The Preliminary Rate of \$133.00 per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit is estimated to generate \$9,523,538 in General Fund revenue.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) establish a Preliminary Rate of \$133.00 per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit for the Fire Services Special Assessment; 2) set the public hearing on the Annual Rate Resolution at 6:00 pm (or as soon thereafter as may be heard) on September 13, 2021; and 3) adopt the proposed Preliminary Rate Resolution.

[201225 A Preliminary Fire Assessment Rate Resolution 20210712.pdf](#)

[201225 B TRIM Insert 20210712.pdf](#)

210035.

Proposed Fire Inspection Fee Modifications (B)

This item requests the City Commission hear a presentation on proposed modifications to fire fees in Appendix A Schedule of Fees, Rates, and Charges for the City of Gainesville and to provide direction to staff for implementation of the modifications to coincide with development of the FY22-23 budget.

Explanation: Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) is proposing modifications to fire inspection fees that would restore charges for inspections resulting in no violations and increase fees for inspections of large properties over 10,000SF. Generally, fire inspections of larger properties require greater staff time, more follow up and research to complete. The proposed fee schedule more closely reflects the time and effort required to ensure fire and life safety of large properties.

Strategic Connection: This item is connected to Goal 4: Resilient Local

Economy and Goal 5: Best in Class Neighbor Services in the City's Strategic Plan.

Fiscal Note: The proposed changes are estimated to result in a 31% (\$20,500) increase in the billable fire inspection invoices issued.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear the presentation and authorize the City Attorney to draft, and the City Clerk to advertise, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances amending the Fire Fees in Appendix A.*

[210035A Fire Inspection Fees Presentation 20210712.pdf](#)

[210035B Appendix A Fire Inspection Fee Modifications 20210712.pdf](#)

[210115.](#)

Discussion on Maximum Parking Rates (B)

Discuss creating a resolution of the City Commission, establishing the maximum parking rates for on street parking and off Street Parking in accordance with Division 2, Article III, Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Florida; authorizing the City Manager to establish rates up to the maximum rate; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

This item is a proposal to adjust parking fees based on data and multiple parking studies to improve parking system management.

Explanation: Simpler rate structure, time limits and types of available parking allows for more efficient curb management while increasing the availability of parking to better serve neighbors and businesses in adjacent areas.

Strategic Recommendation: Goal 3: A Great Place to Live & Experience

Fiscal Note: Rates were last increased 17 years ago in 2004. By making some adjustments, the potential increase in revenue will be approximately \$225,000 per year for hourly rates and \$220,000 per year for permit fees.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize via the City Manager the City's Department of Transportation & Mobility development of new parking fee structure and associated documentation.*

[210115A Parking Rates Resolution Draft 20210712](#)

[210115B Parking Rate Chg Presentation 20210712](#)

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT