City of Gainesville

City Hall 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

September 9, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

General Policy Committee

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

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

210358. Approval of Minutes from the August 26, 2021 General Policy Committee Meeting (B) RECOMMENDATION The General Policy Committee approve the August

<u>COMMENDATION</u> The General Policy Committee approve the August 26, 2021 minutes.

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DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

200718. Advisory Board and Committee Annual Reports (B)

Explanation: At the September 17, 2020 meeting the Commission moved to request annual reports from all Advisory Boards and Committees.

In accordance with the motion, the reports in the backup have been compiled. The City Clerks' Office will continue working with the Advisory Boards and Committees to submit outstanding reports.

Fiscal Note: N/A

RECOMMENDATION The City Commission receive and review the advisory board and committee annual report from the Regional Transit System Advisory Board.

Legislative History

1/21/21	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
1/28/21	General Policy Committee	Heard
2/11/21	General Policy Committee	Heard
2/18/21	City Commission	Approved, as shown above
3/4/21	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
3/25/21	General Policy Committee	Heard
4/8/21	General Policy Committee	Heard

4/15/21	City Commission	Striken From the Agenda		
4/22/21	General Policy Committee	Heard		
6/17/21	City Commission	Heard		
8/5/21	City Commission	Withdrawn		
8/12/21	General Policy Committee	Heard		
8/19/21	City Commission	Heard		
200718 Board Report presentation RTS 20210422				

<u>210163.</u> Revised Timeline for Redrawing City's Election Districts (B)

Explanation: Pursuant to direction given by the General Policy Committee at its meeting of July 22, 2022, the City Attorney's Office worked with the Supervisor of Elections to construct an accelerated timeline to draw new city election districts in the hopes of finalizing the new district boundaries before the qualifying period for the August 2022 city election. There is a possibility that factors outside of the City's control may occur, such as later than anticipated release of congressional and state district lines and Supervisor of Elections (SOE) precinct lines, which will necessitate postponing the finalization of new city election districts until the 2024 election.

The accelerated timeline is as follows:

August 2021: City contracts with UF BEBR, Census data released and consultant begins work

September 2021: 1) City Commission adopt Resolution setting forth redistricting criteria at the 9/16 Regular Commission Meeting; 2) City hold "kick-off" public engagement meeting and make "District Builder" software available to the public

January 2022: 1) SOE Consultant releases draft precinct plan(s); 2) City Consultant releases draft redistricting plans; 3) State Legislative Session convenes; 4) City holds public engagement meeting

February 2022: 1) City releases updated City draft redistricting plans; 2) City holds public engagement meeting

March 2022: 1) State Legislative Session ends 3/11, including redistricting of State House and Senate Districts

April 2022: 1) SOE finalizes precincts; 2) City holds public engagement meeting; 3) City adjusts redistricting plan, if needed; 4) City redistricting ordinance finalized and advertised

May 2022: First and second readings of City redistricting ordinance

June 2022: Qualifying period for City election from Monday, June 13 at noon to Friday, June 17 at noon

August 23, 2022: City election (per 2.04 of City Charter held on same day as Statewide primary)

November 8, 2022: City run-off election, if needed

At the July 22, 2021 meeting, the General Policy Committee proposed that the public engagement process consist of direct participation in the redistricting process by neighbors as opposed to appointing a Citizen Review Committee. The District Builder software that UF BEBR will provide allows neighbors to draw and submit proposed maps. Three public engagement meetings are planned for January-April 2022. The City will partner with the Alachua County Library to make computers and a copy of redistricting guidelines available to neighbors to draw maps. The City Attorney's Office proposes creating a page on the City's website dedicated to redistricting and which allows neighbors to submit their own maps. The City Attorney's Office seeks clarification from the General Policy Committee as to what level of engagement the public will have in the redistricting process and to what extent the City Commission will consider maps submitted by neighbors. The City Attorney's Office will require assistance from the Office of Communications and Engagement and IT for the webpage and public engagement components of redistricting.

A proposed Resolution which sets forth the City Commission's intent to follow redistricting criteria specified therein is attached to this agenda item and will be presented at the next City Commission meeting (September 16, 2021).

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	The General Policy Committee: 1) approve the proposed accelerated redistricting timeline, 2) provide guidance as to the extent of public participation in the redistricting process, and 3) review and provide comments to the Resolution.		
Legislative History			
7/22/21 General Policy Committee	y Approved, as shown above		
210163 draft resolution 20210909			
210163 Spectrum of Public Participation Chart 20210909			

210333. State Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY 2022-23 (B)

AGENDA UPDATE - ADDITIONAL BACK-UP

Explanation: The purpose of this agenda item is to review the draft list of State Legislative ideas and Departmental/Charter appropriations requests for the FY 2022-23 State Legislative Session, and decide our State Legislative Priorities prior to the start of the next State Legislative cycle.

Strategic Connection:

Goal 1: Equitable Community

Goal 2: Sustainable Community

Goal 3: A Great Place to Live & Experience

Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy

Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION The General Policy Committee review and discuss the draft list of State Legislative items and establish FY 2022-23 State Legislative priorities for both our state lobbying team and our state legislative delegation.

210333.A 2022-2023 State Legislative Priorities & Funding Requests 2021090 210333.B 2022 Draft Legislative Priorities- Gainesville.pdf

201093. Annexation Policy (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to discuss surveying residents in the unincorporated area to gauge interest in annexation.

Explanation: On July 22, 2021 the General Policy Committee (GPC) heard a presentation on past annexation efforts and discussed annexation strategy. The GPC discussed surveying residents of the unincorporated area and asked staff to bring back survey questions from the recent survey of City neighbors.

<u>RECOMMEN</u>	pre	e General Policy Committee receive a sentation from staff and provide direction on vey questions.
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6/10/21	General Policy Committee	Withdrawn
7/22/21	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above

201093 Annexation Policy Presentation 20210610.pdf 201093A_2021_City_of_Gainesville_Neighbor_Survey_20210909 201093B_city_countygma_voting_map_20210909

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 23, 2021

ADJOURNMENT