City of Gainesville

City Hall 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

March 31, 2022

1:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro-Tem Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)

Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut (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

"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

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEM

210163. Redistricting the City's Election Districts Based Upon 2020 Census Data (B)

AGENDA UPDATE - ADDITIONAL BACK-UP ADDED

Explanation: The City Commission, at its meeting of February 17, 2022, directed that this matter be discussed at the next three City Commission meetings.

The meetings dates are March 3, 2022, March 17, 2022 and April 7, 2022.

Section 2.02 of the Charter Laws of the City of Gainesville requires the City Commission to apportion the City into four consecutively numbered districts and to adjust the boundary lines of the districts by subsequently enacted ordinances whenever, in its judgment, the districts are not ratably or equally apportioned in accordance with the State Constitution and the Constitution of the United States, but not less frequently than within the second year following each decennial census. The City Commission previously redistricted the City by adoption of an ordinance in December 2012 using data from the 2010 Census.

The City has contracted with Dr. Michael McDonald and Dr. Daniel Smith, both Political Science Professors and redistricting experts at the University of Florida and acting under U.F. BEBR to analyze the data, provide 3 potential redistricting options, and a recommended option. Neighbors have been given an opportunity to participate in the process by submitting their own maps to the Consultant and the City.

On October 21, 2021, the City adopted Resolution No. 210163, which set forth the City Commission's intent to redistrict the City's election districts

according to certain criteria.

An updated timeline, which includes community engagement and communications efforts, is included in the attached memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation by the Consultant, 2) discuss the Consultant's recommendations, and 3) set future meeting dates to discuss redistricting.

Legislative History

7/22/21	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above
9/9/21	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above
10/21/21	City Commission	Adopted (Resolution)
2/17/22	City Commission	Approved, as shown above
3/3/22	City Commission	Approved, as shown above
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210163 Changes in Precincts-UPDATED-3-25 -Gainesville-only_20220328.pdf		
210163_Comm Hayes-Santos_New Map Proposal_20220328.pdf		
210163_Redistricting Map (Senate & House Districts) _20220331		
210163_Redistricting Map (Single Map Draft 1)_20220331		

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT