

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final-Revised

May 12, 2022

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

General Policy Committee

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**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[211141.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the April 14, 2022 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the April 14, 2022 minutes.*

[211141_April 14, 2022 Minutes_20220428.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[211106.](#) **Office of Ombudsman (B)**

Explanation: An ombudsman office can serve as an independent oversight agency for municipalities to provide neighbors and/or staff with a confidential avenue to address complaints. The office provides options, mediation, and information investigation to resolve the complaints and concerns of neighbors and/or staff. The office can be structured in different ways, operating under either a municipality's legislative or executive branch, and may be designed to offer a space for general concerns amongst neighbors or staff to resolved, or to resolve problems specific to one agency or program.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear a presentation from staff and discuss.*

[211106_Office of the Ombudsman Supplemental Report_20220428](#)

[211106_Office of the Ombudsman Report_20220428](#)

[211106_Office of Ombudsman Presentation_20220428](#)

[211139.](#) **Community Health Improvement Plan Presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue (B)**

This item requests that the General Policy Committee hear a presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue on the City of Gainesville's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Explanation: The City Commission established a Comprehensive City Public Health Policy and Strategy/Action Plan as a Top Priority in its Action Agenda 2021-2022. Development of a Community Health Plan was listed as Milestone 2 in the Action Agenda. Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) Staff have completed a Needs Assessment and have identified CHIP Priority Areas. This GFR Presentation will provide details on findings and will outline goals and objectives for the CHIP Mission.

Strategic Connection

This item is connected to Goal 1 Equitable Community and Goal 5 “Best In Class” Neighbor Services.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal note.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear the presentation from Gainesville Fire Rescue.

[211139A CHIP Single Page Overview 20220512.pdf](#)

[211139B_GFR CHIP Presentation 20220512.pdf](#)

[211139C Gainesville Community Health Improvement Plan 20220512.pdf](#)

[211144.](#)

Public Safety Update Presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue (B)

This item requests that the General Policy Committee hear a Public Safety Update presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue.

Explanation: The City’s Public Safety efforts include services provided by Gainesville Fire Rescue, an all-hazards department. This Public Safety Update covers Fire Rescue programs and services for Q1 and Q2 of FY2022.

Strategic Connection

This item is connected to Goal 5 “Best In Class” Neighbor Services.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal note.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear the presentation from Gainesville Fire Rescue.

[211144_Public Safety Update Fire Rescue 20220512.pdf](#)

[211165.](#)

Regional Transit System (RTS) - GNV RideRTS App Update Presentation (B)

This item requests that the General Policy Committee hear a presentation by Regional Transit System staff on the progress with GNV RideRTS app

improvements.

Explanation: The GNV RideRTS app allows users to see the RTS buses on the service route map using GPS. Since the rollout in August, staff has received feedback from users and is actively working with the app developer on making improvements to deliver a better customer experience. While the improvement project is on-going, staff has continued to explore other app alternatives for consideration by leadership.

Strategic Plan Connection: The Regional Transit System network provides transportation access to many services within our community and supports all five goals in the City's strategic plan including Equitable Community, A More Sustainable Community, a Great Place to Live and Experience, a Resilient Local Economy, and "Best in Class" Neighbor Services.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear the presentation by Regional Transit System staff.

[211165A RTS APP Update PPT 20220512](#)

[211166.](#)

Regional Transit System (RTS) Proposed Fall 2022 Transit Service Changes (B)

Explanation: RTS makes transit service changes three times a year. These changes coincide with the semester schedules for the University of Florida (UF) and Santa Fe College (SF). RTS has several proposed changes for the Fall 2022 including the introduction of new routes, additional Microtransit, route modifications, and routes being replaced or discontinued to provide better overall transit services.

Strategic Plan Connection: The Regional Transit System network provides transportation access to many services within our community and supports all five goals in the City's strategic plan including Equitable Community, A More Sustainable Community, a Great Place to Live and Experience, a Resilient Local Economy, and "Best in Class" Neighbor Services.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear the presentation by Regional Transit System staff.

[211166A Propsed Fall 2022 PPT 20220512](#)

[211195.](#)**Election Days as City Holidays. (B)**

Explanation: On July 19, 2021, a motion was passed to direct the City Manager to work with Charters to make election days City Holidays. The purpose of this agenda item is to seek clarification on one element of the July 19, 2021 motion.

Staff seeks clarification on what constitutes an Election for this purpose (e.g. City elections, primary elections, general elections, runoff elections, special elections, etc.).

Fiscal Note: The cost impact of the most recent City Holiday was \$516,603. Funding for future, additional Holidays would be included in the FY 23 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and provide additional clarification on Elections for the purpose of City Holidays.

[211195 Election Days as City Holidays GPC Presentation 20220512](#)

[200737.](#)**Street Lighting and Vegetation Management (B)****AGENDA UPDATE - ADDED ITEM**

Explanation: At the February 11th, 2021 General Policy Committee Meeting, the City Commission received a presentation on street lighting and the impact trees have on lighting levels (Legislative File #200737).

The City Commission specifically made the following motion of staff:

- 1. Staff to put together a policy task force internally to bring back right-of-way lighting recommendations that focus on lighting classifications for high pedestrian density zones and a spectrum going all the way to the dark sky zones, including a cost benefit analysis that includes tree maintenance.*
- 2. Make a referral to both the police advisory council and a tree advisory board of those boards, have them discuss it independently and then have a joint meeting working with Staff. And bring us back a recommendation for that sort of balance that we're trying to strike between safety and preserving our heritage trees and our tree canopy.*
- 3. Get a budget estimate on both a vegetation maintenance increment and an increased lighting in dark areas increment as well as referring the issue of lighting safety to the police advisory council and the tree advisory board.*
- 4. Staff to bring back information or data stats for our high crime areas*

that have been impacted by lighting or no lighting or less lighting and what that analysis looked like and what a cost would be for us to prioritize going into those neighborhoods and addressing those lighting issues.

An internal team was established to review these issues and make recommendations back to the City Commission. That committee reviewed the issues, conducted a field visit on a Friday to see firsthand the conditions and developed a report to document their findings.

Fiscal Note: Currently, trees are trimmed around streetlights every 3 years. To trim around the streetlights every year would require an additional \$755,000 annually in funds to contract this service out.

Strategic Connection:

This project is related to 2 goals: Goal 3: "A Great Place to Live & Experience" – objective 2. "Develop a vibrant, alive Downtown with expanded residential, entertainment and commercial opportunities." It is also connected to Goal 5: ""Best In Class" Neighbor Services". It aids in objective 5. Have a high level of neighbor satisfaction with city services and services response.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from staff; and, 2) take action, as appropriate.

Legislative History

2/11/21 General Policy Approved, as shown above
 Committee

[200737_Street Lighting and Vegetation Management Committee Report_20220](#)

[200737.Street Lighting Committee Presentation_20220512](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 26, 2022

ADJOURNMENT