

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final-Revised

May 26, 2022

12:30 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**

AM-1 [211257.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the May 12, 2022 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee approve the May 12, 2022 minutes.

[211257_May 12, 2022 Minutes_20220526.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

DP-1 [211266.](#) **GNV4ALL Update on the Gainesville Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center (B)**

AGENDA UPDATE - ADDED ITEM

Fiscal Note: To be determined.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear an update from the GNV4ALL representatives.

[211266_GNV4ALL Presentation_PPT_20220526](#)

DP-2 [211250.](#) **Affordable Housing Workshops (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve Affordable Housing Workshops to be held on Wednesday, June 1 at 6:00pm and Saturday, June 4 at 9:00am at the Bo Diddley Plaza.

DP-3 [201057.](#) **Gainesville Immigrant Neighbor Inclusion Initiative (GINI) (B)**

AGENDA UPDATE - REVISED BACK-UP

Explanation: The Interim Director for the Office of Equity and Inclusion and Charters are submitting the Gainesville Immigrant Neighbor Inclusion Initiative GINI Proposed Process Map Timeline, and the GINI Proposed Process

Task List for the Commission's review and consideration. The attached documents provide a visual of what steps the Charters are taking to implement the motion from the March 17, 2022 City Commission meeting. We're also seeking clarity on the motion made that day to clarify expectations of the commission for implementation timeline. A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this matter be approved, as shown below. The motion was to direct staff to:

- 1. Move forward with GINI recommendations and initiatives.*
- 2. Staff to do a fiscal analysis for FTE and ambassadors, language line acquisition and training, document translation in Spanish and sign translation into Spanish.*
Assess future languages for year 2 and 3.
- 3. Find a funding source for initial and recurring needs/phases, and staff come back after they meet.*
- 4. Communicate with rural women's health project to transition data/work product to City of Gainesville.*
- 5. Staff reach out to other government entities for collaboration over 3 years.*
- 6. Provide an update to the Commission in 6 months.*

The motion was carried unanimously.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee reviews and discuss the previous motion for timeline expectations. Moreover, review and discuss attached GINI Proposed Process Map Timeline and GINI Proposed Process Task List, as appropriate.

Legislative History

4/22/21	General Policy Committee	Approved, as shown above
3/17/22	City Commission	Approved, as shown above

[201057_GINI Proposed Process Task List \(Update\)_20220526](#)

[201057_GINI Proposed Process Map Timeline \(Update\)_20220526](#)

DP-4 [211222.](#)

General Government FY 2023 Budget (B)

Explanation: This meeting is to discuss the City's General Government FY 2023 Budget.

Strategic Connection: Goal 5 "Best in Class" Neighbor Services.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear a presentation from staff and take action, as deemed appropriate.

[21222_Budget_Presentation_20220519.pdf](#)

DP-5[211211.](#)**Subcommittee Usage in Municipal Government (B)****AGENDA UPDATE - NEW BACK-UP**

Explanation: Subcommittees are standing committees organized around a specific policy field, typically composed of 2-3 commission members per subcommittee along with any staff members relevant to the policies and programs being discussed. These subcommittees discuss specific policies and create recommendations on how to move the issue forward. With the exception of two standing subcommittees (the Audit and Finance Committees), the City of Gainesville primarily utilizes the General Policy Committee (GPC) model to advance policy discussions rather than utilizing the subcommittee model. The General Policy Committee model has been in place since 2016, with subcommittees preceding it. The attached report and presentation discuss common committee and advisory board structures in cities in Florida and around the country, and advantages and disadvantages to the extensive usage of subcommittees.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff and discuss.

[211211_Subcommittee Usage in Municipal Government Report_20220526](#)

[211211_Subcommittee Usage in Municipal Government Presentation_2022052](#)

[211211_Comm Adrian Hayes Santos_Potential SubCommittees_20220526](#)

DP-6[211212.](#)**Lien Reduction Process (B)**

Explanation: Currently in the City of Gainesville, when a property has a lien assessed against it due to code compliance violations, the property owner can request a reduction in the lien if the property comes into compliance with city code. After the request is made, a meeting is held between the property owner/representative and the Code Enforcement Manager and the Director of the Department of Sustainable Development to discuss the amount of the lien and attempt to reach a negotiated agreement on the amount to be paid by the city. After this meeting, a hearing is held by the Special Magistrate, and the Special Magistrate makes a recommendation as to whether to keep the lien as is, reduce the lien, or rescind the lien entirely. However, the Magistrate's decision is not final, and the City Commission must approve the recommendation at a City Commission meeting for that decision to be made final. While Florida State Statutes indicate that the "local governing body" may execute a satisfaction or release of a lien, the statutes specifically authorize code enforcement boards to reduce fines, and several cities across the State of Florida have

adopted local ordinances which allow for their Special Magistrate to be the final decision maker on the reduction of liens. It is the interpretation of the Gainesville City Attorney's Office that Florida State Statutes indicate that while the Special Magistrate may be authorized to be the final decision maker on lien reductions, the City Commission must authorize the release of code enforcement liens, either by an agenda item (which could be on a Consent Agenda), or by ordinance specifically authorizing the City Manager to execute releases of liens where the fines have been reduced by final action of the Special Magistrate.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff and discuss.

[211212_Lien Reduction Process Report_20220526](#)

[211212_Lien Reduction Process Presentation_20220526](#)

DP-7[211192.](#)**Discussion: Municipal General Obligation Housing Bonds (B)****AGENDA UPDATE - REVISED BACK-UP**

Explanation: General obligation bonds are debt securities issued by state or local governments backed by property taxes to raise money for affordable housing development and related programming. These bonds should be used for the purposes of purchasing, building of new housing, preservation of affordable housing, purchasing of land and housing vouchers. This bond would need to be placed on the ballot for a voter approved referendum. The November 2022 general election would be next best election to place the referendum.

Key Characteristics of General Obligation Bonds:

-Include certain legal advertising requirements.

-General obligation bonds are the highest credit quality given they are secured by a pledge of the full faith, credit and taxing power of the City without limitation (AA for the City of Gainesville).

-Often used to fund high priority projects that have broad community support.

-A separate ad valorem millage levy is added to the annual tax roll to pay the debt service cost (does not count toward the 10 mill cap).

-The size of the bond issue and the term of the repayment are outlined in the referendum. Bonds are often issued in multiple series over a period of time for larger referendums. This allows for the millage levy to increase over time as the bonds are issued.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission direct staff to come back in thirty (30) days with a proposed framework for a

\$30 - \$50 million general obligation bond, including the household cost of the tax and the number of units that could be built or preserved.

[211192_A_Municipal Housing Bonds Research Report_20220526](#)

[211192_B_Municipal Housing Bonds Supplemental_20220526](#)

[211192_Municipal Housing Bonds Presentation_20220526 MOD](#)

DP-8 [210858.](#)

Swim Lane Items (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee accept the updated Swim Lanes and Policy Timelines for informational purposes.

Legislative History

2/10/22	General Policy Committee	Discussed
2/24/22	General Policy Committee	Discussed
3/10/22	General Policy Committee	No Action Taken

[210858_GPC Swim Lanes_20220526](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 9, 2022

ADJOURNMENT