

# City of Gainesville

*City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



## **Minutes - Draft**

**January 13, 2022**

**1:00 PM**

**Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room**

## **General Policy Committee**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER - 1:00 PM****ROLL CALL**

**Present** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[210745.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2021 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *The General Policy Committee approve the December 9, 2021 minutes.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

[210761.](#) **Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *The City Commission appoint:*

*Susan Jacobson to the Nature Centers Commission with a term ending 11/1/2024.*

*Marc Frank to the Tree Advisory Board with a term ending 1/1/2025.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by**

**Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Duncan-Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

[210784.](#)

**ARPA Funding Request for the Gainesville Police Department's One Community Response to Gun Violence (B)**

*GPD Assistant Police Chief Terry Pierce gave a presentation.*

*1:05 pm: Commissioner Arreola arrived to the meeting.*

*GPD Chief Tony Jones and John Alexander, GPD, spoke to the matter.*

*Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.*

*Public Comment: Danielle, James Gardner, Donald Shepherd, Ron Rawls, Nathan Skop, Sharon Burnie, Dejeon Cain*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear a presentation by the Gainesville Police Department on its One Community Initiative response to gun violence.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

[210790.](#)

**Cultural Arts Centers and Their Effect on Youth Violence and Poverty (B)**

*Motion: Move this item to the next phase of the policy process; the City Manager convene a working group to work with the University of Florida, School Board and other members of the coalition to bring back a proposal including information on cost, personnel, and involvement by community partners.*

*Morgan Spicer, Interim Policy Administrator, introduced the item. Kailyn Escobar, Policy Fellow, gave a presentation.*

*Andrew Telles, Dionne Champion and Osubi Craig, University of Florida, spoke to the matter.*

*Dr. Carlee Simon, Superintendent, Alachua County Public Schools, spoke to the matter.*

*Marshall Davis, African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, spoke to the matter.*

*Public Comment: Danielle Chanzas, Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Armando Grundy-Gomes*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear the presentation from staff and discuss.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Duncan-Walker, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**210786.**

**Request for ARPA Funds-- National League of Cities' One Nation, One Project: Improving Community Health and Resilience through the Arts Initiative (B)**

*Motion: Approve staff recommendation to allocate 20% of ARPA funds toward a proposal to the National League of Cities' proposal; and authorize the City to submit a proposal for the initiative presented.*

*Andrew Telles, Dionne Champion and Osubi Craig, University of Florida, spoke to the matter.*

*Interim City Manager Curry spoke to the matter.*

*Commissioner Saco requested an update on ARPA funds allocated for projects after this meeting.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission 1) hear a presentation on how the project could be set up to address the RFP and discuss, 2) if in agreement, approve the allocation of 2% of the City's ARPA funds toward a potential proposal to the National League of Cities' proposal in response to the RFP, 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare and submit a proposal for the One Nation, One Project: Improving Community Health and Resilience through the Arts Initiative before February 4, 2022.*

**A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

[210760.](#)**Community Resource Paramedicine Plan Presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue (B)**

This item requests that the General Policy Committee hear a presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue on the Community Resource Paramedicine Plan for consideration of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding.

*Motion: Approve the recommended funding allocation from ARPA funds to the Community Resource Paramedicine Program (CRP).*

*GFR Chief Dixon and Kami Klejc, Program Coordinator, gave a presentation.*

*4:58 pm: Mayor Poe departed the meeting*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Saco, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Poe

[210740.](#)**Administrative Session (B)**

*Morgan Spicer, Interim Policy Oversight Administrator, introduced the item.*

*Motion: Approve the proposed quarterly GPC schedule with the following changes:*

*1) For the Feb. 10 meeting: Remove the Transition Plan for Boards item and place on a Regular City Commission meeting agenda; add the Wild Spaces/Infrastructure Surtax Ballot Initiative item; add a discussion on the City Charter update to special elections.*

*2) Move the Home ARP-HUD Grant Plan to the March 10 meeting.*

*The Commission requested regular updates on public safety (at a GPC or Regular City Commission meeting); updates from the Office of Equity and Inclusion; and regular discussions on the GCRA. The Commission also requested to: hear an update on Wild Spaces, Public Places and the Power*

*District at the first GPC in April (with Admin Session); add a discussion item on the Heritage Trail at the next Special Meeting on the GCRA; to schedule an update from the Office of Equity and Inclusion for the full City Commission as soon as possible.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee will set their agendas for the 2nd quarter of FY22.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Poe

**PUBLIC COMMENT****MEMBER COMMENT****NEXT MEETING DATE**

January 27, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT - 5:24 PM**