

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

5:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room (#16)

Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee

*Mayor Ed Braddy, Chair
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Braddy called the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee meeting to order at 5:11 PM

ROLL CALL

*Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Chase
Guest: Clerk of the Commission Kurt Lannon
City Attorney Nicolle Shalley
General Manager for Utilities Ed Bielarski*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

The minutes are a summary of the meeting and are not verbatim discussion. A copy of the meeting recording will be provided upon request.

150064.**Rules of the City Commission (B)**

Attachments: [150064 Rules 20150618.pdf](#)
[150064 MOD Mayor's Letter 20150618.pdf](#)
[150064 Resolution 150370 dated 10-15-15 20160113.pdf](#)
[150064 Resolution 150370 dated 10-15-15 20160209.pdf](#)

Interim Administrative Services Director Betty Baker introduced this agenda item. On occasion, an individual or group introduces a topic during a City Commission meeting anticipating the City Commission to take immediate action. Mayor Braddy recommended that whenever possible, decisions or action be taken after the topic has been noticed, fully vetted and alternate opinions heard. If the item has not been noticed, the presiding officer can request to table the discussion for a future meeting.

The City Attorney Nicolle Shalley explained that the Rules of the Commission are based on Roberts Rules to provide meeting structure. Agenda items can only be added by the City Commissioners or a Charter Officer. The attorney suggested that a motion be made to reconsider the topic at the next meeting to provide notice to other citizens or interested parties. The committee members discuss the matter and recommended the following wording, "By custom a reconsideration should be placed on a future agenda for all interested parties to be in attendance." The City Commissioners can then vote for reconsideration to place the item on a future agenda. The City Attorney will draft an amendment to the Rules of the City Commission as a recommendation from the Legislative and Organization Policy Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee members discuss the Rules of the City Commission and 1) take any action deemed appropriate; and 2) remove from the committee's referral list.

150374. Start City Commission Meetings in the Mornings (B)

Attachments: [150374 Resolution 150370 dated 10-15-15 20160113.pdf](#)
 [150374 Resolution 150370 dated 10-15-15 20160209.pdf](#)

Interim Administrative Services Director Betty Baker introduced this agenda item. Commissioner Chase made the original referral to consider changing the start time of City Commission meetings to 9:00AM.

Mayor Braddy pointed out that a 9:00AM start time could be problematic for citizens who are employed, as well as for City Commissioners who are employed elsewhere. The General Manager for Utilities Ed Bielarski added that managers attending a City Commission meeting with an early start time would lose an entire day away from their staff.

The committee members discussed how to manage City Commission meetings to be efficient. Referrals can be made to committees for further review and the presiding officer could continue an item in order to schedule a special meeting for its discussion. No recommendation to change the meeting start time was made, but the members were open to trying alternatives once a quarter.

Mayor Braddy made a Motion to refer this item to the City Commission on consent to remove this item from the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee referral list.

RECOMMENDATION *Member of the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee discuss Rule I of the Rules of the City Commission (Resolution 150370); 1) take any action deemed appropriate; and 2) remove from the committee's referral list.*

Mayor Braddy made a Motion to refer this item to the City Commission on consent to remove this item from the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee referral list.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee is scheduled for 5:00PM on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Braddy adjourned the Legislative and Organizational Policy Committee at 6:10PM.