

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

May 9, 2019

1:00 PM

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multi-Purpose Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)

Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:05 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

Absent 1 - Mayor Poe

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

Absent: 3 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Simmons

APPROVAL OF MINUTES[180976.](#)**General Policy Committee Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of April 11 and April 25, 2019.

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

Absent: 3 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Simmons

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS[180260.](#)**UF and City Partnership Update (B)**

This is a request for the City Commission to hear an update on the UF-City Partnership framework being developed and approve staff to pilot the framework using the Food Policy Council initiative.

Motion: Direct staff to come up with a framework for the UF-City partnership framework; and to pilot the food policy initiative.

Commissioner Warren arrived at 1:06 PM.

Roberta Griffith, Director of Strategic Initiatives, gave opening remarks.

Dr. Charlie Lane from the University of Florida, will call into the meeting.

Assistant City Manager Dan Hoffman made an announcement regarding a \$2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to study traffic and transportation improvements.

Commissioner Simmons arrived at 1:06 PM.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos thanked staff and UF.

Commissioner Warren asked about UF involvement. Dan Hoffman responded.

Commissioner Ward asked about the grant application process and award. Dan Hoffman responded.

Dr. Charlie Lane introduced the presentation: "Increasing Meaningful Impact in the Gainesville Community: Enhancing and Structuring the Partnership Between the City of Gainesville and the University of Florida".

Roberta Griffith gave an overview of the presentation on the UF-City partnership.

Commissioner Warren asked if a timeline has been identified. Roberta Griffith responded that a potential pilot project will be presented.

Andrew Dais, University of Florida Director of Collaborative Initiatives presented about the role of the University and potential influence across the community.

Commissioner Simmons commented about the potential partnership. Andrew Dais responded. Commissioner Simmons expressed concerns about the partnership process communicated in the presentation. Andrew Dais responded. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos commented. Interim Assistant City Manager Bowie responded. Commissioner Ward responded.

Commissioner Johnson commented about the request for a food policy council coming from the community on the east side of Gainesville. Suggested that the part of calling for project/activity proposals should not leave out groups or organizations that do not have the capacity to respond; should offer assistance and consider how to include grassroots organizations.

Commissioner Ward commented about food insecurity affecting people all over Gainesville.

Commissioner Arreola commented about the importance of research and development by institutions, but does not want the partnership to solely be about research and development. Asked about how City and UF can make unified strategic decisions.

Commissioner Johnson clarified her comment about the food policy council.

Commissioner Warren commented in support of moving forward with the conversation. Spoke against focus on measurability in a short time period; will need a long-term commitment. Roberta Griffith responded. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos spoke to the issue of measurable outcomes.

Deborah Bowie continued the presentation, discussed next steps.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos spoke in favor of moving forward with the partnership, using the food policy council as a pilot collaboration. Asked about next steps.

Roberta Griffith commented that staff will bring back an update on the food policy council, probably in the next three months.

Commissioner Ward asked if staff needs direction on recommendations for partnership framework. Deborah Bowie responded in favor of a motion from the Commission.

Karissa Raskin spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission 1) hear an update on the UF-City Partnership framework being developed and 2) approve staff to pilot the framework using the Food Policy Council initiative.*

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

Absent: 1 - Mayor Poe

160675.

Urban Design Standards (B)

Motion: Accept recommendations from staff, with request that collaboration team meet with EO department regarding criteria for selecting future committee members; 2) Remove from the GPC list; and 3) Codify the design standards as an ordinance.

Andrew Persons, Interim Director of the Department of Doing introduced the presentation on "Urban Design Standards".

Commissioner Simmons asked about how the team had been formed. Andrew Persons responded. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos responded. GRU General Manager Ed Bielarski responded.

Commissioner Simmons commented about wanting other minority-owned companies to have been invited to participate. Commissioner Warren responded. Andrew Persons responded.

Commissioner Simmons commented about having asked Andrew Persons to involve more minority-owned businesses. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos responded about directing staff. Commissioner Arreola responded about directing Charter Officers to direct staff. Commissioner Warren responded.

Ed Bielarski commented about improvements for continuing in the future.

Commissioner Johnson spoke to the matter.

GRU staff, Angel Rivera presented on electric utility in the design standards.

Commissioner Warren asked a question. Angel Rivera responded.

Ms. Daugherty presented on water and wastewater utility improvements in the design standards.

Commissioner Ward commented in support of more residents being able to connect to City sewer/wastewater.

Ms. Daugherty presented on water and wastewater utility improvements in the design standards. Joe Wolf, Forester, presented on improvements to tree standards.

Commissioner Simmons asked about updates to the tree list. Andrew Persons and Joe Wolf responded.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the tree list. Joe Wolf responded.

Commissioner Warren asked a question. Joe Wolf responded.

Andrew Persons presented recommendations based on previous General Policy requests. Asked Commission for direction.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos asked about ensuring flexibility in design standards. Andrew Persons responded. Ms. Daugherty and Joe Wolf responded.

Commissioner Warren and Commissioner Ward spoke to the matter.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos spoke in favor of action and an ordinance to provide direction.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to direct staff to meet with EO to look for businesses that fit criteria for future committee members; align Land Development Code and GRU standards; remove from the GPC list; keep the length of member terms at one year. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos summarized the revised motion.

Ms. Daugherty spoke to the recommendations for water/wastewater.

Commissioner Johnson commented about a constituent request to wish Muslim neighbors a happy Ramadan.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee:

- 1) Hear a presentation from staff;
- 2) Provide direction as appropriate;
- 3) Remove the item from the General Policy Committee referral list.

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

Absent: 1 - Mayor Poe

[181009.](#)**General Policy Committee Referral List (B)**

Commissioner Arreola commented about items to be heard given that the referral list will sunset. Moved to add items to the next GPC referral list.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos responded, requested an agenda item to discuss items to carry over to the new referral list.

Commissioner Ward commented about the practice of sunsetting the referral list. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos responded.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos asked to schedule the referral list discussion for the first City Commission meeting in June.

Commissioner Warren asked about discussing at the next GPC meeting. Hayes-Santos suggested adding it to the discussion about the Commission rules.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee discuss the referral list.*

Discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT**MEMBER COMMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Ward: 1) Bring back a plan for an Economic Impact Assessment for NE 8th Avenue and Waldo Road; and 2) Review the Power District as a potential County multi-purpose venue. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Poe absent.

Commissioner Ward commented that staff is currently working on this. Commissioner Johnson responded.

Commissioner Arreola asked for staff to bring an update on the County Event Center discussion.

Assistant City Manager Dan Hoffman confirmed that City and County staff have been meeting; provided an update on potential plans for the venue. Spoke to the request for an economic impact assessment and existing plans for development improvements at NE 8th Avenue & Waldo Road. Staff will return with updates on best options for the location.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos requested that staff also review the Power District as a potential County multi-purpose venue.

Commissioner Warren asked about potential uses for Citizen's Field. Dan Hoffman responded.

Commissioner Ward spoke to the matter of the event center/venue options.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos would like an update on progress with the Children's Trust, wants Commission to stay informed.

Commissioner Ward spoke about wanting a regular mechanism for communication with the Alachua County School Board. Commissioner Warren and Commissioner Johnson spoke in support of the comment.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Reach out to schedule a Joint City/Alachua County School Board meeting in the fall (after budget season). Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Poe absent.

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT - 4:03 PM