

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

June 18, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtual Teleconference Meeting

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (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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CA-4 [191032.](#) Contract - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Update - HR&A Advisors, Inc. (B)

This item involves a request for the City Commission to approve a professional services contract with HR&A Advisors, Inc. for the City of Gainesville - Comprehensive Plan Update.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from staff; 2) direct the City Manager or designee to execute the contract and any related documents with HR&A Advisors, Inc. subject to the City Attorney's approval as to form and legality.

Approved as Recommended

CA-5 [200015.](#) Gainesville Pilot Composting Program (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to authorize staff to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Natural Resources Conservation Service Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (CCFWR) Project Grant. The CCFWR Grant award is estimated in the amount of \$90,000 and this award would be used toward the implementation of a two-year pilot composting program.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the grant applications, grant awards and any other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved as Recommended

CA-6 [200019.](#) Public Health Crisis Response CONUS - Community Clean Up (B)

This a request for the City Commission to approve the submission and acceptance of a grant, if awarded, from the Florida Department of Health (FDOH).

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the grant applications, grant awards and any other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved as Recommended

CA-7 [200023.](#) Housing and Urban Development - Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Drainage Infrastructure Improvements (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to approve the submission and acceptance of a grant, if awarded, from HUD through the Community Development

BD BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS (BD) - GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent.

BD-1 [200032](#) Alachua County Jail (B)

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola:

1) Authorize the Mayor to send a thank you letter on behalf of the City Commission to the 8th Circuit Chief Judge and other 8th circuit Judges for taking down their mugshot search website earlier this year; and authorize the Mayor to send a thank you letter on behalf of the City Commission to the Gannet Company and the Gainesville Sun for taking down their mugshots website and asking them to review their policy of posting mugshots in stories. Motion passed 7-0.

2) Authorize the Mayor on behalf of the City Commission to send a letter to Sheriff Darnell asking her to take down the portion of her website that allows you to view mugshots of inmates at the Alachua County Jail. Motion passed 6-1. Commissioner Simmons in dissent.

3) Give direction to the City Manager to create a GPD policy to end the practice of placing mugshots in GPD arrest press releases and to end all media "Perp Walks". Mugshots may only be used in press releases when trying to locate someone or other circumstances that have a clear law enforcement reason. GPD should still follow all public records requests laws. Motion passed 7-0.

Sheriff Darnell gave a presentation.

Sheila Payne, Nathan Skop, Jo Beaty, Debbie Martinez, Anthony Johnson, Darlene Pifalo and Suzzane spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The Gainesville City Commission discuss conditions at the Alachua County Jail including the process and procedures employed at the jail used to investigate allegations of excessive use of force and allegations of inmate abuse.

Approved, as shown above

BD-8 [200051](#) Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos - Use of Mugshots in Our Community (B)

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola:

1) Authorize the Mayor to send a thank you letter on behalf of the City Commission to the 8th Circuit Chief Judge and other 8th circuit Judges for taking down their mugshot search website earlier this year; and authorize the Mayor to send a thank you letter on behalf of the City Commission to the Gannet Company and the Gainesville Sun for taking down their mugshots website and asking them to review their policy of posting mugshots in stories. Motion passed 7-0.

2) Authorize the Mayor on behalf of the City Commission to send a letter to Sheriff Darnell asking her to take down the portion of her website that allows you to view mugshots of inmates at the Alachua County Jail. Motion passed 6-1. Commissioner Simmons in dissent.

3) Give direction to the City Manager to create a GPD policy to end the practice of placing mugshots in GPD arrest press releases and to end all media "Perp Walks". Mugshots may only be used in press releases when trying to locate someone or other circumstances that have a clear law enforcement reason. GPD should still follow all public records requests laws. Motion passed 7-0.

Sheriff Darnell gave a presentation.

Sheila Payne, Nathan Skop, Jo Beaty, Debbie Martinez, Anthony Johnson, Darlene Pifalo and Suzzane spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.

Approved, as shown above

BD-2 [200016.](#)

Broadband Discussion (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and take action deemed appropriate.

Continued to next City Commission meeting.

BD-4 [191203.](#)

COVID-19 Verbal Update (NB)

Motion: 1) Staff to put a moratorium on enforcing forking open container ordinance; 2) Proactively enforce the emergency face mask emergency order, give out masks that we have, and to work with the County more on enforcement; 3) Ask the County to add to their emergency order that public establishments must either have a hand washing station or hand sanitizer prominently available near the entrance of their entrances; 4) Ask the County to reduce the allowed

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

SR ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (SR)

SR-1 [191051](#) Proposed Charter Amendment to Retitle the Clerk of the Commission to City Clerk (B)

ORDINANCE NO. 191051

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida; proposing an amendment to 3.04 titled "Clerk of the commission" of the Charter Laws of the City of Gainesville to change the name of the position to "city clerk"; providing for submission of the charter amendment to the voters for approval or disapproval at the November 3, 2020 election; approving the question to be placed on the ballot; providing that this charter amendment shall become effective if approved by the voters; providing directions to the codifier; providing directions to the clerk of the commission; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

Motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos to schedule a special City Commission meeting June 22, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

SR-2 [191115](#) Proposed Charter Amendment to Eliminate the Restrictions on Use of Public and Private Funds for Construction of Paved Surfaces on City-Owned Land (B)

ORDINANCE NO. 191115

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida; proposing an amendment to eliminate 5.06 titled "Funds for construction of paved surfaces in designated areas" of the Charter Laws of the City of Gainesville; providing for submission of the charter amendment to the voters for approval or disapproval at the November 3, 2020 election; approving the question to be placed on the ballot; providing that this

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and provide feedback on the proposal.

Continued to June 22, 2020 special meeting.

BD-10 [200054.](#)

Responding to Racial Tension in the City (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission receive update on the department's suggestions and progress to reduce racial tension within the city.

Continued to June 22, 2020 special meeting.

BD-11 [200056.](#)

Commissioner Harvey Ward - Request to Convene a Citizen Police Review and Reform Recommendations Panel (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and take action deemed appropriate.

Continued to June 22, 2020 special meeting.

NECESSARY DIRECTION TO CHARTER OFFICERS

ADJOURNMENT - 11:25 P.M.