

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

September 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Teleconference Special 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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CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM**AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED[200129.](#)**Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges for Utilities Amendment - Water and Sewerage (B)**

Ordinance No. 200129

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to utilities; by amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges to revise fees, rates and charges for water and sewerage; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola arrived at 6:11 PM.

Ed Bielarski, GRU General Manager introduced.

Claudia Rasnick, GRU Chief Financial Officer spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Simmons, that this Matter be Adopted on First 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

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

200147.

Fire Assessment - Annual Rate Resolution (B)

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the provision of fire services, facilities and programs in the City of Gainesville, Florida; imposing Fire Services Special Assessments against assessed properties located within the City for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2020; providing for exemptions; approving the assessment roll; providing for the estimated fire services assessed cost; approving the rate of assessment; providing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date.

Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) receive any written objections filed; 2) hear testimony from all interested persons; 3) approve the assessment roll; 4) establish the annual rate for the Fire Services Special Assessment; and 5) adopt the proposed Annual Assessment Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. 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

200284.

Gainesville Regional Utilities Tentative Budget - Fiscal Year 2021 (B)

Claudia Rasnick spoke to the matter.

Ed Bielarski spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop and Matt spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos

200258.**Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (B)**

Resolution No 200258

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to the levy of general municipal purpose Ad Valorem taxes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; establishing a Tentative Millage Rate; setting a public hearing; providing for the publication of notice; and providing an immediate effective date.

Lee Feldman introduced.

Karen Fiore, Budget Manager gave a presentation.

Nathan Skop, James Thompson and Marylou Hildreth spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Simmons

200257.**Tentative General Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (B)**

Resolution No. 200257

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its General Financial and Operating Plan Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; adopting the Tentative General Financial and Operating Plan; and providing an immediate effective date.

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter

Isabella Lorenzo, Nathan Skop, Alice Layman, Rachel Poll, Jamal Roth, Torri Meadows, Taylor Mercado, Cary Perez, Rebecca Ferdinand, Jane Molienar, James Tennyson, Sara Slovnick, Alfredo Morales, Joshua Ramer, Alexander Hitchens, Bethany, Tristan Wood, Eugene Robinson, Aaya Thomas, Faye Williams, Daniel, Ashley,

Debbie Martinez, Ava Kaplan, Lula Moore, David Jones, Robert Jammer, Kacey, Tiara Laren, Doris Edwards, Dmitri, Dejon Cane Elizabeth Pratt, Latroy Strappey, Pamela Richardson, Eroll Porter, Michael and Jody Ellis spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution). 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

ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[200250.](#)

Ordinance Suspending Enforcement of Open Container During the COVID-19 Pandemic (B)

ORDINANCE NO. 200250

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, suspending the enforcement of Sec. 4-4 and Sec. 18-20(16) as it relates to the consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverage in any open container on property owned or operated by the city (including parks) or on any public right-of-way during the declared State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic; providing for repeal by emergency ordinance; providing for non-codification; providing a severability clause; providing a conflict clause; and providing an effective date and termination date

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss the draft ordinance and take action deemed appropriate.*

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: 4 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Ward

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

ADJOURNMENT - 8:59 PM