

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes - Draft

January 28, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

General Policy Committee

*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 - 1:02 PM**AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

Present 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

Absent 1 - Commissioner Ward

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[200748.](#)

Approval of Minutes from the General Policy Committee Meeting of January 14, 2021 (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee approve the minutes of January 14, 2021.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[200753.](#)

Denial of CARES Funding by Alachua County (B)

Motion: 1) Start the conflict resolution separately from the other conflict resolution on this issue here with the County; 2) Let the appropriate federal agency know about what's happening here with these dollars; 3)

Informing our congressional delegation; and 4) City Attorney to prepare a resolution to come back for approval at the February 4, 2021 meeting to initiate the conflict resolution process.

Lee Feldman, City Manager gave an overview and update.

Nicolle Shalley, City Attorney spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission provide direction to the City Manager and City Attorney as to this matter.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

200734.

GPD Update (B)

Motion 1) Staff to use the Equity Toolkit to review LPRs; and 2) Bring back data supporting the use of LPRs.

Lee Feldman introduced.

Chief Jones gave a presentation.

Lonnie Scott, Assistant Police Chief gave a presentation.

Victoria Young, Police Lieutenant gave a presentation.

Jaime Kurnick, Police Captain gave a presentation.

Virginia Bigbie, City Auditor spoke to the matter.

Will Halvosa, Program Coordinator gave a presentation.

Sharla Head-Jones, Program Coordinator gave a presentation.

Michael Schentrup, Police Captain gave a presentation.

Renee Guyan, Police Lieutenant gave a presentation.

Nathan Skop, Chanae Jackson and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Committee hear a presentation by the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) and take action, as necessary.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

200713.

Staff Update to City Commission on the Community Wellbeing Index, a Strategic Plan Action Agenda Item (B)

Lee Feldman introduced.

Laura Graetz, Sr. Strategic Planner gave a presentation.

Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear an update on the Community Wellbeing Index.

Heard

200466.

Staff Update on City Commission Public Health Referral (B)

Motion: 1) Instruct Economic Development staff to look at different ways they can incentivize opportunity zone elements in them to coincide with some health care type incentives, 2) Ask GRU and GRUCOM staff to look at different incentive packages that we can put forth in the opportunity zones; 3) Pursue Steve Varvel's program for east Gainesville; and 4) Have Mobility Department to continue to look at transportation inclusions.

Lee Feldman introduced.

Monica Deel, CRA Business Operations Coordinator spoke to the matter.

Erik Bredfeldt, Economic Development and Innovation Director spoke to the matter.

Steve Varvel, Interim Human Resources Director spoke to the matter.

Jesus Gomez, Transit Director spoke to the matter.

JoAnne Rice, GFR spoke to the matter.

Ariella Bak, CRP Program Coordinator spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Amanda spoke to the matter..

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss and take action deemed necessary.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

200718.

Advisory Board and Committee Annual Reports (B)

Mary Lou Hildreth presented for the City Beautification Board.

Marcie Stefan presented for the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board.

Chip Patel presented for the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development.

Mayor Poe left the meeting at 5:49 PM.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee receive and review the advisory board and committee annual reports.

Heard

190895.

Making the Code of Ordinances Gender Neutral (B)

Motion: Add item to the next GPC meeting and have staff prepare a presentation.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos spoke to the matter.

Hanna Hill spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear a presentation, discuss, and take any action deemed appropriate.

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 Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

Absent: 2 - Mayor Poe, and Commissioner Ward

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

ADJOURNMENT - 6:16 PM