

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

October 9, 2017

5:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

Jack Durrance Auditorium

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)*

*Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)*

*Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)*

*Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)*

*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*

*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

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**ROLL CALL - 5:00 PM**

**Present** 7 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Goston, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Warren

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

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**Local Option Gas Tax Mediation (B)**

**This item is a request to mediate the distribution formula for the Local Option Gas Tax.**

*Commissioner Warren arrived at 5:03 PM.*

*Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Approve a 49/43/8 (6 years) to begin on January 1, 2019 - 2024. Motion passed 6-1. Commissioner Hayes-Santos voted No.*

*Carlos Alvarez made an introduction on the mediation process.*

*Commissioner Arreola stated that the goals were to find an equitable distribution formula, and included in that, alternative financing methods and what types of transportation expenditures should be included in the formula.*

*Commissioner Warren stated that we need to look at other revenue sources with the loss of fuel taxes.*

*Commissioner Goston would like the formula to include the longevity of roads that exist within the City that have had no repair.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos stated that his goal is to have a robust multi-modal transportation system.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd stated that we should have functions and different formulas based on what the needs are.*

*Mayor Poe listed the major interests of the City that they would like to be considered in a formula: 1) Not being considered as a road tax; 2) Growing the transit system, especially for under-served areas of the City (including under-served areas of the County); 3) Deploying our Smart Cities strategy (has a major transportation*

component); and 4) When we measure the value of transit, that it need not only include the up-front explicit costs, or benefit of providing transit service, but also the avoided cost that transit creates a benefit for the road system.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos doesn't want to exclude the amount of bicycles and pedestrians when looking at vehicle miles traveled and vehicle miles on transit use; and that there is an added value to the transit system that needs to be taken into consideration.

Commissioner Ward would like to include multiple options that are floating year-to-year.

Liz Waratuke stated that the Commissions do have the ability to break apart during current and/or future meetings.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos suggested that at the next mediation meeting, the Commissions agree to go to a break (separate rooms).

The next meeting will be held November 6, 2017 (mediation scheduled).

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Young spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission consider options for moving forward.

**ADJOURNMENT - 9:12 PM**

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**Kurt Lannon, Clerk of the Commission**