

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

December 14, 2017

1:00 PM

**Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room, City Hall, 200 East  
University Avenue, Gainesville, FL  
General Policy Committee**

*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 - 1:02 PM**

- Present** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola
- Absent** 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Mayor Poe

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Mayor Poe

**AGENDA STATEMENT**

[160200.](#) **Prohibiting The Use of Conversion Therapy (From Homosexuality) in The City of Gainesville (B)**

*Motion: 1) Direct staff to draft an ordinance (model of West Palm Beach); 2) Draft a resolution that supports the prohibition of conversion therapy at the State level; 3) Direct the lobbyist to support legislation that prohibits conversion therapy at the State level; and 4) Send a letter to the County to support the resolution.*

*Bennie Drummer, Bob Karp, Florence Turcotte, Don Smith Lopez, Shelly Wilson, Dina Bazarria, Jose Vega, Larry Green, Catherine Dearlove and Susan Bottcher spoke to the matter.*

RECOMMENDATION                      *The General Policy Committee discuss this matter.*

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

- Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Mayor Poe

[160311.](#) **Discussion of Reducing Minor Arrests by GPD (B)**

**This item will outline the options that the City Commission can consider to use pre-arrest diversion initiatives (Adult Civil Citations).**

**\*\*ESTIMATED PRESENTATION TIME 15 MINUTES\*\***

*Will Halvosa, Laura Furr (spoke on LED Model) Bill Cervone and Chief Jones made presentations.*

*Bennett Brummer and Peria Duncan spoke to the matter.*

*Recess: 3:05 PM.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee: 1) hear a presentation from Chief Tony Jones and DMC Coordinator Will Halvosa ; 2) and consider the options available to the City to move forward.*

**Discussed**

[160819.](#)

**Roam Towing Issues (B)**

**ESTIMATED TIME OF PRESENTATION IS 15 MINUTES**

*Reconvened - 3:09 PM*

*Mike Barnes made a presentation.*

*Motion: Staff to report back with policy recommendations to the January 25, 2018 GPC meeting.*

*Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) Should be open 24-7, but allowing to close on City of Gainesville government holidays; 2) remove language fee - may be used for a debit card; 3) provide cash and change (amount should be reduced to what that change is, if not provided); 4) prohibit spotters; 5) better signs (change from black and white); 6) selling alcohol; 7) multiple businesses; 8) assessing properties that have a high number of tows; 9) fee schedule for after towing hours (\$25/day plus actual cost); 10) residential towing areas (make it clearer); 11) take pictures before car is attached to a tow truck; 12) first name and last initial on citation; and 13) drop fees.*

*Commissioner Ward 1) make it exceptionally clear to the students, if you choose to leave your vehicle in a certain location, there could be consequences; and 2) companies that engage in roam towing make a reasonable profit.*

*Commissioner Warren - 1) cash policy; 2) not comfortable with fee adjustment; and 3) consistency through the City.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd - 1) need roam towing when office is closed; 2) how do we handle smaller complexes; 3) wants item to come back to GPC before going to the City Commission; and 4) roam towing needs to go from downtown Gainesville.*

*Recess - 3:51 PM*

*Reconvene - 3:56 PM*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from the GPD Towing Administrator with current regulations and proposed changes recommended by staff.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Mayor Poe

[170192](#)

**Broadband Connectivity Sub-Committee requests to proceed with Broadband expansion Request for Proposals (B)**

*Lewis Walton made a presentation.*

*Motion: Direct staff to draft an RFP and move this item on to the City Commission.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee hear a report from the Broadband Sub-Committee and discuss options for moving forward.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Goston, and Mayor Poe

[170631.](#)

**General Policy Committee Referral List (B)**

**This is a request for the General Policy Committee to review anticipated dates for pending items to be placed on an upcoming General Policy Committee Agenda.**

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Budd suggested that the GPC review the Referral list at the next meeting since the Mayor was absent.*

*Item No. 160818 (Roam Towing Issues) to be heard on January 25, 2018.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee review the list of anticipated dates for pending referrals to be placed on upcoming General Policy Committee Agendas.*

**ADJOURNMENT - 4:51 PM**

**Sharon D. Williams**  
**Interim Clerk of the Commission**