

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

May 24, 2018

1:00 PM

City Commission Workshop

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)

Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:03 PM**ROLL CALL**

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

AGENDA STATEMENT

Motion by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) Adopt the Agenda; and 2) Discuss the General Policy Committee Referral list. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Arreola and Commissioner Ward absent.

DISCUSSION ITEM[170980.](#)

Legislative Process (B)

Commissioner Arreola arrived at 1:06 PM.

Commissioner Ward arrived at 1:15 PM.

Omichele Gainey spoke to the legislative process (proposed policy cycle).

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:

Commissioner Warren: 1) likes the way general policy meetings are structured (need to have more than 3 months of the year for those discussions; and 2) budget discussions should be year-round.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos: 1) what are other cities doing around the country (what is their process); 2) continue charter briefings; 3) staffing - create a Policy Team Director to work with operational employees; 4) referral form and backup (outline what the policy is); 5) staff priorities (not sure if it needs to be separated; and 6) capacity issue (need to do more).

Commissioner Johnson: 1) policies should be on a rolling basis; 2) one day/month where the community can come talk to Commissioners; and 3) listen to concerns from the community.

Commissioner Ward: 1) would like more conversational-informational meetings with Commissioners (opportunities to develop policy); 2) need more structure; 3) Commission priorities (extranalties); and 4) capacity issue.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) committee structure is inefficient; 2) need to keep an annual General Policy meeting; and 3) September-November (converse in sunshine and talk about policies).

Mayor Poe: 1) when something comes forward, clearly identify it in under one the Commission priorities (Economic Vitality; Housing Vitality, Youth Vitality, Mobility, Preservation, Ingenuity and Partnership 2) items that come from staff to Commission (needs to accommodate both); and 3) staff policies (not comingling those).

Commissioner Simmons: 1) structure/flexibility, partnerships/relationships need to be included when moving forward.

Nicolle Shalley, Anthony Lyons, Ed Bielarski and Carrie Bush spoke to the matter.

Staff will schedule a workshop in August for a design-thinking process.

Donald Shepherd and Kali Blount spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss.*

Discussed

180025.

Key City/County Commission Issues (NB)

Mayor Poe will send a letter to the County regarding the Children's Trust (Youth Summit) BOOST Organization.

Anthony Lyons, Nicolle Shalley, Chief Lane and Joanne Rice spoke to the Fire Services Special Assessment (FSSA).

Anthony Lyons spoke to the matter of the CRA.

Wendy Thomas and Andrew Persons gave presentations on the Joint Planning Agreement (JPA).

Debbie Leistner and Jeff Hayes spoke to the matter of the JPA.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the City Commission:

Commissioner Arreola: 1) JPA - have congruent codes/policies along the urban cluster.

Commissioner Johnson: 1) Would like more than a four-month extension for the FSSA to make an informed decision.

Commissioner Warren: 1) In favor of a one-year extension for the FSSA (have specific goals on what is to be achieved).

Commissioner Ward: JPA - 1) Wants the City to be involved in the conversations as to why and the details.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos: 1) County not to increase the urban cluster; and 2) look at the City's codes (density area -set minimum standards).

Mayor Poe will make contact with the County's chair to let him know that the City is comfortable with a one-year extension.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss.*

Discussed

180009.

Commissioner David Arreola - Weekly Sunshine Workshops (NB)

Commissioner Arreola spoke about weekly sunshine workshops.

Nicolle Shalley said the Sunshine Law does not require an agenda, but the meetings should be noticed and minutes taken. She stated that you can prepare the agendas with broad topics and a section that says general discussion.

The Commission decided to do a pilot program for the month of June (schedule meetings).

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss.

Discussed

General Policy Referral List

At the next GPC meeting to be held on June 14, 2018, the Commission will bring back a one page summary of the items they want to keep from the referral list, focusing on: 1) what strategic pillar does it fall under, 2) a summary of what you want to do; and 3) goals of the policy.

Discussed

ADJOURNMENT - 5:00 PM

Omichele D. Gainey
Clerk of the Commission