

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

September 6, 2018

1:00 PM

MODIFIED AGENDA

City Hall Auditorium

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 - 1:00 PM

AGENDA STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

PROPHET GEORGE YOUNG

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS - GRU, General Government, Audit & Finance Committee and General Policy Committee Items

Jim Konish spoke to the matter.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

[180291.](#) **City Commission Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the minutes of August 6, August 15, and August 16, 2018.*

Approved as Recommended

[180324.](#) **Resignation of Leslie Ladendorf from the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board, Jim Gross from the Utility Advisory Board and John V. Petito from the Regional Transit Systems Advisory Board (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission accepts the resignation of Leslie Ladendorf, Jim Gross and John V. Petito, effective immediately.*

Approved as Recommended

[180239.](#) **Gainesville Regional Utilities Unaudited Internally Prepared Financial Statements for the Period June 30, 2018 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit and Finance Committee recommends that the City*

Commission accept the GRU Unaudited Internally Prepared Financial Statements for the period ended June 30, 2018.

Approved as Recommended

[180240.](#)

Gainesville Regional Utilities Internally Prepared Actuals to Budget for the Period Ended June 30, 2018 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit and Finance Committee recommends the City Commission accept the GRU Internally Prepared Actuals to Budget for the year ended June 30, 2018.*

Approved as Recommended

[180241.](#)

Gainesville Regional Utilities Internally Prepared Supplementary Data for the Period Ended June 30, 2018 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit and Finance Committee recommends the City Commission accept the GRU Internally Prepared Supplementary Data for the year ended June 30, 2018.*

Approved as Recommended

[180265.](#)

GRU Operational Update for July 2018 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive a report on GRU's operations for the month of July 2018.*

Approved as Recommended

[180270.](#)

North Florida ICAC Task Force Program (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager to apply for these funds, and 2) execute any additional documents that may be required, pending review of the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

Approved as Recommended

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

Amendment: Add Commission Comment at the end of the afternoon session if time allows. Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total

*Jim Konish
Nathan Skop
Debbie Martinez
Gabe Kaimowitz
Lee Malis
Tana Silva
Gary Gordon
Bruce Nodine
Wilbur Holloway
Jeremiah Tattersall
Michelle Biggarstaf
Juanita Brisero
Kaitleen Hernandez
Penny Edwards
Kali Blount
Tim Tia
Jennifer Downey
Ernesto Martinez*

Anthony Lyons, Wendy Thomas and Carlos Holt spoke to the matter.

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent.

180308. Mayor Lauren Poe - Gainesville Sister Cities Presentation (B)

Steve Kalishman made a presentation.

David Aimes and Richard MacMaster spoke to the matter.

Gabe Kaimowitz spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear a presentation from Steve Kalishman.*

Heard

180309. General Fund Revenue Estimates Included in the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 (B)

Carlos Holt and Eileen Marzak spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Auditor recommends that the City Commission accept the City Auditor's report.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

[170667.](#)

Selection of Equal Opportunity Director Charter Officer (B)

The City Commission discuss the continuation of the selection process for the Equal Opportunity Director

Lisa Jefferson spoke to the matter.

Motion: Approved as recommended and bring Cheryl Seals Mobley Gonzalez, Bridget Lee, Teneeshia Marshall, Gwendolyn Saffo and Lisa Matway for in-person interviews.

Gabe Kaimowitz spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1.) authorize The Mercer Group, Inc. executive search firm to recommend candidates for further consideration; 2.) assist in identifying Equal Opportunity Director finalists for in-person interviews; 3.) authorize a Special Meeting for candidate interviews on October 16, 2018.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Simmons: Thanks to attendees and staff for the State of the District 1 Address.

Commissioner Warren: Empowerment Advisory Board - Grace Transportation (first/last mile). Look again at what it would take for a bus/shuttle or other options for residents/those needing services.

Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola: 1) Refer for consideration to the UAB 100% renewable for all GRU services; and 2) Hear the 100% renewable item at the next GPC meeting. Motion passed. 6-0. Commissioner Ward absent.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos: Florida motel sign on 13th Street, wants to know what we can do to save the sign. Anthony Lyons spoke to the matter.

Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Warren: Fairgrounds - put together a full proposal on what to do with the Civic Center

etc., including budget dollars in Citizen's Field area, 5 million currently set aside in Wild Spaces Public Places. Dan Hoffman and Anthony Lyons spoke to the matter. Motion passed. 6-0. Commissioner Ward absent.

Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos: 1) Accept MTPO's recommendation to take over maintenance for the SW 62nd Blvd after construction is completed; 2) Mayor send a letter to the County saying thank you for putting the funds back, and state that there is no further interest in taking over NE 16th Street. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Ward absent.

Commissioner Arreola: 1) Be more proactive with members of local media; 2) Supports study of Citizen's Field area; 3) Wants comment from CRA Executive Director about CPUH TIFF funds and the concerns from the County about budget calculations (Anthony Lyons spoke to the matter); and 4) City Commission to go through the proper arbitration conflict resolution process that is lined out in the Florida law process for future disputes with County.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Simmons: Schedule a community meeting/workshop about food policy/food security after 9/27/18 GPC meeting. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Ward absent. Gabe Kaimowitz spoke to the matter. (Note: Invite Bread of the Mighty Food Bank to the meeting).

Commissioner Warren: Status update on Koppers community conversation with plans for site, as federal agencies are ready to move forward. Anthony Lyons spoke to the matter.

180358.

Chamber Tech Council Recruitment Strategy

RECOMMENDATION *Refer to Committee*

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Simmons, that this Matter be Referred to the General Policy Committee, due back on 4/30/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

180359.

Non-Traditional Entrepreneur Accelerator Program

RECOMMENDATION *Refer to Committee*

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Simmons, that this Matter be Referred to the General Policy Committee, due back on 4/30/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

180360.

Mobility Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to Committee

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Referred to the General Policy Committee, due back on 4/30/2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ward

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS - Items placed on the agenda by the Audit & Finance Committee or General Policy Committee or moved from Consent

OTHER POLICY DISCUSSION ITEMS - If the Commission does not get to these items, they are continued to the next regular Commission meeting or such other regular or special meeting or workshop, as the Commission directs

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS - Items that do not request or require any Commission action. If the Commission does not get to these items, they are continued to the next regular Commission meeting or such other regular or special meeting or workshop, as the Commission directs.

RECESS - 4:19 PM

RECONVENE - 5:32 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Commissioner Arreola arrived at 5:36 PM.

Commissioner Ward arrived at 5:53 PM.

[180276.](#)

Hunger Action Day 2018 (B)

Karen Woolfstead spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Karen Woolfstead of Bread of the Mighty Food Bank to accept the proclamation.

Heard

GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total

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Lee Malis
John Davies
Ray Washington
Nancy Daren
Bob Freeman
Ernesto Martinez
Conway Carter*

BUDGET

ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[180282.](#)

Revisions to Chapter 27 Utilities and Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates, and Charges for Utilities (B)

Ordinance No. 180282

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances, relating to Utilities; amending section 27-31 relating to electric system fuel and purchased power for public streetlight and rental outdoor light services; amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges, to revise fees, rates and charges for electricity, water, and sewerage; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Nathan Skop, Jim Konish, Debbie Martinez, Ray Washington, Ernesto Martinez and Nancy Daren spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, and Commissioner Johnson

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[180202.](#)

Fire Assessment - Annual Rate Resolution (B)

Resolution No. 180202

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, 2018; 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.

Nathan Skop and Debbie Martinez 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 Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

180296.

Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019(B)

Karen Fiore made a presentation.

Nathan Skop and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

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

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

180288.

Gainesville Regional Utilities Tentative Budget - Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (B)

Resolution No. 180288

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the tentative budget for the City of Gainesville, D/B/A Gainesville Regional Utilities for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019; projecting revenues and adopting a tentative budget to pay for personal services expenses, operating and maintenance expenses and other expenses, for capital outlay, and for debt service requirements; and providing an immediate effective date.

Nathan Skop, Ernesto Martinez and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Simmons

Nay: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

[180298.](#)

Tentative General Government Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[180210.](#)

Resolution for a Joint Participation Agreement - State Block Grant Funds for RTS Operating Assistance for FY 2019 (B)

Jesus Gomez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the Resolution.*

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

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

ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[170953.](#)

Voluntary Annexation - 0.87 Acres of Property North of West University

Avenue and East of NW 75th Street (B)

Ordinance No. 170953

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, annexing approximately 0.87 acres of privately-owned property that is generally located south of NW 4th Boulevard, west of Interstate 75, north of W University Avenue, and east of NW 75th Street, as more specifically described in this ordinance, as petitioned for by the property owner(s) pursuant to Chapter 171, Florida Statutes; making certain findings; providing for inclusion of the property in Appendix I of the City Charter; providing for land use plan, zoning, and subdivision regulations, and enforcement of same; providing for persons engaged in any occupation, business, trade, or profession; providing directions to the Clerk of the Commission; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PLANNING PETITIONS

CITIZEN COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total

*Nathan Skop
Debbie Martinez
Ernesto Martinez*

COMMISSION COMMENT

Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Check on SW 3rd Avenue and SW 1st Street to be vacated due to development. Ask staff to also look at SE 2nd (possibly explore taking over ownership). Staff to report back. Motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Arreola: Thanks to GRU staff. This time last year, we were preparing clean up from Irma. New Commissioners - pay close attention to hurricanes as they escalate quickly.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:04 PM