

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

November 6, 2019

2:00 PM

Joint City Commission/Alachua County School Board
Special Meeting
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)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 2:03 PM**AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

Present 6 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Poe introduced new Gainesville City Manager, Lee Feldman.

Commission Hayes-Santos expected to arrive late. Commissioner Ward will not be able to attend today's meeting.

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor Poe

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS[190320.](#)**After Out-of-School Programming as a Means of Addressing the Racial Inequity in Alachua County (B)**

Motion: Work in partnership with the community to adopt literacy goals for all children by grade 3 within five years; to establish an MOU between the City and the School Board, later inviting additional community partners such as UF, Chamber, etc. to adopt this as a city-wide goal.

Mayor Poe introduced the item. Asked Commissioner Johnson to speak about the Race & Equity Subcommittee.

Commissioner Johnson spoke about the work and goals of the Race & Equity Subcommittee, including community partnerships.

Mayor Poe commented about City's efforts to address race and equity disparity gaps, opportunities to support after and out-of-school time programs and initiatives. Asked School Board members to identify

needs, opportunities to combine City and School Board resources.

Robert Hyatt, School Board Chair gave opening comments.

Mayor Poe asked to hear ideas and concerns regarding potential cross-over opportunities for City and School Board.

Commissioner Arreola commented about the BOOST partnership and the Children's Trust. Recommended requesting regular updates on their meetings, to offer support and partnerships to their efforts. Noted that City Commission will be discussing a Youth Advisory Council at an upcoming meeting.

Tina Certain, School Board Member, commented.

School Board Chair Hyatt commented about overlapping topics. Mayor Poe agreed.

Dr. McNealy, School Board Member commented about topics for School Board and City to consider supporting (e.g, tutoring programs).

Tina Certain commented about after-school programs.

Eileen Roy, School Board Member commented about after-school programs.

Commissioner Warren commented about asking City departments to provide information or a report on options for supporting after-school initiatives.

Commissioner Simmons thanked School Board members. Commented about her approach to addressing disparities in her district. Requested that staff speak about the after-school resource center in District 1.

Assistant City Manager Dan Hoffman introduced Billy Marcantel, PRCA Manager, who spoke about the Skybridge program at the center.

Valerie Freeman, School Board Educational Equity Director spoke about the Skybridge program.

Commissioner Simmons thanked PRCA and GRU staff for IT and infrastructure support.

Dan Hoffman commented about donor support for this pilot project, the need for budget support for this type of program.

Commissioner Simmons asked Mona Gil de Baja to speak. Ms. Gil de Baja thanked Commissioner Simmons, commented about United Way's involvement in the program. Spoke about bringing resources to the community resource centers, funding needed from the City and other partners (e.g., business community).

Commissioner Simmons will be bringing results from the pilot program back and requesting funding from the Commission.

Dr. McNealy commented about the Community School; the need for volunteers; Reichert House and PACE program for girls.

Commissioner Johnson spoke to the matter. Proposed setting high-level goals, such as setting a target that all children be able to read by 3rd grade.

Mayor Poe commented, agreed with Commissioners Johnson and Simmons. Summarized suggested ideas that the City can support, including tutoring, athletics. Commented that City should work with School Board to understand the community's educational needs. Achievement gaps and potential supports for staff/educators. Commented about the need for staff discussion regarding transportation barriers. Asked about results of the "shuttle on demand" service. Agrees about boards asking staff for input on discrete goals.

Commissioner Simmons agreed with Mayor Poe. Commented in support of reviewing recreational model, needed training for staff; need to learn about school curriculum.

Tina Certain commented in support of setting grade level reading goal.

Razi spoke to a potential training program curriculum for out-of-school centers.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos arrived at 3:51 pm.

Commissioner Simmons asked School Board members and staff about current after-school programs. School Board Chair Hyatt responded.

Paul White, Assistant School Superintendent asked supervisors of out-of-school programs to speak to programs in the school district.

Commissioner Simmons asked about barriers. Angela Londrie, EDEP after-school program supervisor, responded.

Everett Caudle spoke about the 21st Century federally funded program.

Commissioner Johnson asked a question. Mr. Caudle responded. Commissioner Johnson asked the EDEP supervisor about lack of program attendance on the east side of Gainesville. Angela Londrie responded. Commissioner Johnson commented about community/parent engagement.

Mayor Poe commented about Dr. Anne Wolf's community engagement toolkit.

Jim Konish, Kali Blount, Jessica Turner, Mona Gil de Baja, Anne Koterba, James Lawrence, Sammy Parker, Ellie Chisholm, Mary Mand, Kristy Errington and Eric Godet spoke to the matter.

Mayor asked to direct staff to find approach to set goals, return with recommendations to move forward. Commissioner Arreola requested to add that staff conduct an analysis of this meeting's discussion to a General Policy meeting discussion.

Commissioner Johnson responded that she wants both boards and community to contribute to the effort. Mayor responded that staff can identify what City can work on, what School Board can address, find points for collaboration. Can invite School Board members and staff to attend GPC meeting. Commissioner Arreola commented about including this analysis in the Commission's legislative agenda, ensure preparation for the next meeting. Mayor Poe asked if Commission will invite School Board, public and staff to the next meeting.

Commissioner Warren asked for clarification regarding third-grade reading goal, what resources are available to accomplish the goal. Mayor Poe responded that staff can include in analysis.

Mona Gil de Debaja - invited members to attend an upcoming meeting of a Grade Level Reading Campaign on 11/14. Mayor Poe directed

City Manager's Office to learn about the meeting, send a representative.

Razi, Jim Konish, Anne Koterba and Ellie Chisholm spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Arreola asked School Board Chair whether SBAC has received a presentation by the 2020 Census. City will be working with an organization on centralized effort on the census. City will reach out to School Board to partner on supporting the effort.

School Board Chair Hyatt commented on the City Commission's motion.

Dr. McNealy asked for discussion from the School Board members on the Commission's motion; commented on the matter.

Ms. Roy spoke in support of the motion.

Tina Certain spoke in support of the motion.

Member Johnson spoke to the matter. Asked if School Board members would make a motion to put this item on discussion for the next School Board meeting.

SBAC Attorney Delaney, responded that school district does not pass motions at workshops, only during business meetings. Advised that members could ask Superintendent to bring the item forward at the School Board's next business meeting.

Dr. McNealy requested that the school district have a workshop on this topic. Attorney Delaney responded. Changed motion to ask the school superintendent to add to next meeting. Board Chair will add to the next agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission and Alachua County School Board discuss.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

[190321.](#)**Children's Trust (NB)**

Mayor Poe introduced the item. Thanked Ms. Certain for her previous update on the topic. Asked for City staff to share about meetings of the Children's Trust.

School Board Chair Hyatt commented.

Assistant City Attorney Fred Murry commented, reiterated the information shared by Ms. Certain. Staff will look at projects done by other Children's Trusts, monitor availability of future funding sources.

Ellie Chisholm spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission and Alachua County School Board discuss.

Discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Wilbur Hollway
Jim Konish*

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Johnson commented about the sales tax, how it will impact small, minority and business-owned businesses.

Paul White, Assistant School superintendent responded about consideration in purchasing for School Board projects.

Commissioner Johnson responded that she would like for the City to have access to resources used by the school district to avoid silos, learn about effective approaches.

Commissioner Warren responded to an earlier public comment on utility bills.

Mayor Poe thanked the School Board, looks forward to board members attending next discussion at a General Policy Committee meeting.

School Board Chair Hyatt thanked Commission colleagues and staff for their work.

ADJOURNMENT - 5:42 PM