

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

March 16, 2020

3:30 PM

City Commission Emergency 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 - 3:29 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present 6 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

Absent 1 - Commissioner Simmons

AGENDA STATEMENT**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Simmons

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS[191129.](#)**Public Health & Safety Response to Coronavirus (NB)***Motion:*

- *Ask for nonviolent offenders to be released from jail & ask for their plan for inmates if/when COVID-19 is detected there.*
- *Ask for clarification on testing - when/where/how will it be administered in our local community.*
- *Contact Cox Communications and ask to suspend data caps.*
- *Add multi-language communication to our COVID responses*
- *Allow public restrooms to remain open and available for sanitary use*
- *Identify homeless population quarantine plans in the event they're needed - location and process*
- *Ask for healthcare agencies to issue a statement of support to immigration community seeking health care*
- *Reach out to senior citizen homes to coordinate any assistance they need*
- *Ask Pan Hellenic council to suspend large gatherings*
- *Ask for a moratorium by the courts on evictions.*
- *Include commercial businesses & telecommunications in*

GRU's no cut offs for 30 days.

Commissioner Johnson arrived at 3:35 PM.

Nicolle Shalley, City Attorney spoke to how the declarations of emergency work.

Lee Feldman, City Manager gave an update on standard declaration of emergency for paramedics and requests included locally.

Omichele Gainey, Clerk of Commission gave an update on elections.

Jeff Lane, Fire Chief gave an update on COVID-19 testing locally.

Jon DeCarmine gave an update on GRACE and plan for homeless population.

Jeremiah Tattersall, County Commissioner Hutchinson, Acra Chow, Susan Maria, Justin Horbax, Donald Shepherd, Kim Burner, Eric Godet, Mark Van Soestbergen and Ray Washington spoke to the matter

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and take appropriate action.

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, 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 Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Simmons

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Simmons - Supports reaching out to the jail and adding commercial businesses to GRU's plan for no disconnections and the other recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT - 5:15