

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

**April 16, 2020**

**5:30 PM**

### **TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

## **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 - 6:16 PM - Due to technical difficulties****AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

[191147.](#) **Supplemental City Commission Rules Governing Virtual Public Meetings (B)**

Resolution No. 191147

A resolution providing supplementary rules of procedure governing virtual meetings of the City Commission during the declared State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic; providing a severability clause; providing for suspension of conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date and duration.

Nicolle Shalley, City Attorney gave a presentation.

Scott Holowasco, Jonathan Holowasco and Jo Beaty spoke to the matter.

**RECOMMENDATION** *Adopt the Resolution.*

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

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

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (CA) - GRU, General Government, Audit & Finance Committee and General Policy Committee Items**

Dr. Paul Broadie, Santa Fe College President spoke to the matter.

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

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

**CA-1     [191134.](#)     Ratification of Amendments to the Agreement between the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Local 3170, Non-Supervisory Unit and the City of Gainesville for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021 (B)**

This item is to ratify amendments to the three year successor agreement between the City and the CWA Non-Supervisory Bargaining Unit.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission ratify amendments to the Agreement between the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Local 3170, Non-Supervisory Unit and the City of Gainesville, extending the Agreement through December 31, 2021.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-2     [191135.](#)     Ratification of Amendments to the Agreement between the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Local 3170, Supervisory Unit and the City of Gainesville for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021 (B)**

This item is to ratify amendments to the three year successor agreement between the City and the CWA Supervisory Bargaining Unit.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission ratify the Agreement between the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Local 3170, Supervisory Unit and the City of Gainesville, extending the Agreement through December 31, 2021.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-3     [191140.](#)     Extend Hippodrome State Theatre, Inc. Lease Agreement (B)**

This is a request to extend the Hippodrome State Theatre, Inc. lease agreement with the City through July 1, 2031 in order to be eligible for State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs Cultural Facilities Program Funds.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) approve a four year extension to the lease agreement with the Hippodrome State Theatre, Inc. and 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the appropriate documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to legality and form.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-4     [191144.](#)     License Agreement between the City of Gainesville, Florida and the District Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College, Florida (B)**

This item is a request for the City Commission to approve a License Agreement between the City of Gainesville ("City") and the District Board of Trustees of Santa

Fe College, Florida ("Santa Fe").

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) approve the License Agreement between the City of Gainesville and the District Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College, Florida; and 2) authorize the Mayor to execute, and the Clerk to attest, the License Agreement between the City of Gainesville and the District Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College, Florida, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-5**     [191146.](#)

**Proposed Revision to EO-7 (B)**

A policy revision adding mandatory EEO training for new supervisors or managers.  
An additional policy revision requiring disciplinary actions will be reviewed in accordance with equal opportunity laws.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission adopt the proposed policy change.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA**

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

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (RE)**

**RE-1**     [191131.](#)

**Resolution Accepting Report of Alachua County Board of Canvassers - Elections 2020 (B)**

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, accepting the report of the Alachua County Board of Canvassers for the City of Gainesville, Florida, election held March 17, 2020; and providing an immediate effective date.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

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

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

**RE-2**     [191113.](#)

**State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Local Housing Assistance Plan-State Fiscal Years 2020-2023 (B)**

This item requests the City Commission approval of the proposed SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan covering State Fiscal Years 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023, resolution and required certifications.

Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) Adopt the resolution approving the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program Local Housing Assistance Plan for State Fiscal Years 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023; 2) authorize the submission of the 2020-2023 Local Housing Assistance Plan to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; 3) authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Gainesville and Alachua County for the Rental Assistance Program, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 4) authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager or designee to execute all necessary documents related to the 2020-2023 Local Housing Assistance Plan, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

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

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

**RE-3**     [191017.](#)

**Resolution and Perpetual Easement Request for Florida Department of Transportation from the City of Gainesville (B)**

This item involves the request for adoption of a Resolution and grant of a Perpetual Easement from the City of Gainesville to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) adopt the Resolution approving the Perpetual Easement to the Florida Department of Transportation; and 2) authorize the Mayor to execute and the Clerk or designee to attest the Perpetual Easement to the Florida Department of Transportation, subject to the approval of the City Attorney or designee as to form and legality.*

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

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

**RE-4     [191122.](#)**

**Resolution and Quit Claim Deed Request for Florida Department of Transportation from the City of Gainesville (B)**

This item involves the request for adoption of a Resolution and grant of a Quit Claim Deed from the City of Gainesville to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) adopt the Resolution approving the Quit Claim Deed to the Florida Department of Transportation; and 2) authorize the Mayor to execute and the Clerk or designee to attest the Quit Claim Deed to the Florida Department of Transportation, subject to the approval of the City Attorney or designee as to form and legality.*

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

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

**RE-5     [191123.](#)**

**Resolution and Temporary Construction Easement Request for Florida Department of Transportation from the City of Gainesville (B)**

This item involves the request for adoption of a Resolution and grant of a Temporary Construction Easement from the City of Gainesville to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) adopt the Resolution approving the Temporary Construction Easement to the Florida Department of Transportation; and 2) authorize the Mayor to execute and the Clerk or designee to attest the Temporary Construction Easement to the Florida Department of Transportation, subject to the approval of the City Attorney or designee as to form and legality.*

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

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

**RE-6**     [191095.](#)

**Resolution Authorizing Replacement of Existing Credit Agreements With Respect to GRU Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds 2005 Series C, 2006 Series A and 2012 Series B, and Amendment and Extension of the Existing Liquidity Agreement with respect to GRU Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds 2008 Series B (B)**

**\*\*This item was presented to the UAB on March 12, 2020.\*\***

Ed Bielarski, GRU Manager introduced.

Mark Benton, Accounting and Finance Director of Utilities and Claudia Rasnick, Chief Financial Officer of Utilities gave presentations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve 1) the resolution authorizing with Barclays Bank the replacement of the existing liquidity facility agreements for Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds 2005 Series C, 2006 Series A, and 2012 Series B and amendment and extension of the existing liquidity agreement with Barclays Bank PLC for Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds 2008 Series B, each subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality 2) the form of the Standby Bond Purchase Agreements for each of the liquidity facilities and fee letters and 3) the form of the Reoffering Memorandum.*

*On March 12, 2020, the UAB voted 6-0, with Member Rockwell absent, to advise the Commission to approve the staff recommendation.*

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

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

**RE-7**     [191104.](#)

**Resolution Authorizing Amendment to a Swap Transaction between Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) and Citibank N.A. Amending the Optional Par Early Termination Option of GRU (B)**

**\*\*This item was presented to the UAB on March 12, 2020.\*\***

Ed Bielarski, GRU Manager introduced.

Mark Benton, Accounting and Finance Director of Utilities gave a presentation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve the resolution authorizing the General Manager or Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and execute an amendment to the swap transaction between GRU and Citibank N.A. extending the termination option from 10 years to 17 years, subject to certain execution parameters being met.*

*On March 12, 2020, the UAB voted 6-0, with Member Rockwell absent, to advise the Commission to approve the staff recommendation.*

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

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

**RE-8**     [191142.](#)

**Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Variable Rate Subordinated Utilities System Revenue Bond, Series 2020A (B)**

Ed Bielarski, GRU Manager introduced.

Mark Benton, Accounting and Finance Director of Utilities and Claudia Rasnick, Chief Financial Officer of Utilities gave presentations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve the Supplemental Subordinated Utilities System Revenue Bond Resolution and thereby approve the issuance and sale of the 2020 Series A Bonds to Truist Bank, approve the form of the Purchase Contract, and authorize the execution and delivery thereof subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

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

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

## **NECESSARY DIRECTION TO CHARTER OFFICERS**

Commissioner Hayes-Santos - GNVCares draft memo.

Commissioner Johnson - GNVCares draft memo; and 2) Equity Toolkit.

Commissioner Simmons - Equity factor across the board relating to GNVCares draft memo.



Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward - Neighbors first and then businesses relating to GNVcares draft memo.

Commissioner Warren - Funding to State - find a way to use those funds for the community.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Simmons: 1) Approve a special City Commission meeting for April 23, 2020, 3:00pm (topics include: a) Equity parameters for COVID-19 related to action Commission takes; b) Economic Stimulus Plan; and c) COVID-19 Emergency Orders and a Reopening); and 2) Approve a special City Commission meeting for April 27, 2020, 3:00pm (topics include: CDBG Allocations - CARES Act). Motion passed 7-0.

**Approved as Shown Above.**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS (PH)**

### **ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (SR)**

### **ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (FR)**

### **ADJOURNMENT - 8:18 PM**