

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

April 27, 2020

3:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

Virtual 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 - 3:00 PM**ROLL CALL**

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

ADOPTION OF THE 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**[191183.](#)**Equity Budget Discussion (NB)**

Motion: Reallocate \$100,000 from the Office of Equity and Inclusion that comes from vacancies to GNV Neighbors. Motion failed 3-4. Commissioners Simmons, Warren and Hayes-Santos voting in the affirmative.

Commissioner Simmons technical difficulties at 3:32 PM.

Recess - 3:41 PM

Reconvene - 3:50 PM

Motion by Commissioner Simmons: Utilize \$100,000 from the Racial and Disparity Study for GNV Neighbors and delay the study for a year. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Teneeshia Marshall, Equal Opportunity Director gave a presentation.

Ed Bielarski, GRU Manager and Lee Feldman, City Manager spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop and Commissioner-Elect Reina Saco spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.

Discussed**191158.****COVID-19 Emergency Orders and Reopening Plans (B)**

Motion: 1) Send a letter to County Board of County Commissioners and Supervisor of Elections asking to send vote by mail ballots for all registered voters for August election; 2) Send a letter to the County Commission asking them to mandate facial coverings where physical distancing isn't possible; 3) Come back with COVID safety measures needed to reopen, looking at supply chain issues (i.e. mandatory plexi glass/sanitizers at entrances); and 4) Collaborate with County on testing and tracing.

Lee Feldman, City Manager, Lee Libby, Assistant City Attorney and Sean McDermott, Assistant City Attorney spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop Eurell Watson, Michelle Hudeck, Jess Larsen and James Thompson spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and take action deemed appropriate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. 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

191152.**Establishment of a Fuel Hedging Policy (B)**

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the proposed Fuels Hedging Policy which will allow the City Manager, or designee, to engage in unleaded and diesel fuel hedging within the City's approved investment policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. 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

d [191160.](#)

Discussion and Approval of Substantial Amendments to 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan; and Update to the 2018-2022 Citizen Participation Plan to Facilitate Partial Reallocation of FY 2019-2020 CDBG Program Funding and Allocation of the Additional CDBG Program COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) CARES Act Funds for the Gainesville Cares About Neighbors and Gainesville Cares About Businesses (GNVCares) Initiative (B)

The City Commission is asked to consider and approve the Substantial Amendments to 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan; and update to the 2018-2022 Citizen Participation Plan to allocate CDBG Program funding to the GNVCares Initiative to provide direct assistance to businesses and neighbors impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion

1. Approve recommendation as listed on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Only businesses that have not received Payroll Protection Program funds and/or SBA Disaster Assistance in response to the Coronavirus funds are eligible. Motion passed 6-1. Commissioner Hayes-Santos in dissent.
3. This funding should be reimbursed by the State to the City should future funds be allocated from the State to local government for COVID-19 relief. Motion passed 5-2. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward and Commissioner Hayes-Santos in dissent.
4. There should be an open timeframe for all applications to be received and then evaluated, rather than on a first come, first served basis. Motion passed 4-3. Commissioner Arreola, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward and Commissioner Hayes-Santos in dissent.
5. Although this will not be used for evaluation purposes, I will ask that this specific data is collected on all applications: 1. Number of people in household 2. Race/Ethnicity 3. Gender 4. Primary and Secondary language 5. Disability status 6. Veteran status. Motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Hayes-Santos and Commissioner Simmons in dissent.
6. Demonstrate a strong chance of remaining open post COVID-19. The application should include a description of the impact of COVID-19 on the business, and a recovery plan. Motion failed 1-6. Commissioner Johnson affirmative.

7. Prioritization of businesses located in a ZIP code with a high poverty rate. Motion failed 1-6. Commissioner Johnson affirmative.
8. Operated consistently for two years or more. Motion failed. Commissioner Johnson affirmative.
9. Staff work with Human Rights Coalition (HRC) and Rural Women's Health Project to find a way to find funds to work with our undocumented community. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Appeal process for businesses. Motion failed 2-5. Mayor Poe and Commissioner Johnson affirmative.
11. Change the funding to a 50/50 split between GNV Neighbors and GNV businesses. Motion passed 5-2. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward and Commissioner Hayes-Santos voting in dissent.
12. Work with the County to find funds within Gainesville Neighbors, if the money is reallocated to find funds to house our homeless population in single room units. Motion passed 4-3. Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward in dissent.
13. Immigration status or source of income will not disqualify an applicant for receiving city unrestricted funds. Motion passed unanimously.
14. All businesses receiving funding should place a GNVCares signage in their window. Motion passed 6-1. Commissioner Arreola in dissent.
15. Endorsing the internal application process. Motion passed 4-3. Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Hayes-Santos in dissent.

Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos to reconsider Item #12. Motion passed 6-1. Commissioner Johnson in dissent.

Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos: Work with the County to find funds within Gainesville Neighbors, if the money is reallocated to find funds to house our homeless population in single room units.. Motion failed 1-6. Commissioner Johnson affirmative.

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.

Sean McDermott spoke to the matter.

Danny Castro, Nathan Skop, Eurell Watson, Marylou Hildreth, Jeremiah Tattersall and Mona Gil de Gibaja spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) approve the Substantial

Amendments to the 2018-2022 Citizen Participation Plan, 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan; 2) approve reallocating FY 2019-2020 CDBG Program funding of \$437,170 and COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funding of \$800,608 to the GNVcares initiative; 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to take actions as appropriate to expend funds associated with GNVcares; and 4) authorize the City Manager to execute any required programmatic and financial agreements to implement the GNVcares program, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved, as shown above

[191157.](#)

County's Charter Amendments (B)

Commissioner Hayes- Santos spoke to the matter.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward: Send letter to County and CCRC (County) to support Map 2A. Motion failed 3-4. Mayor Poe, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward and Commissioner Hayes-Santos affirmative.

Motion by Commissioner Warren to send a letter to the County appreciate old urban boundary line but doesn't support land use/zoning restrictions into property. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Sean McDermott, Assistant City Attorney spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and take action deemed appropriate.

Discussed

NECESSARY DIRECTION TO CHARTER OFFICERS

ADJOURNMENT 7:48 PM