

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

**June 22, 2020**

**10:00 AM**

**Special City Commission Meeting**

**Virtual Teleconference Meeting**

## **City Commission**

**Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)**  
**Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large)**  
**Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)**  
**Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)**  
**Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)**  
**Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem David Arreola (District 3)**  
**Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)**

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**CALL TO ORDER - 9:58 AM****AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**[200043.](#)**Public Recognition of Black Lives Matter (NB)**

*Motion: 1) Direct staff to prepare/display at least one (1) Black Lives Matter (preferably more) banners/or crosswalk in city, sooner rather than later; 2) Empower Parks/Cultural Affairs Board to work with staff on a proposal to work with community to place murals, on city structures and report back; and 3) Community form a committee to work on Juneteenth celebrations/resolutions for next year headed by Teneeshia Marshall.*

*Lee Feldman, City Manager and Teneeshia Marshall, EEO Director spoke to the matter.*

*Megan Regal and Robert Mounts spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission discusses how the City might publicly recognize Black Lives Matter and take action, as necessary.*

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

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

[200054.](#)**Responding to Racial Tension in the City (B)**

*Motion: 1) Charter Officers to prepare the framework for our racial tension community response team to be brought back to a special meeting; and 2) Create a coordinated organizational-wise volunteer program focused on reducing racial and economic disparities as identified in the Friendship 7 BEBR Report.*

*Teneeshia Marshall gave an presentation.*

*Ed Bielarski, GRU General Manager, Yvette Carter, GRU Chief Inclusion Officer, Lee Feldman, City Manager and Lisa Jefferson Human Resources Director spoke to the matter.*

*Wally spoke to the matter.*

*Recess - 11:35 A.M.*

*Reconvene - 11:47 AM*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission receive update on the department's suggestions and progress to reduce racial tension within the city.*

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

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

**200056.**

**Commissioner Harvey Ward - Request to Convene a Citizen Police Review and Reform Recommendations Panel (B)**

*Motion: The Police Advisory Council be expanded with more citizens appointed by the City Commission and reflect racial, socio-economic and geographic diversity. A Subcommittee of the PAC be formed to work on the Proposed Police Review and will solicit input from the FOP.*

*The subcommittee will:*

*1) Pay particular attention to how existing operations and procedures affect communities and individuals of color, especially black residents, as well as other historically and currently marginalized communities and individuals.*

*2) Pay particular attention to programs that are working and having a*

*positive impact as well as to allegations of improper behavior and offer specific solutions to address them in a new system.*

*3) Consider what, if any, current GPD functions and practices might best be delivered by a different existing or new city department.*

*4) Consider what, if any, current GPD functions and practices should be ended.*

*5) Consider what, if any, current GPD functions and practices should be better-supported.*

*6) Offer proposals for reform as clear, stand-alone modules that consider logistical and funding concerns, with special attention to how they affect communities and individuals of color, in particular black residents, as well as other historically and currently marginalized communities and individuals.*

- The PAC develop a procedure for complainants to review their cases before the PAC.*
- The PAC add use of force reviews to list of PAC reviews.*
- The PAC provide a quarterly report to the City Commission on the activities of the PAC.*
- The PAC host Summits on Police Transformation.*
- The PAC study increasing Police Service Technicians and renaming the program "Community Service Technicians" to have more non-weaponized officers respond to calls.*

*7) Schedule a special meeting for July 13th at 9am to discuss :*

- o Adult Civil Citations*
- o Who Should Respond to 911 Calls?*
- o Accountability of Officers*
- o Body Cameras Funding & Use*
- o Use of Force Policies*
- o Police Training*
- o Community Policing*

*Daniel Salisar, Katie Lean, Alfredo Morales, Bob Cohen, Tracey Muchie, Zachary Reed, Kirsten Navol, Darlene Pifalo, Wallace, Alissa and Elizabeth spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission discuss and take action deemed appropriate.*

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

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

**200053.**

**City of Gainesville Policy Process (B)**

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Johnson: Move to accept prioritization process related to COVID-19 response, as well as the agreed upon established priorities of the Commission as identified through the strategic planning process. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Tracey Moochie spoke to the matter.*

*Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Mayor Poe: 1) Add as a discussion item to July 16, 2020 meeting, a moratorium of development in specific geographic areas of the city and that we prioritize the research for that discussion through our policy process; and 2) Have a discussion on the Porter's community narrative and prioritize research for this item. Motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Hayes-Santos and Commissioner Ward in dissent.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission discuss and provide feedback on the proposal.*

**ADJOURNMENT - 1:54 PM**