

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

September 24, 2020

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

Virtual Teleconference Special 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 - 6:01 PM**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 Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor Poe

ORDINANCES, 2ND READINGS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED[200129.](#)**Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges for Utilities Amendment - Water and Sewerage (B)**

Ordinance No. 200129

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to utilities; by amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges to revise fees, rates and charges for water and sewerage; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Nathan Skop and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

Ed Bielarski spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). 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

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[200354.](#)**Gainesville Regional Utilities Budget - Fiscal Year 2021 (B)**

Resolution No. 200354

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida relating to the budget for the City of Gainesville d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021; projecting revenues and adopting a budget to pay for personnel services expenses, operating and maintenance expenses and other expenses, for capital outlay, and for debt service requirements; and providing an immediate effective date.

Nathan Skop and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Arreola

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos

[200315.](#)**Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (B)**

Resolution No. 200315

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to the levy of general municipal purpose Ad Valorem Taxes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; adopting the Final Millage Rate; directing the transmittal of certified copies; authorizing a specified adjustment to the final millage rate; and providing an immediate effective date.

Karen Fiore, Budget Manager gave a presentation.

Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez and Jo Beaty spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear presentation from City staff regarding the final millage rate; 2) hear testimony from all interested person; and 3) adopt the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. 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

[200316.](#)

Final General Government Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (B)

Resolution No. 200316

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its General Government Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; adopting the Final General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget; and providing an immediate effective date.

Rosa B. Williams, Nathan Skop, Brian O'Brien, Alfredo Morales, Dmitri, Corinne, Debbie Martinez, Kate and Kiara spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Saco, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution). 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

[200356.](#)

General Fund Reserve Policy (B)

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward: Approve the General Fund Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.

Karen Fiore gave a presentation.

Brian O'Brien and Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear presentations from staff and take action as appropriate.*

Approved, as shown above

ADJOURNMENT - 7:37 PM