

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

July 19, 2021

3:00 PM

Continued from July 15, 2021

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Commissioner Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Gail Johnson (At Large, Seat B)

Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (District 1)

Commissioner 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**AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

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

INVOCATION

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

Modification: 1) File #201238 (Fiscal Year 2021 Second Quarter Investment Performance Reports) - Added Item.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Jo Beaty and Brian O'Brien.

Thomas Brown, Chief Operating Officer spoke to the natural gas capabilities at GRU plants.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson arrived at 3:13 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

CA-1 [210106.](#)

City Commission Workshop on Ethics Training (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve a workshop on ethics training scheduled for August 18, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

Approved as Recommended

CA-2 [210103.](#)

Voting Delegate - 95th Annual Florida League of Cities Annual Conference (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission appoint Mayor Lauren Poe to be the City's voting delegate at the 95th Annual Conference of the Florida League of Cities scheduled for August 12-14, 2021.

Approved as Recommended

- CA-3** [210109.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the June 14, and June 17, 2021 City Commission Meetings (B)**
- RECOMMENDATION** *The City Commission approve the minutes of June 14, and June 17, 2021.*
- Approved as Recommended**
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- CA-4** [210146.](#) **Resignation of Aditya Basu-Dutta from the Citizen’s Advisory Board for Community Development and Meghan Lopez from the Student Community Relations Advisory Board (B)**
- RECOMMENDATION** *The City Commission accepts the resignation of Aditya Basu-Dutta and Meghan Lopez, effective immediately.*
- Approved as Recommended**
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- CA-5** [210147.](#) **Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (B)**
- RECOMMENDATION** *The City Commission appoint: Stacey Hill to the Public Recreation and Parks Board for a term to expire on 6/1/2024.*
- Approved as Recommended**
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- CA-6** [201240.](#) **Fiscal Year 2020 Individual Annual Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Reports for the Employees’ Pension Fund, Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan, Retiree Health Insurance Program, and the Wild Spaces Public Places Funds (B)**
- RECOMMENDATION** *The Audit and Finance Committee recommends the City Commission accept the external financial statement audit reports prepared by Purvis Gray.*
- Approved as Recommended**
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- CA-7** [201233.](#) **Citywide Succession Planning Audit (B)**
- RECOMMENDATION** *The Audit and Finance Committee recommends the City Commission accept the Internal Auditor's Report.*
- Approved as Recommended**
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- CA-8** [201234.](#) **Independent Payroll Calculation Memo (B)**
- RECOMMENDATION** *The Audit and Finance Committee recommends the City Commission accept the Internal Auditor's Report.*
- Approved as Recommended**
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- CA-9** [210153.](#) **GRU Operational Updates for the Months of March, April, and May 2021 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *Receive reports.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-10 [210148.](#)

GPD Property and Evidence Cash Audit Report (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit and Finance Committee recommends the City Commission accept the Internal Auditor's report.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-11 [210150.](#)

City Auditor Quarterly Update (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit and Finance Committee recommends the City Commission accept the Internal Auditor's report.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-12 [210108.](#)

Bid Award - Loblolly Woods Boardwalk Reconstruction (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to authorize the bid award to Industrial Maintenance Services, Inc. DBA IMS Contracting, Inc. for the reconstruction of the boardwalk at Loblolly Woods Nature Park, located at approximately 2710 NW 8th Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) award the bid to IMS Contracting, Inc. for the reconstruction of the boardwalk at Loblolly Woods Nature Park; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 3) authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$51,287 from the WSPP unobligated fund balance to the WSPP Loblolly Woods unit number.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-13 [200590.](#)

Contract Award for Probate Legal Services for Heirs Property Program (B)

This item is a request to approve the recommended award for Request for Proposal (RFP) #CRAX-210034-GD and execute separate contracts with Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. and Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP. Three Rivers will serve as the primary provider and Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP will serve as the secondary provider.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission to authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute contracts with Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. and Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP for Probate Legal Services for Heirs Property Program, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

Approved as Recommended

CA-14 [200904.](#)

GCRA and CWC Partnership (B)

RECOMMENDATION

City Commission to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Community Weatherization Coalition (CWC), subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved as Recommended

CA-15 [201238.](#)

Fiscal Year 2021 Second Quarter Investment Performance Reports for the City of Gainesville Operating Fund, General Employees' Pension Fund, Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Fund, Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund, Evergreen Cemetery Trust Fund (B)

Audit & Finance Committee to review various Fiscal Year 2021 Second Quarter Investment Performance Reports.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommended Motion: The City Commission: 1) review the submitted investment performance reports; and 2) approve the submitted investment reports.

Approved as Recommended

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

Modifications: 1) File #210005 (Amending the Open Container Ordinance) - New PowerPoint Added; 2) File #200883 (Land Use Change - 0.99 Acres of Property Located at 2020 West University Avenue) - Moved from Second Reading to Adoption Reading; 3) File #210082 (Settlement of State Opioid Litigation) - New Back-up Added; 4) File #200884 (Quasi-Judicial - Rezoning 0.99 Acres of Property Located at 2020 West University Avenue) - Additional Back-up Added; 5) File #210105 (Cluster Subdivision Review, Terra Serena, to create 120 Lots on 10.7 Acres) - Additional Back-up Added; and 6) File #201103 (Proposed Cost Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District) - Continue to the Joint CCOM/UAB meeting).

Public Comment: Debbie Martinez Nathan Skop, Jo Beaty, and Christina Fields.

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

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

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT - Members of the public who are unable to wait for their agenda item(s) to be called during the meeting may speak during Early Public Comment. Comment is limited to three (3) minutes on one agenda item or five (5) minutes on two or more agenda items. Speaking during Early Public Comment waives the right to comment during later agenda items.

Brian O'Brien

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Members of the public may speak for up to three (3) minutes per meeting on any item not on the agenda. Under the City Commission meeting rules during the COVID-19 health emergency, General Public Comment may be given by phone or by pre-recorded voice message only (see page 2 for details).

Debbie Martinez

Geraldine McMillen

Haddie Oscar

Jo Roland Atwater

Dotty Faibisy

Dorothy Rountree

Armando Grundy-Gomes

George Strickland

Shirley Whitfield

Nathan Skop

Mr. McRenan

Juanita Miles-Hamilton

Kali Blount

Ed Bielarski, GRU General Manager spoke to the engagement process for the Solar item.

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

- BD-1** [201103.](#) **Proposed Cost Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District to Meet Lake Brooklyn and Geneva Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) (B)**

****This item was presented to the UAB on July 8, 2021.****

Summary: GRU staff worked with St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) staff to develop a proposed cost participation agreement which will enable the City of Gainesville d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities (“GRU”) to comply with Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) rules for Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva.

Under the proposed agreement GRU will pay \$2.71 million to SJRWMD as a cost participation for the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project. The agreement will ensure GRU's compliance with these MFLs through at least 2045. GRU will pay the money into an escrow account, which has a separate escrow agreement associated with it. The proposed cost participation and escrow agreements will be presented to the SJRWMD governing board for their approval on July 13, 2021. Staff recommends that City Commission approve the agreements and have the mayor sign them, upon approval of SJRWMD governing board.

RECOMMENDATION

1) *City Commission approve the proposed cost participation and escrow agreements and settlement stipulation and have the mayor sign them.*

2) *City Commission approve the dismissal of all petitions related to the MFLs and Recovery Strategy, upon approval of these agreements by the SJRWMD governing board.*

On July 8, 2021, the UAB voted 6-0, with Member Lewis absent, to advise the Commission to approve the staff recommendation.

Continued to the Joint CCOM/UAB meeting scheduled for July 27, 2021.

BD-2 [210149.](#)**Appointment to the Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority (B)**

Harriet Davis spoke to her application.

Motion: Appoint Harriet Davis to the Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss the appointment to the Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority and take appropriate action.

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

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

BD-3 [210117.](#)**Business Improvement Grant Program Historic Masonic Lodge LLC Application (B)**

Lee Feldman, City Manager introduced.

Daniel Blumberg gave a presentation.

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos: Approve with staff recommendation.
Motion died for a lack of a second.*

Motion by Commissioner Saco, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos: Approve \$22,500 for exterior lighting and sidewalk. Amended to continue to August 5, 2021 meeting when applicant can be present. Motion passed 4-3. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson, Commissioner Ward and Commission Duncan-Walker in dissent.

Public Comment: Jo Beaty, Nathan Skop and Tana Silva.

RECOMMENDATION

City Commission to approve the Historic Masonic Gainesville LLC's Business Improvement Grant application as described and authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement.

Approved, as shown above

BD-4 [210141.](#)

Phalanx Defense Systems, LLC - Requested Lender Modification (B)

The City Commission review the Phalanx Defense Systems, LLC request for lender modification of terms associated with occupation of the Armory building located at 1125 NE 8th Avenue.

Motion: Change Reverter #2 to allow sublease to include no vacancy no more than two months, include and keep portion of reverter that allows us to purchase the building back. The period of building permitting doesn't count against buildings - 2 month vacancy rule.

Erik Bredfeldt, Economic Development and Innovation Director gave a presentation.

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.

Jason Hurst from Colliers spoke to the matter.

Nicolle Shalley spoke to the matter.

Public Comment: Jo Beaty, Nathan Skop, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Tana Silva.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission direct staff to make the appropriate modifications to the loan documents that would accommodate the request.

Approved, as shown above

CC COMMISSION COMMENT

RECESS - 6:20 PM

RECONVENE - 7:00 PM**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PR PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (PR)****PR-1 [210152.](#) Parks Recreation and Culture Month July, 2021 (B)**

Linda Demetropoulos, Nature Operations Manager spoke instead of Grace Crummer and accepted the proclamation.

Don Niemann spoke.

Billy Marcantel, Recreation Manager spoke.

RECOMMENDATION

Nature Center Commission Board Vice Chair Grace Crummer to accept the proclamation. Parks Recreation Parks Board Chair Sean Johnson to accept the proclamation. Culture Affairs Board Chair Marcie Stefan to accept the proclamation.

Heard

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RE RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (RE)**RE-1 [210082.](#) Settlement of State Opioid Litigation (B)**

Resolution No. 210082

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, authorizing the City of Gainesville to join with the State of Florida, Alachua County and other local governmental units in a resolution of pending opioid litigation as a participant in the Florida Memorandum of Understanding and formal agreements implementing a unified plan.

Nicole Shalley, City Attorney spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution). The motion carried by the

following vote:

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

RE-2 [210116.](#)

Setting the Amount of the General Fund Transfer (B)

****This item was presented to the UAB on July 8, 2021.****

Resolution No. 210116

Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, setting the amount of the general fund transfer from Gainesville Regional Utilities Funds to the General Government Fund through fiscal year 2027; providing an immediate effective date.

Motion: Approve the recommendation and direct General Government staff to return with a Utility Assistance Program and that GRU staff participate in building the framework of that program.

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.

Ed Bielarski spoke to the matter.

Claudia Rasnick, GRU Chief Financial Officer spoke to the matter.

Jay Glover, City's financial advisor spoke to the matter.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Armando Grundy-Gomes and Darlene Pifalo.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

On July 8, 2021, the UAB voted 6-0, with Member Lewis absent, to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation.

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Arreola, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Commissioner Saco

RE-3 [210125.](#)

**Establish Rates for Electric and Wastewater through Fiscal Year 2027;
Resolving to Establish Utility Rate Assistance Programs (B)**

****This item was presented to the UAB on July 8, 2021.****

Resolution No. 210125

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville resolving to establish rates for electric and wastewater through fiscal year 2027; resolving to establish utility rate assistance programs; providing an immediate effective date.

Ed Bielarski spoke to the matter.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

On July 8, 2021, the UAB voted 6-0, with Member Lewis absent, to advise the Commission to approve the staff recommendation.

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

RE-4 [210060.](#)

Resolution for Amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with FDOT (B)

This item is a request to amend the Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) adopt the Resolution for the Amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with FDOT; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Arreola

RESOLUTIONS (NBR) - NON BINDING

PUBLIC HEARINGS (PH)

PH-1 [210105.](#) **Cluster Subdivision Review, Terra Serena, to create 120 Lots on 10.7 Acres. (B)**

Petition DB-21-5 SUB: EDA Consultants, LLC, agent for Peaceful Paths Inc. Development plan review for a Cluster Subdivision to create 120 lots on 10.7 acres. Zoned: RMF-7(Multi-family Residential 8 to 14 units per acre). Located at 2100 NW 53rd Ave.

Modification: Strike Condition # 10.

Lawrence Calderon, Planner III gave a presentation.

Andrew Persons, Director of Sustainable Development spoke to the matter.

Clay Sweager, EDA gave a presentation.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Tana Silva, Candace Chambers and Dr. Theresa Beachy.

RECOMMENDATION

*Staff Recommendation to the City Commission
Adopt the Development Review Board's recommendation to approve the Cluster Subdivision Design Plat with all conditions.*

*Staff Recommendation to the Development Review Board.
Staff recommends approval of Petition DB-21-5 SUB, with conditions.*

*DRB Recommendation to the City Commission
Approve the design plat for the Tera Serena Cluster Subdivision, Design Plat with all conditions included in the staff report plus the "Additional Condition" submitted by the applicant.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Approved (Petition) as Modified. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

AR ORDINANCES, ADOPTION READINGS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

AR-1 [200883.](#) Land Use Change - 0.99 Acres of Property Located at 2020 West University Avenue (B)

Ordinance No. 200883

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use category of approximately 0.99 acres of property generally located at 2020 West University Avenue, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Residential Low-Density (RL) to Mixed-Use Office/Residential (MOR); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Juan Castillo, Planner I gave a presentation.

Clay Sweager, EDA, spoke to the matter.

Onelia Lazzari, EDA gave a presentation.

Rabbi Zinn spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted on Final Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

FR-1 [200884.](#) Quasi-Judicial - Rezoning 0.99 Acres of Property Located at 2020 West University Avenue (B)

Ordinance No. 200884

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Zoning Map Atlas by rezoning approximately 0.99 acres of property generally located at 2020 West University Avenue, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Planned Development (PD) to Urban 4 (U4); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Juan Castillo, Planner I gave a presentation.

Onelia Lazzari, EDA gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance).
The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

FR-2 [210005.](#)

Amending the Open Container Ordinance (B)

ORDINANCE NO. 210005

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Sections 4-1 and 4-4 of the City Code of Ordinances relating to the sale, dispensing, possession and consumption of alcohol; amending Section 18-20 of the City Code of Ordinances relating to the purchase or sale of alcohol in parks; and Section 2-339 of the City Code of Ordinances relating to civil citation for the possession or consumption of an open container of an alcoholic beverage; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco:
Direct the City Manager to come back with three recommendations from GPD at a later date.*

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson requests a memo be attached in the backup for 2nd reading for all houseless neighbors arrested for open container for the last five years.

Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.

Lonnie Scott, Assistant Police Chief spoke to the matter.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Robert Mounts, Juanita Miles-Hamilton, Tana Silva, Armando Grundy-Gomes, Debbie Martinez and Darlene Pifalo.

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco:
Waive the City Commission rules and extend the meeting for 20 minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.*

Adoption of Ordinance - Motion passed 4-3. Commissioner Arreola,

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson, and Commissioner Duncan-Walker in dissent.

Ask staff to come back with research and suggestions - Motion passed 5-2. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson and Commissioner Duncan-Walker in dissent.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

Approved, as shown above

FR-3 [210066.](#)

Ordinance Amending the Consolidated Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement Plan to Amend the Earnings Definition for Firefighters (B)

Ordinance No. 210066

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the definition of Earnings in Section 2-596 of Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 8 (Consolidated Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement Plan) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed Ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Ward - Question for City Manager - Fill in details of last Thursday's roof issues and when work will be done. Lee Feldman stated that a chemical was placed near an air intake and dispersal through air vents. No date on completion. Phil Mann spoke - work began in February, supposed to be done in 14 weeks.

Motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Arreola: 1) Direct the City Manager to reopen NW 2nd Street; 2) Direct the City Manager to work with Charters to make Election days City Holidays; and 3) Schedule a City Commission workshop on public safety. Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

Public Safety Workshop - Motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Saco and Commissioner Arreola in dissent.

NW 2nd Street reopening - Motion failed 3-4. Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson, Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Duncan-Walker in affirmative.

City Elections as Holidays - Motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Duncan-Walker and Commissioner Arreola in dissent.

Commissioner Sacco - 1) Offer GFR a seat at the table before making streets one-way. 2) ARP money - nonprofits burning through money to pay rent and utilities. Some excited about our set aside for utility assistance. Set aside dollars from 32 million to agree to payout those accounts so nonprofits don't drain funding with no recovery method.

Motion by Commissioner Duncan-Walker, seconded by Commissioner Arreola: Commission direct and work with staff to come with language for a resolution expressing commitment to standing against gun violence and we convene a special meeting in the future, quite possibly August 2, 2021, to discuss policy and the designation of funds to include ARP funds intended to protect our neighbors and our communities. Debbie Martinez spoke to the matter. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos: Waive the City Commission rules and extend the meeting to 10:35 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Restated Motion: Motion by Commissioner Duncan-Walker, seconded by Commissioner Arreola: Commission direct and work with staff to come with language for a resolution expressing commitment to standing against gun violence and we convene a special meeting in the future, quite possibly August 2, 2021, to discuss policy and the designation of funds to include ARP funds intended to protect our neighbors and our communities. Armando Grundy-Gomes, Juanita Miles-Hamilton and Nathan Skop spoke to the matter. Motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Arreola asked GPD to come prepared with information about closing establishments for repeated nuisance and offenses.

Commissioner Arreola - 1) Thanks for the hard work. 2) Consider an ARP Project Master List. 3) City Hall roof.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos - County and School Board considering a joint building. Without objection reach out to County/School Board to get information back.

Commissioner Duncan-Walker -Illuminate fact that Chief, Assistant Chief and City Manager outlined a strategic plan to address gun violence. Thanks for coming up with ideas. Recommendations to restructure ARP funding to help resource needs.

Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ward. Waive the Commission rules and extend the meeting to 10:45. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson - 1) Really refreshing to hear Commissioner Duncan-Walker say we need to involve the people process most affected. 2) Process for ARP funding, wants to specifically set aside 2 million for non-profits and a process is needed for them to apply. Lee Feldman spoke to the needed direction for applying for ARP funding. 3) Many complexes in town are losing tax credit funding, places are raising rent/renovating and displacing people; i.e. Pineridge.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:40 PM