

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

September 9, 2021

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

## **General Policy Committee**

*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 - 1:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Modification: Adopt the agenda, striking Item No. 200718.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Saco, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[210358.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the August 26, 2021 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *The General Policy Committee approve the August 26, 2021 minutes.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Saco, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

[200718.](#) **Advisory Board and Committee Annual Reports (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION** *The City Commission receive and review the advisory board and committee annual reports from the Regional Transit System Advisory Board and the Board of Trustees for the Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan.*

**Withdrawn**

[210163.](#) **Revised Timeline for Redrawing City's Election Districts (B)**

*Motion: Approve the proposed timeline; the City Clerk schedule special meetings for public engagement in January and February; and to provide time for residents to present proposed district maps to the City Commission.*

*Attorney Sean McDermott introduced the item.*

*Shelby Taylor, Director of Communications, spoke about public communication and engagement efforts regarding redistricting.*

*1:09 PM: Johnson arrived*

*1:17 PM: Saco arrived*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The General Policy Committee: 1) approve the proposed accelerated redistricting timeline, 2) provide guidance as to the extent of public participation in the redistricting process, and 3) review and provide comments to the Resolution.*

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

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

**210333.**

**State Legislative Agenda Priorities for FY 2022-23 (B)**

*Motion: Adopt the recommendation with the following modifications: 1) Add funding for a central receiving facility and CRP police interrupters program; 2) Job growth funding from the state departments; and 3) Authorize Mayor to send a letter to the Alachua Board of County Commissions notifying them that the City Commission is making University and 13th Street a number one funding priority and asking them to do the same; and to send a letter to the UF President and Board of Trustees and to Florida Not One More asking the same.*

*Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item.*

*Ryan Matthew and Angela Drzewiecki, state lobbyists, spoke to the matter.*

*City Manager Lee Feldman spoke to the matter.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee review and discuss the draft list of State Legislative items and establish FY 2022-23 State Legislative priorities for both our state lobbying team and our state legislative delegation.*

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

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

**201093.**

**Annexation Policy (B)**

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to discuss surveying residents in the unincorporated area to gauge interest in annexation.

*Lee Feldman, City Manager, introduced the item.*

*Andrew Persons, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, spoke to the item.*

*Public Comment: Donald Shepherd and Tana Silva.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The General Policy Committee receive a presentation from staff and provide direction on survey questions.*

**Discussed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Donald Shepherd  
Tana Silva  
Al Holmes*

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Commissioner Arreola: Filing resolution in support of reproductive rights. Thanked everyone for checking in during this recent absence.*

*Commissioner Saco: Suggests refraining from public conversations on vaccine mandate while litigation pending. Commissioner Hayes-Santos and Commissioner Ward commented.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE - September 23, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT - 2:40 PM**