

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

September 23, 2021

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

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 - 6:00 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

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

[210339.](#)**Approval of the Regional Transit System (RTS) EEO Program Revised Report (B)**

This item is a request to approve the Revised RTS Equal Employment Opportunity Program and its subsequent submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as an update.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the Revised Regional Transit System (RTS) EEO program.

Approved as Recommended

[210375.](#)**Transit Services Agreement with Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (B)**

This item is a request to authorize the City Manager to execute the Transit Services Agreement for FY22 and FY23 between the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Transit Services Agreement with Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved as Recommended

[210385.](#)**Agreement with Alachua County Board of County Commissioners for Age Based Fare Free Transit Pilot Project (B)**

This item is a request to authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement for Age Based Fare Free Transit Pilot Project between the City of Gainesville (CITY) and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Agreement with Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for Age Based Fare Free Transit Pilot Project, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved as Recommended

[210352.](#)**Funding Agreement with ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc. for the On-Demand Transportation Program for Seniors (B)**

This item is a request to approve the FY22 funding agreement between the City of Gainesville and ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc. for continuation of the On-Demand Senior Transportation Program.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the City Manager (or designee) to execute the FY22 funding agreement between the City of Gainesville and ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc. for continuation of the On-Demand Senior Transportation Program, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved as Recommended

ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

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

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS[210354.](#)**Selection of Three (3) Commissioners to Serve on the City's Finance Committee (NB)**

Motion: Appoint Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Saco and Commissioner Ward to the Finance Committee.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

RECOMMENDATION

The City Auditor requests the Mayor appoint three (3) Commissioners to serve on the City's Finance Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, 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

[210355.](#)

Select Mayor Pro-Tem and Fill Vacancies on City Commission Committees (B)

Motion: Appoint Commissioner Duncan-Walker to Library Governing Board and Commissioner Arreola as Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Mayor Poe, Commissioner Saco, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

Nay: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Johnson

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

[210419.](#)

Fire Prevention Week October 3 through October 9, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Gainesville Fire Rescue Fire Chief Joseph Dixon to accept the proclamation. Gainesville Fire Rescue Assistant Fire Chief Stephen Hesson to accept the proclamation. Gainesville Fire Rescue Fire and Rescue Life Safety Educator Krista Ott to accept the proclamation.

Heard

ORDINANCES, 2ND READINGS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[201022.](#)

Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates & Charges for Utilities for Fiscal Year 2022 (B)

Ordinance No. 201022

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 electricity, water, sewerage, and standard operational charges; amending Appendix A to make it gender neutral; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing effective dates.

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 Final Reading (Ordinance). 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

[210189.](#)

Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates & Charges FY 2022 (B)

Ordinance No. 210189

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges of the Code of Ordinances by revising fees, rates and charges for the following: adult performance establishment, escort service and escort licenses; alcoholic beverages; cemetery; controlled vehicular parking area decals/permits; fire/rescue; health and sanitation; home occupation permit; land development code; parks, recreation and cultural affairs; peddlers, solicitors and canvassers; police; registered domestic partnerships; right-of-way (public) obstruction permits; right-of-way (public) use by utilities; secondhand goods; streets, sidewalks and other public places; traffic and motor vehicles; utilities - solid waste and recyclables; utilities - stormwater management; and vehicles for hire; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

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 Final Reading (Ordinance). 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

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**210429. Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (B)****Resolution No. 210429**

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 2021-2022 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022; 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.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Armando Grundy-Gomes

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, 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

210451. Gainesville Regional Utilities Budget - Fiscal Year 2022 (B)

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

RECOMMENDATION *The City commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, 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

210430. Final General Government Financial and Operating Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (B)**Resolution No. 210430**

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget for

the 2021-2022 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022; adopting the Tentative General Government Financial and Operating Plan; and providing an immediate effective date.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Saco, 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

[210452.](#)

Fifth Budget Amendment to the FY 2021 General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget

Resolution No. 210452

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its general government budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; amending Resolution No. 200316, as amended by Resolution No. 200933, Resolution No. 201058, Resolution No. 201115 and Resolution No. 210151 by making certain adjustments to the General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget; and providing an immediate effective date.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

RECOMMENDATION

City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, 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

[210295.](#)

Resolution to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for a Construction and Maintenance Agreement (CMA) for the Area of SR 26 (West University Ave) at NW 16th St and NW 19th St. (B)

This item is a request to adopt a Resolution to grant FDOT a CMA related to traffic calming and improving pedestrian safety.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with FDOT and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, 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

210305.

Resolution to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for a Construction and Maintenance Agreement (CMA) for the Area of SR 26 (West University Ave) from Gale Lemerand Drive to NW 14th St. (B)

This item is a request to adopt a Resolution to grant FDOT a CMA related to traffic calming and improving pedestrian safety.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with FDOT and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents, subject to the approval of 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). 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

210180.

Resolution Amending and Restating the Rules of the City Commission to Create a Separate Audit Committee and Finance Committee (B)

Resolution No. 210180

A Resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida amending and restating the rules of the City Commission; providing a repealing clause and providing an immediate effective date.

Public Comment: Nathan Skop

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Nathan Skop
Robert Mounts
Tina Days
Debbie Martinez
Armando Grundy-Gomes*

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Johnson concerned about the City Manager remaining on staff based on his experience in Ft. Lauderdale between his resignation and departure.

Mayor Poe spoke clarifying the statements made by Commissioner Johnson were not true.

Nicolle Shalley and Ginger Bigbie spoke to the matter.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:29 PM