

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

**March 17, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **City Commission**

***Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)***

***Mayor-Commissioner Pro-Tem Reina Saco (At Large, Seat A)***

***Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut (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 - 10:00 AM****AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION**

**Reverend Dr. Geraldine McClellan**

**CA ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Includes both Consent and Regular Agenda Items. Consent Agenda Items that will not be discussed, may include Advocacy Resolutions)**

*Modification: Move CA-4 (Electric Transmission Service Contract with City of Alachua) to the regular agenda.*

*Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Tana Silva, Debbie Martinez*

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**CA-1 [210967.](#) Resignation of Evie Martin from the City Beautification Board and Andrew Miles from the Police Advisory Council (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission accepts the resignation of Evie Martin from the City Beautification Board and Andrew Miles from the Police Advisory Council, effective immediately.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-2 [210951.](#) Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission appoint:*

*Vincent Thomas to the City Beautification Board for a partial term ending 11/1/2022.*

*Kali Blount to the Police Advisory Council for a partial term ending 1/23/2023.*

*Kaitlyn Dickinson to the Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee for a partial term to end 11/1/2023.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-3    [211016.](#)    GRU Operational Updates for the Months of January and February 2022 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION    *Receive reports.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-5    [210961.](#)    Citywide Gift Card Audit (B)**

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

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-6    [210962.](#)    2021 Annual Report, Risk Assessment and Audit Plan (B)**

RECOMMENDATION    *The Audit Committee recommends the City Commission accept the City Auditor's report and changes to the audit plan.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-7    [210963.](#)    City Auditor Quarterly Update (B)**

RECOMMENDATION    *The Audit Committee recommends the City Commission accept the City Auditor's quarterly report.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-8    [210940.](#)    Professional Services Contract to Update Fire Assessment Methodology and 3-year Annual Maintenance (B)**

RECOMMENDATION    *City Commission authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute the proposed contract along with the City Attorney's review for form and function.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-9    [210956.](#)    Starr Voluntary Annexation Petition for 25+/- Acres of Property West of Interstate 75 (B)**

This is the submission of a petition for the voluntary annexation of parcels 06655-002-003 and 06655-200-001 which are owned by Gainesville Land Investors LLC and 212 Acquisitions LLC.

These parcels are located on the west side of Interstate 75, north of SW 8th Ave.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) receive the petition for annexation and make findings that it contains the signature of the property owners or authorized agents; 2) authorize the Mayor to provide notice to the Board of County Commissioners; 3) direct the City Manager to analyze the area; and 4) authorize the City Attorney to prepare and the City Clerk to advertise ordinances relating to the annexation of the area, if appropriate.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**CA-10**   [211012.](#)

**City Commission Strategic Planning Workshops (NB)**

This is a request for the City Commission to convene in a special meeting to discuss strategic planning priorities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve the strategic planning workshops for Monday, March 28, 2022 from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm and Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm*

**Approved as Recommended**

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**BD      BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS (Agenda Items that will be discussed, including those moved from Consent)**

**BD-1**   [210964.](#)

**Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (B)**

*Theresa Spurling-Wood spoke to her application.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco: Appoint Theresa Spurling-Wood as a School Board representative to the UAB and ask the County for another recommendation for a member to replace Daniel Morse.*

*Appoint Theresa Spurling-Wood to the UAB. Motion passed 7-0.  
Ask County to submit a new member. Motion failed 3-4.*

*Tony Cunningham, GRU Interim General Manager spoke to the item.*

*Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner*

*Duncan-Walker: Appoint Daniel Morse as the County representative to the UAB. Motion passed 5-2. Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco in dissent.*

*Public Comment: Nathan Skop*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission appoint:*

*Daniel Morse as the Alachua County representative and Theresa Spurling-Wood as the School Board representative as non-voting members of the Utility Advisory Board for full terms ending March 3, 2026.*

**Approved, as shown above**

**BD-2     [210966.](#)**

**Appointment to the Citizen's Advisory Board For Community Development (B)**

*Alissa Hevesh spoke to her application.*

*Motion: Appoint Alissa Hevesh to the Citizen's Advisory Board for Community Development.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission discuss the appointment to the Citizen's Advisory Board For Community Development and take appropriate action.*

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

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

**CA-4     [211007.](#)**

**Electric Transmission Service Contract with City of Alachua (B)**

**\*\*This item was presented to the UAB on March 10, 2022.\*\***

*Anthony Cunningham, Interim GRU General Manager introduced.*

*Milvia Hidalgo, GRU Principal Engineer gave a presentation.*

*Public Comment: Nathan Skop*

**Recess - 10:35 am**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Authorize the General Manager or his designee to execute the Agreement between the City of Gainesville, d/b/a GRU, and the City of Alachua for the delivery of energy and capacity by the City of Alachua from FPL to GRU through the transmission system of GRU, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

*At their March 10th, 2022, meeting, the UAB voted unanimously to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation.*

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

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

## **TIME CERTAIN - 11:00 AM**

### **BD-3 [210163.](#)**

#### **Redistricting the City's Election Districts Based Upon 2020 Census Data (B)**

*Motion: Request meeting with Supervisor of Elections regarding the City's redistricting maps prior to March 28; 2) Schedule a workshop and discuss at the March 28th meeting; 3) Change March 28th from a workshop to a special meeting; and 4) Request consultant to participate in workshop; special meeting and add as first item for discussion on the March 28, 2022 agenda.*

*Dr. Smith and Dr. McDonald gave a presentation.*

*Daniel Nee, Interim City Attorney spoke to the item.*

*Katherine Mockler, Assistant City Attorney spoke to the item.*

*Recess - 12:36 pm*

*Public Comment: Mark Goldstein, Jo Beaty, Nathan Skop, Evelyn Foxx, Rev. Dr. Wendy Noon, Debbie Martinez*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation by the Consultant, 2) discuss the Consultant's recommendations, and 3) set future meeting dates to discuss redistricting.*

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

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

## **RE RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (Unless mandated by statute to occur in the evening: May include Advocacy Resolutions and Binding Resolutions)**

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK****1:00 PM - Call to Order Afternoon Session**

**EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** - 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.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** - Members of the public may speak for up to three (3) minutes per meeting on any item not on the agenda. General Public Comment may be submitted in advance by pre-recorded voice message only (see page 2 for details). The General Public Comment period shall not exceed 30 minutes total.

*Nathan Skop, Jane Spear, Joe Smith, Carrie Colten, Tamara Perry-Lunardo, Tana Silva, Debbie Martinez, Wendy Noon*

*Commissioner Chestnut arrived at 1:15 pm.*

**BD BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS****BD-4 [210393](#) Community Land Trust (B)**

This item involves a summary of the process and substance related to staff's recent ranking for proposals associated with the City of Gainesville, FL - Community Land Trust RFP.

*Motion: Move forward with Bright Community Trust Inc.*

*Cynthia Curry, Interim City Manager spoke to the item.*

*Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Mary Lou Hildreth*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission: 1) hear a brief presentation and direct as deemed appropriate.*

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

**BD-5**     [201057.](#)

**Gainesville Immigrant Neighbor Inclusion Initiative (GINI) (B)**

*Motion Direct Staff to:*

1. *Move forward with GINI recommendations and initiatives.*
2. *Staff to do a fiscal analysis for FTE and ambassadors, language line acquisition and training, document translation in Spanish and sign translation into Spanish. Assess future languages for year 2 and 3.*
3. *Find a funding source for initial and recurring needs/phases, and staff come back after they meet.*
4. *Communicate with rural women's health project to transition data/work product to City of Gainesville.*
5. *Staff reach out to other government entities for collaboration over 3 years.*
6. *Provide an update to the Commission in 6 months.*

*Cynthia Curry spoke to the item.*

*Chief Kurnick gave a presentation.*

*Zeriah Folston spoke to the item.*

*Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Veronica Robleto, Jennifer Molina, Ethan Maria de Needell, Laura Gonzales, Darlene Pifalo, Dina Davis, Jo Beaty, Robin Lewy, Debbie Martinez, Fay Williams, Tana Silva, Brittany Coleman.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve the use of ARPA funds or an alternative funding source for the Language Inclusion Access Program and FTE.*

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

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

**BD-6**     [210975.](#)

**2022 Affordable Housing Framework and Discussion (B)**

*Motion: Accept report and staff schedule a community workshop to*



*discuss.*

*Cynthia Curry presented.*

*Andrew Persons presented.*

*Mayor Poe left the meeting at 3:33 pm.*

*Helen Harris, Housing and Community Development Supervisor gave a presentation.*

*Mo Deel, CRA Manager presented.*

*Public Comment: Nathan Skop, Robert Mounds, Tana Silva, Debbie Martinez, Armando-Grundy Gomes, Darlene Pifalo, Mary Lou Hildreth, Donald Shepherd.*

RECOMMENDATION

*The City Commission reviews and discusses the framework, as appropriate.*

**RE RESOLUTIONS**

**OR ORDINANCES**

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

**RECESS - 5:13 pm**

**RECONVENE - 5:59 pm**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PR PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (PR)**

**PR-1 [211000.](#) Business Arts Award - 2022 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*Dion Dia Records representative Laila Fakhoury to accept the proclamation.*

**Heard**

**PR-2 [211001.](#) Lennie Kesi Lifetime Arts Award - 2022 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*Mark Ambrecht to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

**PR-3     [211002.](#)     Public Arts Award - 2022 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION     *Amy Vigilante Longini to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

**PR-4     [211003.](#)     Gainesville Chapter Of The National Society Of The Daughters Of The American Revolution Day - March 20, 2022 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION     *Gainesville DAR Past Regent Linda Williams to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

**PR-5     [211018.](#)     Individual Lifetime Award -2022 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION     *Jessica Foster and MusicGNV to accept the proclamation*

Heard

**PR-6     [211025.](#)     Annual Star Award - 2022 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION     *Star volunteer Eileen Ahlquist, Oak Hammock at the University of Florida, First Magnitude Brewing, Amy Carpus, Mary C. Rosier to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

**PR-7     [211026.](#)     Albert Ray Massey Award - 2022 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION     *Strong Roots Movement Representatives Marina Ingram and Shannon Regan Day to accept the proclamation.*

Heard

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*Tana Silva*

**RE     RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED (required by state law to be heard at 5:00 pm)**

**RE-1     [211006.](#)     Resolution Authorizing Extension of the Existing Liquidity Agreement with respect to GRU Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds 2019 Series C (B)**

**\*\*This item was presented to the UAB on March 10, 2022.\*\***

*Mark Benton, GRU Rates and Investment Director spoke to the item.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve 1) the resolution authorizing an extension of the existing liquidity facility with Bank of America, N.A. for Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds, 2019 Series C, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality 2) the form of the first amendment to the Letter of Credit and Reimbursement Agreement for the liquidity facility and 3) the amended and restated fee letter.*

*At their March 10, 2022, meeting, the UAB voted unanimously to advise the City Commission to approve the recommendation.*

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

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

**RE-2     [210922.](#)**

**Fourth Budget Amendment to the FY 2022 General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget (B)**

*Karen Fiore, Budget Manager spoke to the item.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

*Finance Committee: On March 9, 2022, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend the commission to approve the proposed resolution.*

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

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

**RE-3     [211008.](#)**

**Resolution Calling for Divestment of Holdings in Russian and Belarusian Securities, and Denouncing the War in Ukraine (B)**

Resolution No. 211008

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, calling for the divestment of current City holdings in Russian or Belarusian securities; requesting the Board of Trustees of the City of Gainesville Employees Pension Plan and Fund divest of any current holdings in Russian or Belarusian securities; requesting the Board of Trustees of the Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund divest of any current holdings in Russian or

Belarusian securities; requesting the Board of Trustees of the City of Gainesville Police Officers and Firefighters Consolidated Retirement Plan divest of any current holdings in Russian or Belarusian securities; consider a new operating fund investment policy opposed to future investment of City funds in Russian or Belarusian securities; requesting the Board of Trustees of the General Employee Pension Plan and Fund consider a new investment policy opposed to future investment of funds in Russian or Belarusian securities; requesting the Board of Trustees of the Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund consider a new investment policy opposed to future investment of funds in Russian or Belarusian securities; requesting the Board of Trustees of the City of Gainesville Police Officers and Firefighters Consolidated Retirement Pension Plan consider a new investment policy opposed to future investment of funds in Russian or Belarusian securities; denouncing the invasion and war in Ukraine, and seeking a peaceful resolution; welcoming refugees from the conflict in Ukraine and all other conflicts; reaffirming the City of Gainesville's sister city relationship with Novorossiysk, Russia; and providing an effective date.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Finance Committee recommends that the City Commission adopt the proposed Resolution.*

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

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

**BD BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS****BD-7 [210994](#) Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos - Public Comment Phone Service (B)**

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco: 1) End call-in service and add more funds to GINI service funding.*

*Allow the contract for Kearns & West to expire. Motion passed 5-1. Commissioner Duncan-Walker in dissent. Commissioner Arreola absent.*

*Add more funds to GINI service funding. Motion failed 2-4. Commissioner Chestnut and Commissioner Hayes-Santos in affirmative.*

*Public Comment: Debbie Martinez, Nathan Skop, Tina Days*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

Approved, as shown above

**PH PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Planning Petitions)**

**ORDINANCES - ROLL CALL REQUIRED** (required by state law to be heard at 5:00 pm)

**SR SECOND READINGS**

**FR FIRST READINGS**

**CC COMMISSION COMMENT**

*Mayor Poe - "Don't Say Gay" issue -- We Say "GAYnesville" to use City's logo for their rally.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco: Use City's logo for "We Say Gaynesville" rally. Motion passed 7-0.*

*Commissioner Chestnut: 1) Going to Birmingham on Monday to meet with staff, Mayor and developer and wants to report to GPC upon return; 2) Wonderful programs offered by City/GRU. Wants to offer to City Manager to do a "Want to Know" GNV, a TV program similar to Mark Sexton's program with the County. Report back with an analysis (City Manager); and 3) One month anniversary - special thanks to all.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco - Two years been elected and special thanks to all for kindness and compassion.*

*Commissioner Hayes-Santos - thanks to Adam and all Kearns & West staff.*

*Commissioner Duncan-Walker - Thanks to Adam and Kearns & West staff; 2) Celebrating just over one year. Happy to have access to funding to make generational change. Thanks to city staff and all their hard work. Hopeful for the future.*

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:15 pm.**