

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

May 12, 2022

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room

General Policy Committee

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 - 1:02 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present 5 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward,
Commissioner Chestnut, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco
Absent 2 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Arreola

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Adopt agenda with a modification to hear item #211195 first.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[211141.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the April 14, 2022 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the April 14, 2022 minutes.*

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

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

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

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[211195.](#) **Election Days as City Holidays. (B)**

Motion: Adopt Option #3 included in the staff presentation for elections held on election day or during early voting for Presidential primary elections; regular primary elections, November general elections; and

any special elections within the city limits.

Scott Heffner, Employee and Labor Relations Manager, gave a presentation.

Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss and provide additional clarification on Elections for the purpose of City Holidays.*

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

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

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

[211106.](#)

Office of Ombudsman (B)

Motion: Ask the City Commission to consider an Ombudsman pilot in the 2024 budget.

Morgan Spicer, Policy Oversight Administrator, gave a presentation.

Bob Cohen gave a presentation.

Public Comment: Jo Beaty, Bob Cohen

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear a presentation from staff and discuss.*

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

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

[211139.](#)

Community Health Improvement Plan Presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue (B)

This item requests that the General Policy Committee hear a presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue on the City of Gainesville's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Recess - 2:15 PM

Reconvene - 2:17 PM

Gainesville Fire Rescue Chief Dixon introduced the item.

Kristen Ott, Fire and Life Safety Educator gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear the presentation from Gainesville Fire Rescue.

Heard

211144.

Public Safety Update Presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue (B)

This item requests that the General Policy Committee hear a Public Safety Update presentation by Gainesville Fire Rescue.

GFR Chief Dixon gave a presentation.

GFR Deputy Chief Joseph Hillhouse spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear the presentation from Gainesville Fire Rescue.

Heard

211165.

Regional Transit System (RTS) - GNV RideRTS App Update Presentation (B)

This item requests that the General Policy Committee hear a presentation by Regional Transit System staff on the progress with GNV RideRTS app improvements.

Motion: Request that staff begin working on an RFP for a new app vendor; to add a placeholder increment in the budget for a new app; and to come back to review the status of the app in July. Motion approved 5-2. Commissioner Arreola and Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent.

Jesus Gomez, RTS Director gave a presentation.

Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.

Tony Jones, Chief Operating Officer spoke to the item.

Malisa McReedy, Director of Transportation and Mobility spoke to the item.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear the presentation by Regional Transit System staff.

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

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

[211166.](#)

Regional Transit System (RTS) Proposed Fall 2022 Transit Service Changes (B)

Motion: Request Santa Fe College to increase frequency of route 78, remove route 27 and increase mobility on demand.

Jesus Gomez, RTS Director gave a presentation.

Tony Jones, Chief Operating Officer spoke to the item.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee hear the presentation by Regional Transit System staff.

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

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

[200737.](#)

Street Lighting and Vegetation Management (B)

Motion: Move forward with all four recommendations from staff to the City Plan Board; and direction to consider a budget increment to cut trees around the streetlights every three years.

Tony Jones, Chief Operating Officer spoke to the item.

Phil Mann, Advisor to the Interim City Manger spoke to the item.

Jamie Kurnick, Police Chief Inspector spoke to the item.

Lawrence Calderon, Planner III gave a presentation.

Public comment: Warren Nielsen, Tana Silva

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from staff; and, 2) take action, as appropriate.

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tana Silva

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 26, 2022

ADJOURNMENT - 3:45 PM