

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

May 26, 2022

12:30 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 - 12:30 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward,
Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco, and
Commissioner Arreola

Absent 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Motion by Commissioner Chestnut, seconded by Commissioner Ward:
Return items 211223 and 211217 to the agenda.*

*Mayor-Commissioner Saco requested to remove item 211212 from the
agenda.*

*Commissioner Chestnut requested to postpone item 211211.
Commissioner Ward agreed to amend the motion to remove both
items. Motion passed 4-2. Commissioner Hayes-Saco and
Mayor-Commissioner Saco in dissent.*

Approve as Shown Above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AM-1 [211257.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the May 12, 2022 General Policy Committee Meeting (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee approve the May 12, 2022 minutes.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

DP-1 [211266.](#) **GNV4ALL Update on the Gainesville Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center (B)**

Motion: Direct staff to work with GNV4all to locate up to \$500,000 in ARPA funding as a start-up commitment for the Gainesville Empowerment Center.

James Lawrence, Director of GNV4all, gave a presentation.

Dr. Leanetta McNealy, Alachua County School Board, spoke to the matter.

Jackie Hodges, CEO of the Early Learning Coalition, spoke to the matter.

Work with the County Commission to obtain a commitment on the project.

Public comment: Evelyn Foxx, Kim Tanzer, Elle Chisholm, Robert Mounts, Jackie Hodges

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear an update from the GNV4ALL representatives.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

DP-2 [211250.](#)

Affordable Housing Workshops (NB)

Motion: Approve proposed affordable housing workshop dates; and to request that staff reach out to neighborhood organizations to offer to schedule workshops with their organizations upon request.

Public comment: Robert Mounts, Tana Silva, Ron Rawls, Kim Tanzer

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve Affordable Housing Workshops to be held on Wednesday, June 1 at 6:00pm and Saturday, June 4 at 9:00am at the Bo Diddley Plaza.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

DP-3 [201057.](#)

Gainesville Immigrant Neighbor Inclusion Initiative (GINI) (B)

Zeriah Folston, Interim Director of Equity and Inclusion, presented the item.

Motion: Approve the timeline and action plan presented; to earmark up to \$500,000 in unrestricted ARPA funds for implementation of the language line (including training), document translation and hiring of liaison; and direction to staff to continue engagement with community partners.

Chief Inspector Jamie Kurnick spoke to the matter.

Robin Lewy, GINI Initiative, spoke to the matter.

Public comment: Veronica Robleto, Robin Lewy

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee reviews and discuss the previous motion for timeline expectations. Moreover, review and discuss attached GINI Proposed Process Map Timeline and GINI Proposed Process Task List, as appropriate.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

DP-4 [211222.](#)

General Government FY 2023 Budget (B)

Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry introduced the item.

Karen Fiore, Budget Manager, gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear a presentation from staff and take action, as deemed appropriate.

Heard

DP-5 [211211.](#) Subcommittee Usage in Municipal Government (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff and discuss.*

Withdrawn

DP-6 [211212.](#) Lien Reduction Process (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee hear a presentation from staff and discuss.*

Withdrawn

DP-7 [211192.](#) Discussion: Municipal General Obligation Housing Bonds (B)

Motion: Staff would prepare a proposed conceptual framework for how an affordable housing bond would be distributed and bring it back to the Commission in 30 days or after the summer recess in July.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos introduced the item.

Morgan Spicer, Interim Policy Oversight Administrator, gave a presentation.

Cory Harris, Senior Housing Strategist, spoke to the matter.

Interim City Manager Cynthia Curry spoke to the matter.

Public comment: Tana Silva, Robert Mounts, Kim Tanzer

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission direct staff to come back in thirty (30) days with a proposed framework for a \$30 - \$50 million general obligation bond, including the household cost of the tax and the number of units that could be built or preserved.*

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Chestnut

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Duncan-Walker

[211223.](#) 8th and Waldo Sports Complex Scope of Service - Feasibility and Pro Forma Study(B)

Commission requested staff come back on May 19th with a more detailed scope of services for a pro forma and feasibility study for the 8th and Waldo Sports Complex.

Mayor Poe left the meeting at 5:20 PM.

Motion: Move this item to the 6/2 City Commission meeting for discussion after item #211276 (Infrastructure and Wild Spaces/Public Places Surtax Update) on the afternoon agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

City Commission 1) hear a presentation on the 8th and Waldo Scope of Services for a pro forma and feasibility study on a Sports Complex, and 2) provide direction to the City Manager on whether to proceed with the RFP process or not.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Mayor Poe, and Commissioner Duncan-Walker

211217.

Interim Charter Officer Six-Month Progress Update (B)

Commissioner Chestnut made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to authorize the Mayor to enter contract negotiations with all the interim Charter Officers to enter permanent positions; and to bring final contracts back to the 6/2 City Commission meeting; and to direct the Interim City Manager to work with HR to make contract terms consistent across all Charter Officer positions.

Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Chestnut.

Commissioner Chestnut made a new motion to the discuss interim Charter Officer positions at the 6/2 City Commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ward. Vote passed 5-0. Mayor Poe and Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and take action deemed necessary.

Approved, as shown above

DP-8 210858.

Swim Lane Items (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee accept the updated Swim Lanes and Policy Timelines for informational purposes.

No Action Taken

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kali Blount

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Arreola requested that the Mayor and County Commission Chair reschedule the Joint City/County Commission meeting on June 15, 2022. Second by Commissioner Ward. Vote: 4-1; Commissioner Hayes-Santos in dissent: Mayor Poe and Commissioner Duncan-Walker absent.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 9, 2022

ADJOURNMENT - 5:39 PM