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Gainesville Mentoring Initiative (NB)

On April 1, 2010, the Gainesville City Commission adopted a mentoring initiative that will be modeled after the "Take Stock in Children" mentoring program offered by the Alachua County Schools Foundation. Although the initiative was adopted, the Commission requested staff to give consideration to three issues and return the matter before the Commission for deliberation of the name of the initiative; the funding for the initiative; and the type of branding for the initiative. After consideration, staff recommends: 1) that the name of the mentoring initiative be the Gainesville Mentoring Initiative; 2) that no request for funding from the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 budgets be submitted, but that an amount of \$45,500 be transferred from the Entrepreneurial Charter School Account in the Economic Development Fund, which will provide funding for the mentoring initiative for budget years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012; and 3) that the mentoring initiative maintain a City of Gainesville brand as opposed to being merged into the existing "Take Stock In Children" program, and be publicly identified as a separate program of the City of Gainesville.

The Entrepreneurial Charter School Account in the Economic Development Fund has a balance of \$50,000. The City Commission: 1) accept staff's recommendations; and 2) authorize the transfer of \$45,500 from the Entrepreneurial Charter School Account in the Economic Development Fund into an account established for funding of the mentoring initiative.