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GCRA Business Improvement Grant Update (NB)

At the City Commission's July 15, 2021 meeting the Historic Masonic Gainesville, LLC Business Improvement Grant program application and associated backup were presented for consideration. This application met the program requirements, and staff recommended approval of the application. The City Commission had concerns and wished to speak to the applicant, who was originally present to speak. But after changes to the Agenda the applicant had to leave prior to the item being heard.

City Commissioner Reina Saco motioned that the item be continued at the August 5th meeting where the applicant can be present and answer questions. Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos seconded the motion, and it passed 4-3 with Commissioners Gail Johnson, Desmon Duncan-Walker, and Harvey Ward voting against.

Per the City Commission's request, the Grant application was brought back to the August 5, 2021, meeting and the presentation and backup were updated to address City Commissioner's expressed concerns and provide more context as to the applicant's request. The City Commission approved a grant not to exceed \$85,000 as opposed to the recommended amount. The City Commission also asked that the GCRA look at program guidelines and intentions in regards to Historic commercial properties.