



**City Commission Workshop**  
**MINUTES**

**January 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park**  
**1500 NW 45th Avenue**  
**Gainesville, FL 32605**

Members Absent: Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Mayor Pro Tem Eastman, James Ingle, Mayor Ward, Commissioner Willits

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

**B. INVOCATION**

Pastor Gerard Duncan, Prayers by Faith Outreach Ministries

**C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by** Commissioner Chestnut

**Seconded by** Mayor Pro Tem Eastman

**Motion: The City Commission adopt the regular and consent agenda.**

Aye (5): Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro Tem Eastman, James Ingle, and Mayor Ward

Absent (2): Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Willits

Approved (5 to 0)

**D. REMARKS FROM MAYOR WARD**

**E. KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, introduced the keynote speaker.

Honorable Oliver G. Gilbert III gave the keynote address.

Commissioner Willits joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Commissioner Duncan-Walker joined the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Recess: 12:04 p.m.

**F. LUNCH BREAK**

Reconvene: 1:00 p.m.

**G. FY 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN REFRESH - ADOPTED APRIL 18, 2024 (B) - NO DISCUSSION**

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, gave an overview of the current strategic plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Eastman - requested a review of the strategic plan.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, mentioned that this review will happen late February/March at a fiscal retreat.

**H. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. 2025-61 City Commission Rules Update (B)**

Kristen Bryant, City Clerk, spoke to the proposed update to the timeline for agenda items.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, spoke to the agenda process.

Dan Nee, City Attorney, spoke to the item as it relates to Rule 5 and 10 to the City Commission Rules.

Cintya Ramos, spoke to the agenda process.

**Recommendation:** Discuss the updates to the agenda processes and timelines.

Heard

**2. 2025-62 City Commission Priorities (NB)**

The City Commission discussed their priorities for the upcoming year.

**Recommendation:** Discuss the City Commission priorities.

Discussed

**I. MEMBER COMMENT**

Mayor Ward - RTS Route 25, there is still service via Route 26 five days per week.

Commissioner Willits - spoke to the Mayor's comment mentioning the challenges of budgeting with GRU.

Mayor Pro Tem Eastman - echoed the comments.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

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Kristen J. Bryant, City Clerk