



**General Policy Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

**October 13, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Room 16**  
**200 East University Ave**  
**Gainesville, FL 32601**

Members Present: Mayor Poe, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco

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**A. CALL TO ORDER - 1:03 PM**

The meeting was called to order at

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by** Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco

**Seconded by** Commissioner Hayes-Santos

Aye (5): Mayor Poe, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Chestnut, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco

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

Approved (5 to 0)

**D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**E. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**E.1 Proposed Fair Chance Hiring Addition to Chapter 14.5 titled "Miscellaneous Business Regulations" of the City Code of Ordinances, adding Article IX "Fair Chance Hiring" 2022-617 (B)**

Dan Nee, Interim City Attorney spoke to the Item.

Zeriah Folston, Interim Director of Diversity and Inclusion spoke to the item.

Cynthia Curry, Interim City Manager spoke to the item.

Commissioner Ward arrived at 1:07 PM.

Public Comment: Max Tipping, Kevin Scott, Leigh Scott, Danielle Changes, Sheila Payne, Tequila McKnight, Jon DeCarmine, Vicki Gervickas

**Moved by** Commissioner Arreola

**Seconded by** Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**Motion: Bring back ordinance on first reading with modifications: 1) Minor language - re: applicable City Code and State Statutes; 2) Keep labor force (employee threshold) at 15; 3) Strike voluntary compliance; 4) Define arrests and criminal accusation in 14.5 - 180; and 5) Add that employers retain discretion whether an employee is suitable for job based on their criteria.**

**Recommendation:** The General Policy Committee decide whether to move forward with a Fair Chance Hiring Ordinance. Decide what/if any revisions to the draft ordinance need to be made.

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

Absent (1): Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Approved (6 to 0)

## **E.2 Providing No-Cost Sanitary Products in Municipal Bathrooms 2022-579 (B)**

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco introduced Morgan Spicer, Policy Oversight Administrator.

Public Comment: Gracia Fernandez

**Moved by** Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco

**Seconded by** Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**Motion: Staff implement program to offer free sanitary products in all public restrooms.**

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

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

Absent (1): Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Approved (6 to 0)

**E.3 Affordable Housing Work Plan and Inclusionary Zoning Update 2022-625 (B)**

Cynthia Curry, Interim City Manager spoke to the item.

Corey Harris, Housing and Community Development Director spoke to the item.

Juan Castillo, Planner gave a presentation.

Andrew Persons, Advisor to Charter Officer spoke to the item.

Public Comment: Tana Silva, Kali Blount

**Moved by** Commissioner Arreola

**Seconded by** Commissioner Hayes-Santos

**Motion: 1) Increase densities within the U-4 to DT transect zoning districts consistent with the Commissioner's proposal contained in the added backup; 2) Amend the Historic District compatibility criteria to provide flexibility for projects providing the mandatory IZ units built onsite (vs. fee-in-lieu) consistent with the Commissioner's proposal contained in the added backup including waiving the 6 unit per building limit for said projects; 3) Hold additional public workshops and include the AHAC in the public outreach/information effort; 4) Staff to evaluate approach for accounting for additional mandatory fees like valet garbage charged to residents; and 5) Staff to work towards goal of having a second reading of IZ ordinance before the end of the year.**

**Recommendation:** The General Policy Committee review and provide feedback as necessary regarding the Affordable Housing Work Plan update

Aye (4): Mayor Poe, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Commissioner Chestnut

Nay (1): Commissioner Ward

Absent (2): Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco

Approved (4 to 1)

**E.4 Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry Contract Update 2022-645 (NB)**

Cynthia Curry, Interim City Manager introduced.

Jon DeCarmine, Grace Marketplace spoke to the item.

Public Comment: Vien Ginyard, Kali Blount

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Saco left the meeting at 3:52 PM.

**Heard**

The General Policy Committee hear an update on the status of the subrecipient agreements and funding distribution.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tana Silva

**G. MEMBER COMMENT**

Commissioner Chestnut - Downtown Parking - Concerned that Hyatt has reserved valet parking for 10 minutes but it's being used for long-term parking. Other owners feel slighted because they don't have it. Cynthia Curry spoke to the item. No agreements with the City for Hyatt or Hampton Inn, so cones have been confiscated. Andrew Persons, Advisor to Charter Officer spoke to the item.

**H. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**I. ADJOURNMENT - 4:23 PM**

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City Clerk