



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-09

Agenda Date: January 5, 2023

Department: Office of the City Commission

Title: 2023-09 Commissioner Ed Book: Discussion Item – Written Community Input Procedure (B)

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Description: The City Commission will host a retreat on January 13, 2023, and requests that neighbors provide written suggestions for improving community input. All suggestions should be received into the City Clerk's Office no later than January 12, 2023 at noon. Input may be sent via email to clerks@cityofgainesville.org, US Mail to:

City of Gainesville
Office of the City Clerk
PO Box 490, Station 18
Gainesville, FL 32601-0490

or hand delivered during normal business hours.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Explanation:

On April 25, 2019, the General Policy Committee asked staff to research options related to improving Commission meeting efficiency and civility. Specifically, staff was directed to explore (1) the use of comment cards Page 2 City of Gainesville Printed on 8/ 6/19 at 3:53 pm General Policy Committee Meeting Agenda August 8, 2019 during public comment periods, (2) specific language barring personal comments during public comment, (3) alternate methods for obtaining public comment, (4) alternate timing of general public comment, and (5) the use of a digital voting system.

On August 8, 2019 the proposal from the Policy Research Program was approved. The ordinance codifying the proposal was enacted on December 5, 2019.

Strategic Connection:

Goal 1: Equitable Community

Recommendation: The City Commission invite the community to submit written feedback.