



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-09

Agenda Date: February 9, 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: A discussion on community input procedures and potential opportunities for enhancement.

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 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.

A request was made by Commissioner Ed Book to revisit this topic and the Commission approved requesting written input from the community on January 5, 2023.

Strategic Connection:

Goal 1: Equitable Community

Recommendation: The General Policy Committee hear an update from staff and discuss.