



**City Commission Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

**August 3, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
City Hall Auditorium
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601**

Members Present: Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book,
Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro
Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner
Eastman, Commissioner Saco,
Commissioner Willits

A. CALL TO ORDER - 10:00 AM

B. INVOCATION

Bishop Christopher Stokes, New Beginnings Worship Center

C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Willits

Seconded by Commissioner Book

Motion: The City Commission adopt the agenda with modifications.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: The City Commission adopt the agenda with modifications.

**1. Approval of Minutes from the July 20, and July 24, 2023 City
Commission Meetings (B)**

Recommendation: The City Commission approve the minutes from the
July 20, and July 24, 2023 City Commission meetings.

**2. 2023-581 National Endowment for the Arts, Grants for Arts Projects
Local Arts Agencies General Programming Support Application (B)**

Recommendation: The City Commission to 1) approve the request for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) to submit the grant and accept the grant, if awarded, from the National Endowment for the Arts, and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the grant award agreement and other grant-related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

3. 2023-757 4486-058-R Gainesville Regional Utilities, Hogtown Creek Crossing #3, Utility Mitigation Grant Contract # H0958 (NB)

Recommendation: The City Commission accept the grant offered by FDEM and authorize the General Manager or his authorized representative to execute the grant award agreement and other grant related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

4. 2023-758 Joint City Commission/University of Florida Student Senate Meeting (NB)

Recommendation: The City Commission approve a Joint City Commission/University of Florida Student Senate meeting scheduled for September 19, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

E. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

F. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - MORNING

1. 2023-760 Acceptance of an FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant for the Gainesville Regional Airport (B)

Allen Penksa, Director of the Gainesville Regional Airport, gave an update.

Public Comment: Ed Jennings

Moved by Commissioner Eastman

Seconded by Commissioner Book

Recommendation: The City Commission 1) accept the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration grant award of \$6,354,437.00 for the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority, 2) adopt the resolution, and 3) authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to execute and the City Clerk to certify said Grant Agreement.

Motion: Approve as Recommended

Aye (7): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Willits

Approved (7 to 0)

2. 2023-759 Quarterly Housing Update (B)

Corey Harris, Housing and Community Development Director, gave a presentation on the quarterly housing update.

Zeriah Folston, Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion, spoke to the item about how his office is utilized on a consistent basis by the Housing and Community Development Department.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, spoke to the item and will bring back a report on prequalified contractors that are contract ready for owner-occupied rehabilitation projects.

Recommendation: The City Commission hear the quarterly Housing update presentation from the Department of Housing & Community Development.

Heard

3. 2023-773 Gainesville Housing Authority Progress Update (B)

Pamela Davis, Chief Executive Officer, Gainesville Housing Authority (GHA), gave a presentation on the updates at GHA. Redevelopment is their best tool to modernize properties.

Malcolm Kiner, Chief Operating Officer, GHA, gave a presentation on the funding, demolition, and building of housing units.

Recommendation: The City Commission hear a presentation and take action deemed appropriate.

Heard

G. RESOLUTIONS – MORNING (Roll Call Required)

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Break

H. CALL TO ORDER – 1:00 PM

I. GAINESVILLE HISTORY MOMENT

Ms. Donna Waller

J. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

K. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Tana Silva, Jim Konish

L. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - AFTERNOON

1. 2023-625 Adoption of the 2023/24 to 2027/28 Consolidated Plan and the 2023/24 Annual Action Plan (B)

Vian Cockerham-Guinyard, Housing and Community Development Supervisor, gave a presentation on the program year 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan.

Corey Harris, Housing and Community Development Director, spoke to the item as it relates to the State Housing Initiatives Program.

Moved by Commissioner Book

Seconded by Commissioner Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from Housing and Community Development staff and the CACCD on the 2023/24 to 2027/28 Consolidated Plan and 2023/24 Annual Action Plan; 2) approve and adopt the 2023/24 to 2027/28 Consolidated Plan and the 2023/24 Annual Action Plan; 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to submit the 2023/24 to 2027/28 Consolidated Plan and 2023/24 Annual Action Plan to HUD; 4) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all necessary documents required for the 2023/24 to 2027/28 Consolidated Plan and 2023/24 Annual Action Plan; 5) authorize the City Manager or designee to take actions, as appropriate, to allocate the FY 2023/24 CDBG and HOME Program funds; and 6) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute sub-recipient agreements with those outside agencies that are designated to receive FY 2023/24 CDBG and HOME funding, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Motion: Approve as Recommended.

Aye (7): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Willits

Approved (7 to 0)

2. 2023-755 Appointments to the City Plan Board, and Gainesville Human Rights Board (B)

Dr. Robert Mermer spoke to his application to the City Plan Board.

Moved by Commissioner Willits

Seconded by Commissioner Saco

Motion: Appoint Dr. Robert Mermer to the City Plan Board.

Aye (7): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Willits

Approved (7 to 0)

Recommendation: The City Commission discuss the appointments to the City Plan Board, and Gainesville Human Rights Board and take appropriate action.

Appoint: TehQuin Forbes, Tyler Mayo-Frey and Jonathan Stephens to the Gainesville Human Rights Board for terms ending 2/22/2026.

Aye (7): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Willits

Approved (7 to 0)

3. 2023-756 Advisory Board Appointment Process (B)

Morgan Spicer, Policy Oversight Administrator, gave a presentation on the board appointment process in a variety of jurisdictions.

Moved by Commissioner Chestnut

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker

Recommendation: The City Commission hear a presentation from staff and discuss.

Motion: Amend the city advisory board application process, 1) Include rolling application process, 2) Applications will be held for a period of twelve (12) months, and 3) an automatic email will be sent to applicants advising of openings.

Aye (7): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Willits

Approved (7 to 0)

M. RESOLUTIONS - AFTERNOON (Roll Call Required)

N. ORDINANCES: ADOPTION READING - AFTERNOON (Roll Call Required)

O. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING - AFTERNOON (Roll Call Required)

1. 2023-420 Ordinance Amending the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Procedures (B)

Moved by Commissioner Willits

Seconded by Commissioner Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Motion: Approve as Recommended.

Aye (7): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Willits

Approved (7 to 0)

2. 2023-536 - Quasi-Judicial - LD23-000009 Rezoning Gainesville Car Delivery Center (B)

Jose Lopez, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., spoke to the item.

Moved by Commissioner Eastman

Seconded by Commissioner Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Motion: Approve as Recommended.

Aye (7): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Willits

Approved (7 to 0)

P. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - AFTERNOON (Roll Call Required)

Q. COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Eastman - Expand transparency guidelines for city advisory boards to ensure accountability.

Commissioner Saco - Eliminate sixty (60) day requirement for quasi-judicial boards.

Commissioner Book - North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, cost benefits for not being a member, invite Mr. Koons, on next agenda for 8/17. Andrew Persons, Special Advisor to the City Manager, mentioned the city has been in and out of membership with the organization historically.

Commissioner Willits - In light of the Prevent Gun Violence Summit, acknowledges the loss of two lives from a shooting on University Avenue over the weekend.

Mayor Ward - Echoes Commissioner Willits' sentiments, and commended the officers who were able to apprehend the suspect.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker - Inquired about mental health care for first responders; Cynthia Curry, City Manager, responded that Gainesville Fire Rescue has a written protocol on mental health; there is a strong relationship between the local ministers and Gainesville Police Department. Assistant Chief Moya, Gainesville Police Department, spoke about the Critical Incidence Response Team available to officers.

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Willits

Motion: 1) Direct City attorney to draft an ordinance to remove sixty (60) day wait period for appointments to quasi-judicial boards, and 2) waive the wait period for anyone appointed in last 2 months.

Aye (7): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Willits

Approved (7 to 0)

4:30 - 5:30 PM Dinner Break

- R. CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM**
- S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- T. PROCLAMATIONS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**
- U. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**
- V. RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**
- W. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - EVENING**

1. 2023-776 Gun Violence Prevention Summit General Information Overview – Choose Peace: Gun Violence Must Cease (B)

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, introduced the item.

Yvette Carter, Government Affairs and Community Relations Director, gave a presentation on the schedule of the two-day programmed event.

Jennifer Smart, Communications and Marketing Director, spoke to the item.

Recommendation: The City Commission receive the presentation that provides an overview of the two-day schedule and programmed events that comprise the Gun Violence Prevention Summit – Choose Peace: Gun Violence Must Cease.

Heard

2. 2023-598 Advisory Board and Committee Reports (B)

Norb Dunkle, Chair, Police Advisory Council, presented the 2022-2023 annual report.

Fareed Johnson, Member, Police Advisory Council, spoke to the item.

Recommendation: The City Commission hear a presentation and take action deemed necessary.

- X. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Planning Petitions)**
- Y. ORDINANCES: ADOPTION READING - EVENING (Roll Call Required)**
- Z. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING - EVENING (Roll Call Required)**
- AA. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - EVENING (Roll Call Required)**
- AB. COMMISSION COMMENT**

Mayor Ward - Cynthia Curry, City Manager, introduced mental health support for community builders. Laura Graetz, Human Resources Director, spoke to the item giving specifics on mental health resources available to city staff.

- AC. ADJOURNMENT - 10:00 PM OR EARLIER**

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Kristen J. Bryant, Interim City Clerk