



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number:** 2023-976

**Agenda Date:** October 19, 2023

**Department:** City Manager

**Title:** 2023-976 Chief Jones Day (B)

**Department:** Office of the City Manager

**Description:** A proclamation honoring the life and work of former Gainesville Police Chief Tony Jones upon the occasion of his retirement from the City of Gainesville.

**Fiscal Note:** This item has no fiscal impact.

**Explanation:** Chief Tony Jones is concluding a law enforcement career that began when he was a police explorer with the public school system and has spanned half a decade. He has served the Gainesville Police Department as a cadet, officer, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and Chief of Police.

In partnership with Richard Baxter and Rosa Williams, Chief Jones founded the Reichert House Youth Academy for boys in 1987, supporting young people in need of mentorship and guidance.

In 2022, Chief Jones was appointed as Acting Chief Operating Officer for General Government and served in that capacity through July 2022, when he was then appointed Special Advisor to the City Manager for Juvenile Justice and Community Support Programs.

This proclamation is in recognition of his remarkable achievements and contributions to the City of Gainesville throughout his lifetime of public service.

**Strategic Connection:**

- ☒ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☒ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience

- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

**Recommendation:** Chief Tony Jones to receive the proclamation.