



City Commission Special Meeting

MINUTES

October 9, 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

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Motion: The City Commission adopt the modified agenda correcting a scrivener's error in item 2023-994, adding "2)" for the second part of the recommendation.

Aye (6): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, and Commissioner Willits

Absent (1): Commissioner Saco

Approved (6 to 0)

C. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2023-994 State Auditor General Audit Operational Audit Report #2022-087 Finding #8 for Reichert House Youth Academy Program (B)

Commissioner Saco joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Dan Nee, City Attorney, introduced the item. The 3rd recommendation referencing the 8th preliminary finding was updated by the State Auditor General to Corrected.

Brecka Anderson, Interim City Auditor, spoke to the item.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, spoke to the item.

Moved by Commissioner Eastman

Seconded by Commissioner Saco

Recommendation: The City Commission 1) acknowledge receipt of the City Attorney's memorandum dated October 3, 2023; 2) decline to expend further resources related to past records of non-city entities that purportedly acted in support of Reichert House; and 3) request the State Auditor General to consider Finding 8 of the Preliminary & Tentative Findings resolved as "no occasion to correct," similar to the other Reichert House related findings.

Motion: Approve recommendations 1) and 2).

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

Approved (7 to 0)

D. MEMBER COMMENT

Mayor Ward - Introduced Brecka Anderson, Interim City Auditor, who spoke to the preliminary findings of the State Auditor General. Reported 8 corrected, 4 no occasion to correct, and 6 partially corrected. Xiuchun Wang, Director of Finance, spoke to the item regarding the city's response to the preliminary report; and Cynthia Curry, City Manager, reviewed all findings of the preliminary State Auditor General report.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Kristen J. Bryant, Interim City Clerk