



**City Commission Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

**November 2, 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 10:00 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

Dr. Saeed Khan

C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA UPDATES:

2023-1082 Ratification of Agreement between the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 2157, District Chiefs Bargaining Unit and the City of Gainesville for October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 (B), Added Item, Explanation: Requested by the City Manager's Office

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Motion: The City Commission adopt the modified regular and consent agenda.

Aye (6): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Eastman, Commissioner Saco, and Commissioner Willits

Absent (1): Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker

Approved (6 to 0)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Motion: The City Commission adopt the modified regular and consent agenda.

Approved On Consent

1. Approval of Minutes from the City Commission Meeting of October 19, 2023

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission approve the minutes from the October 19, 2023 meeting.

Approved On Consent

2. 2023-1004 Resignation of Craig Carter from the Gainesville Housing Authority Board (B)

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission accept the resignation of Craig Carter, effective immediately.

Approved On Consent

3. 2023-1014 Florida Park Berm Construction Task Assignment (B)

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to enter into a Task Assignment with TSI Disaster Recovery, LLC, in the amount of \$950,000 for the Florida Park Berm project, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved On Consent

4. 2023-1036 Continuation of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc., D/B/A Florida Blue (B)

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) authorize continuing the Administrative Services and Stop Loss Contracts between the City of Gainesville and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc., D/B/A Florida Blue for one (1) additional year; and 2) authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the contract extension subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved On Consent

5. 2023-1039 Request for Proposal Award Recommendation to AssetWorks, Inc. for Maintenance Management System (B)

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) approve the Request for Proposal for Maintenance Management System rankings, 2) award the Request for Proposal to AssetWorks, Inc. for an amount of \$286,640 for the next five years, and 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute a contract with the top ranked firm, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved On Consent

6. 2023-1040 Third Amendment to Master Services Agreement with the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the City of Gainesville (B)

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the Third Amendment to the Master Services Agreement with the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the City of Gainesville for Regional Transit System, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved On Consent

7. 2023-1082 Ratification of Agreement between the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 2157, District Chiefs Bargaining Unit and the City of Gainesville for October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 (B)

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission ratify the Agreement between the IAFF, Local 2157, District Chiefs Bargaining Unit and the City of Gainesville, extending the Agreement through September 30, 2026.

Approved On Consent

E. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Kali Blount - #2023-1034

F. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - MORNING

1. 2023-1034 Quarterly Housing Update (B)

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

Andrew Persons, Chief Operating Officer, spoke to the item saying zoning for the Heartwood subdivision is multifamily, and lot sizes vary but are under a quarter of an acre.

Forrest Eddleton, Director of Sustainable Development, gave a presentation on the GIS Interactive Map for affordable housing. The map will eventually be available on the city website.

Mayor Ward requests the consultant for the Gainesville Housing Authority to give a presentation to the City Commission.

Reginald Hayes, Geographic Information Systems Specialist, spoke to the item about the demonstration of the interactive map.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, spoke to the item clarifying that the city has committed \$18.4 Million to housing.

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

Heard

2. 2023-1051 Gainesville Police Department FY23 4th Quarter Report (B)

Lonnie Scott, Sr., Chief of Police, Gainesville Police Department, gave a presentation on the department's 4th Quarter Report.

Jaime Kurnick, Chief Inspector, gave a presentation on the peer city crime rate data and how Gainesville compares; also presented the Pre Arrest Diversion Program data.

Commissioner Saco requests the peer city data be presented with per capita information in the future.

Commissioner Chestnut requests it be clarified in the presentation why these cities were selected.

Charlie Ward, Police Lieutenant, gave a presentation on Police District I.

Victoria Young, Police Captain, gave a presentation on Police District II.

Paris Owens, Police Captain, gave a presentation on Criminal Investigations.

Lynne Valdes, Police Sergeant, gave a presentation on Major Traffic Crashes.

Lisa Scott, Police Lieutenant, gave a presentation on the GPD/Meridian Co-Responder Team.

Nelson Moya, Assistant Police Chief, gave a presentation on the Gun Violence Initiative.

Officer Diamond Smith, Program Director, gave a presentation on the Brave Overt Leaders of Distinction (BOLD) program.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker requested GPD to reach out to the Porters Quarters neighborhood.

Recommendation: The City Commission receive the GPD quarterly update.

Heard

G. RESOLUTIONS – MORNING (Roll Call Required)

Meeting recessed at 12:29 p.m.

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Break

H. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. PROCLAMATIONS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

1. 2023-1058 The 100th Anniversary of Gainesville Fine Arts Association (B)

Recommendation: To be presented to Susan Fulford, President.

Heard

2. Employee Recognition Presentation

Recommendation: The City Commission hear a presentation of employee recognitions.

Heard

J. GAINESVILLE HISTORY MOMENT

No history moment at this meeting.

K. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

L. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Konish, Kali Blount, Tana Silva, Paula Stahmer, Johnny Law, Elizabeth Hurst

M. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - AFTERNOON

N. RESOLUTIONS - AFTERNOON (Roll Call Required)

1. 2023-1033 Hazard Mitigation Grant for Mason Manor Buyout (B)

Brian Singleton, Director of Public Works, spoke to the item about the resolution to enter into the grant agreement for the Mason Manor buyout.

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker

Recommendation: 1) City Commission adopt the proposed Resolution and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all agreements, and any other necessary documents, on or behalf of the City, with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Mason Manor buyout, 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)

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

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

1. 2023-278 Voluntary Annexation – 2.296 Acres of Privately-Owned Property Generally Located on the Northwest Corner of the Intersection of SW 13th Street and SW Williston Road (B)

Moved by Commissioner Willits

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

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)

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

R. COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Chestnut - Asked for clarification about the joint meeting with the Children’s Trust of Alachua County scheduled for November 6, 2023.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duncan-Walker - With the resignation of a GHA member, is hopeful for board diversity with relevant background. Agenda Item composition of board for future General Policy Committee meeting.

Commissioner Book - The morning of December 16, 2023, Gainesville Downtown Refresh.

Commissioner Eastman - The Chair of the GRU Authority spoke to him wanting a joint meeting with the City Commission possibly in the future.

Commission Willits - How to ask GRU questions and get data? As a GRU ratepayer.

Mayor Ward - Mentioned loose ends needing to be cleaned up in the open container ordinance to 1) within the ACE Districts ban open container within publicly-owned parking lots (specifically City, County, State owned lots); and 2) Depot Park and Bo Diddly Plaza effective January 1, 2024. Andrew Persons, Chief Operating Officer, spoke to the item clarifying the terms of the open container ordinance that passed.

Set a Special Meeting on December 14, 2023 to allow for Second Reading on the ordinances affected by the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Willits

Motion: 1) Direct staff to bring back the ordinance to the December 7, 2023 specifying: 2) within the Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Districts ban open container within publicly owned parking lots, specifically City, County, and State owned parking lots; and 3) include the full properties of Depot Park and Bo Diddly Plaza effective January 1, 2024; 4) Set a Special

Meeting on December 14, 2023 to allow for Second Reading on the ordinances affected by the motion.

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

Approved (7 to 0)

S. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Kristen J. Bryant, Interim City Clerk