



**City Commission Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

**January 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
City Hall Auditorium
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601**

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Consent Agenda Updates

2024-95 Resignations from Nature Centers Commission and Police Advisory Council (B) Explanation: requested by City Clerk

Regular Agenda Updates

2024-87 CFE Emergency Financial Empowerment Grant Application (B) Explanation: item removed at request of City Manager

2024-99 Revenue Projections Amid Potential Uncertainties (NB) Explanation: requested by Mayor Ward

Moved by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Motion: The City Commission adopt the modified agenda.

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

Approved (7 to 0)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Motion: The City Commission adopt the modified agenda.

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

Approved On Consent (7 to 0)

1. Approval of Minutes from the January 4 2024 Meeting (B)

Moved by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission approve the minutes from the January 4, 2024 City Commission Meeting.

Approved On Consent

2. 2024-47 Use of Federal Forfeiture Funds for Public Safety Equipment (NB)

Moved by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission approve the requested use of Federal Forfeiture Funds in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the purchase of equipment for public safety purposes.

Approved On Consent

3. 2024-51 Flock Group, Inc. and City of Gainesville Master Services Agreement (B)

Moved by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Manager and/or designee to proceed with entering into the master services agreement with Flock Group, Inc., totaling \$125,000.00 and execute the master services agreement, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved On Consent

4. 2024-52 National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc. (NPAL) FY23-24 National Youth Mentoring Grant Application (B)

Moved by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) approve the Gainesville Police Department's submission of an application for the National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc. (NPAL) FY23-24 National Youth Mentoring Grant; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to accept the grant if awarded; and 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the Funding Request form, and any other necessary documents, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality for the grant application.

Approved On Consent

5. 2024-75 COG Regional Transit System (RTS) 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Annual Safety Certification (B)

Moved by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) review and adopt the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP); and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the PTASP Annual Safety Certification and Adoption.

Approved On Consent

6. 2024-78 Andrea Moore v. City of Gainesville (NB)

Moved by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Attorney to enter into a settlement agreement to resolve the claim of Andrea Moore, arising from an incident that occurred on or about July 6, 2022 when Moore allegedly tripped and fell on raised or uneven bricks.

Approved On Consent

7. 2024-81 City Clerk Employment Agreement (B)

Moved by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission approve the employment agreement of Kristen Bryant.

Approved On Consent

8. 2024-95 Resignations from Nature Centers Commission and Police Advisory Council (B)

Moved by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission accept the resignations of Hermudananto, Brad Freeman, and Kali Blount, effective immediately.

Approved On Consent

E. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - MORNING

1. 2024-44 Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Project Update (B)

Rick Smith, GCRA Director, gave a presentation.

Recommendation: The City Commission hear the GCRA update.

Heard

F. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Michael Palmer spoke to item 2024-48.

G. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - MORNING

1. 2024-48 Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Downtown Gainesville Strategic Plan and Budget Update (B)

Rick Smith, GCRA Director gave a presentation.

Public Comment: Michael Palmer, Jamie Swick, Liz Fetty, Linda McGurn, Sara Puyana.

Recommendation: 1) The City Commission review and approve staff’s recommended plan to support the implementation of the Downtown Gainesville Strategic Plan, and 2) approve the proposed GCRA budget adjustments to fund the Downtown Strategic Plan through FY 2029.

Moved by Commissioner Eastman

Seconded by Commissioner Book

Motion: Approve as Recommended.

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

Approved (7 to 0)

Recess -11:37 a.m.

H. RESOLUTIONS – MORNING (Roll Call Required)

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Break

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

J. GAINESVILLE HISTORY MOMENT

Ms. Donna Waller

K. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment:

Jim Konish spoke to item 2024-99.

Jo Beaty spoke to item 2024-99.

L. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment: Roy Washington, Johnny Law, Jo Beaty, Bruce Frendahl, Armando Grundy Gomes, Jim Konish

M. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - AFTERNOON

1. 2024-49 Airport Master Plan Update (B)

Rick Smith, GCRA Director, gave a presentation.

Sean McLendon, Economic Development & Food Systems Manager, Sustainability, Equity & Economic Development Strategies Office spoke to the item.

Recommendation: City Commission receive an update on the Airport Gateway Phase I Analysis.

Heard

2. 2024-38 Appointments to the Development Review Board and Human Rights Board (B)

Patrick Miller, candidate, spoke to candidacy for the Development Review Board.

Joaquin Rafaele Marcelino, candidate, spoke to candidacy for the Development Review Board.

Richard K. Blount, candidate, spoke to candidacy for the Human Rights Board.

Moved by Commissioner Willits

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission discuss the appointments to the Development Review Board and the Human Rights Board and take appropriate action.

Motion: 1) Appoint Joaquin Marcelino to the Gainesville Human Rights Board for one term expiring February 22, 2025; and 2) appoint Patrick Miller to the Gainesville Human Rights Board for one term expiring February 22, 2027

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

Absent (1): Commissioner Saco

Approved (6 to 0)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Motion: Approve Kali Richard Blount to the Development Review Board for one term expiring November 1, 2026.

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

Absent (1): Commissioner Saco

Approved (6 to 0)

3. 2024-99 Revenue Projections Amid Potential Uncertainties (NB)

Daniel Nee, City Attorney, spoke to the item.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, spoke to the item.

Steve Varvel, Director of Risk Management and Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, spoke to the item.

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

Zeriah Folston, Director of Equity and Inclusion, spoke to the item.

Morgan Spicer, Policy Oversight Administrator, spoke to the item.

Recommendation: The City Commission discuss and take any action deemed necessary.

Heard

N. RESOLUTIONS - AFTERNOON (Roll Call Required)

1. 2024-08 Resolution for Public Transit Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation (B)

Jesus Gomez, Director of Transportation spoke to the item.

Commissioner Duncan-Walker left the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Commissioner Eastman left the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Willits

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Motion: Approve as Recommended.

Aye (4): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut, and Commissioner Willits

Absent (3): Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, and Commissioner Saco

Approved (4 to 0)

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

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

1. 2023-615 Quasi-Judicial - Magnolia Parke Planned Development Amendment (B)

Commissioner Eastman arrived at 2:47 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Book

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Motion: Approve as Recommended.

Aye (5): Mayor Ward, Commissioner Book, Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut, Commissioner Eastman, and Commissioner Willits

Absent (2): Commissioner Duncan-Walker, and Commissioner Saco

Approved (5 to 0)

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

R. COMMISSION COMMENT

Mayor Ward spoke about his attendance at the opening of the Miller Electric Offices.

Commissioner Willits spoke about the Human Rights Board having a full member seating, and the opening of a new sandwich shop in the Hyatt Hotel.

Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut inquired about congratulatory certificates to new businesses that open within the city.

Recess - 3:12 p.m.

4:30 - 5:30 PM Dinner Break

S. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

T. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cub Scout Pack 71

U. COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Duncan Walker spoke to the City Attorney's charter evaluation.

V. PROCLAMATIONS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

1. 2024-71 Small Business Mentoring Initiative (B)

Zeriah Folston, Director of Equity and Inclusion, introduced the special recognition.

Recommendation: To be presented to Mentees.

Heard

W. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

X. RESOLUTIONS - EVENING (Roll Call Required)

Y. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - EVENING

1. 2024-12 Advisory Board and Committee Reports (B)

Leslie Ladendorf, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs introduced the item.

Phimetto Lewis, Planner III, spoke to the item.

Marylin Prado, Chair of the Nature Center Commission spoke to the item.

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

Heard

Z. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Planning Petitions)

AA. ORDINANCES: ADOPTION READING - EVENING (Roll Call Required)

AB. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING - EVENING (Roll Call Required)

AC. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - EVENING (Roll Call Required)

AD. COMMISSION COMMENT

Mayor Ward thanked GPD for their work at City Hall.

AE. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Kristen J. Bryant, City Clerk