



**City Commission Special Meeting
MINUTES**

**June 18, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
City Hall Auditorium
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601**

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Eastman
Seconded by Commissioner Saco

Motion: The City Commission adopt the agenda.

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

Absent (1): Commissioner Willits

Approved (6 to 0)

C. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING - (Roll Call Required)

- 2024-448 Proposed Charter Amendment Regarding the City of Gainesville's Local Public Utilities (Gainesville Regional Utilities) Governance (B)**

Dan Nee, City Attorney, gave an overview of the item.

Commissioner Willits joined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Public Comment: Jim Konish, David Ruiz, Donald Shepherd, Chuck Ross, Billy Rohan, Robert Hutchinson, Dr. Jeffery Shapiro, Jay Rosenbek, Dr. Bobby Mermer, Susan Bottcher, Mike Perkins, Tyler Foerst, Jennifer Powell

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Motion: Approve as recommended on second reading.

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

Approved (7 to 0)

D. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2024-405 FY 2025 Budget Development Update (B)

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, introduced the item.

Steve Varvel, Office of Management and Budget Director, gave a presentation on the GRU plan that was developed pursuant to the State Auditor General's findings and the Flow of Funds.

Cintya Ramos, Chief of Staff, gave a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Development Update.

Rick Smith, Director of Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area (GCRA), spoke to the program and service impacts of the budget cuts.

Corey Harris, Housing and Community Development Director, spoke to the program and service impacts of the budget cuts.

Forrest Eddleton, Director of Sustainable Development, spoke to the program and service impacts of the budget cuts.

Andrew Persons, Chief Operating Officer, spoke to the program and service impacts of the budget cuts.

Jesus Gomez, Director of Transportation, gave clarification on the bus system ridership and that the University of Florida does not pay for holiday service.

Commissioner Book requests information on micromodal and rideshare analysis.

Commissioner Book left the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Brian Singleton, Director of Public Works, spoke to the tree mitigation fund.

Phil Mann, Special Advisor to the City Manager, clarified the timeline for the envelope study for the Wilhelmina Johnson Resource Center.

Roxy Gonzalez, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, spoke to the item.

Erin Provazek, Senior Manager, Berry, Dunn, McNeil and Parker, gave a presentation on their assessment of the Information Technology service level agreement.

Recess: 3:43 p.m.

Reconvene: 3:55 p.m.

Commissioner Saco did not return from recess.

Public Comment: Jim Konish

Recommendation: The City Commission hear the presentation from staff and provide direction as needed.

Heard

E. MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Willits - mentioned having the utmost respect for the professionalism and dignity of Tony Cunningham as CEO/GM.

Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut - echoed Commissioner Willits' comments.

Commissioner Duncan-Walker - also gave comments of thanks for service to Tony Cunningham.

Mayor Ward - gave thanks to CEO/GM for his years of service to Tony Cunningham; and mentioned that regardless of the changes, the City of Gainesville is committed to providing high-quality services.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Kristen J. Bryant, City Clerk