



**City Commission Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

**September 5, 2024, 10:00 a.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 10:01 a.m.

B. INVOCATION

Pastor Chipper Flaniken, City Church of Gainesville

C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA UPDATES:

2024-673 Policy C-4 Compensation to Employees for Hours Worked During Incident Response Removed Item Explanation: Removed by the City Manager

2024-690 Participation in Florida Department of Law Enforcement FY24-25 Performance Protocol Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment & Retention Program Grant Award for the Gainesville Police Department New Item Explanation: Requested by the City Manager

REGULAR AGENDA UPDATES:

2023-523 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Quarterly Update New Item Explanation: Requested by the City Manager

2024-628 Mayor Appointments to the Gainesville Housing Authority Board, moved from Consent Agenda, Requested by: Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

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

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. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

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

Approved On Consent

1. Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2024 City Commission Meeting (B)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission approve the minutes from the August 15, 2024 meeting.

Approved On Consent

2. 2024-556 Informational Item: Upcoming City Events List (NB)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission receive the informational list.

Approved On Consent

3. 2024-639 Request for Proposal Award for Historical Buildings Professional Services (B)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: City Commission 1) approve the rankings for Request for Proposals #PWDA-200039-WB – Historical Buildings Professional Services as specified in the explanation; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to initiate contract negotiations with the two highest ranked vendors; if negotiations fail with either vendor, initiate contract negotiations with the sequent ranked vendors until terms are met with two vendors; and 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an agreement with two vendors in the amount of \$10 million each for Professional Services for Historical Buildings, subject to approval of the City Attorney or designee as to form and legality.

Approved On Consent

4. 2024-641 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award (B)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager or their designee to accept the award for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security AFG Program not to exceed \$115,354.18 for protective gear; 2) approve 10% matching non-Federal funds from the City's General Fund not to exceed \$11,535.42; and 3) to execute necessary documents subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved On Consent

5. 2024-643 Cheryl Horen v. City of Gainesville; Case No. 2023-CA-1107 (NB)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission 1) approve the terms of the settlement; and 2) authorize the City Attorney settle the claim of *Cheryl*

Horen v. City of Gainesville; Case No. 2023-CA-1107; Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Alachua County, Florida.

Approved On Consent

6. 2024-647 Continuation of Vehicle Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management Trust (B)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) approve the continuation of the Gainesville Police Department’s participation in the “Master Walkaway Lease Agreement”, 2) approve the extension of the waiver of the competitive bid process for GPD’s leased vehicles through March 29, 2026 and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved On Consent

7. 2024-649 Charlotte Stone v. City of Gainesville; Case No. 2023-CA-1459 20240905 (NB)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission 1) approve the terms of the settlement; and 2) authorize the City Attorney settle the claim of *Charlotte Stone v. City of Gainesville*; Case No. 2023-CA-1459; Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Alachua County, Florida.

Approved On Consent

8. 2024-664 Purchase Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for TASERS (B)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) Approve entering into a sole source contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. with a total five-year project amount of \$1,429,194.60 for the purchase of TASERS; and, 2) Authorize

the City Manager and/or designee to execute the contract and additional documents as may be required, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved On Consent

9. 2024-690 Participation in Florida Department of Law Enforcement FY24-25 Performance Protocol Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment & Retention Program Grant Award for the Gainesville Police Department (B)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) approve the Gainesville Police Department’s participation in receiving services provided by Performance Protocol as detailed in their “Law Enforcement Staffing Solutions” proposal that was awarded funding from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement FY24-25 Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment & Retention Program Grant; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the “FY 24-25 State Financial Assistance Form Attestation of Services” form; and 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an Addendum to the “Master Subscription Agreement: Master Service Agreement Terms and Conditions”, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved On Consent

E. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

F. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - MORNING

1. 2024-635 Quarterly Housing Update (B)

Corey Harris, Housing and Community Development Director, gave an overview of the item and a presentation on the Quarterly Housing Update.

Steven Lachnicht, Housing and Community Development Manager, gave a presentation on the Quarterly Housing Update.

Malcolm Kiner, Chief Operating Officer, Gainesville Housing Authority, spoke to the item and reported 96 housing units have been built in 2023, 78 units were demolished, and 140 units are planned to be built.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, spoke to the item.

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

Heard

2. 2024-669 Extension of Services Agreement for the Provision of Homeless Services by the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2025 (B)

Phil Mann, Special Advisor to the City Manager, gave an overview of the item on the Extension of Services Agreement for the Provision of Homeless Services by the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2025.

Jon DeCarmine, Executive Director, Grace Marketplace, spoke to the item giving more detail to the plan for the upcoming year.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, spoke to the item about additional funding for Grace Marketplace which will be discussed in the item 2023-523.

Sean McDermott, Senior Assistant City Attorney, spoke to the item regarding jurisprudence and legislation about municipalities removing houseless persons from public rights-of-way.

Public Comment: Dewayne Bains

Moved by Commissioner Eastman

Seconded by Commissioner Saco

Recommendation: The City Commission approve the Extension of Services Agreement for the Provision of Homeless Services by the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc. and authorize the City Manager and/or designee to execute the contract and additional documents as may be required, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Motion: Approve as Recommended.

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

Approved (7 to 0)

3. 2023-523 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Quarterly Update (B)

Cintya Ramos, Executive Chief of Staff for the City Manager, gave a presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Quarterly Update.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, spoke to the item giving clarity to the recommendation from staff.

Public Comment: Dewayne Baines

Moved by Commissioner Saco

Seconded by Commissioner Willits

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) Decrease the budget of Aid to Nonprofit Organizations project from \$6,961,322.19 to \$6,162,389.12 and move the remaining funding of \$798,933.07 to the core ARPA unallocated budget line currently budgeted at \$974,827.75; 2) Allocate \$1.6 million to a new project titled GRACE Marketplace Provision of Homeless Services for FY25 in the core ARPA category; 3) Set-aside \$1.5 million in the FY25 Proposed Budget in the General Fund for Affordable Housing programming in Non-Departmental; and 4) Allocate an additional \$173,760.82 for Gun Violence Prevention programming (IMPACT GNV and Youth Steering Committee (ONOP)) in the core ARPA category.

Motion: 1) Approve as recommended, and 2) Direct staff to return to the next meeting with options to allocate \$100,000 to Grace Marketplace.

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

Approved (7 to 0)

4. 2024-628 Mayor Appointments to the Gainesville Housing Authority Board (B)

Malcolm Kiner, Chief Operating Officer, Gainesville Housing Authority, spoke to the item about the makeup of the current board.

Sean McDermott, Senior Attorney, spoke to the item that the City Attorney's Office will bring back term limit information to a future General Policy Committee Meeting.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Eastman

Recommendation: The City Commission affirm the Mayor's appointment of W. Dwaine Bush, Ralph Hilliard, Angela Tharpe for a term expiring August 1, 2028, and Rickeya Williams, Resident Member, for a term expiring August 1, 2026, to the Gainesville Housing Authority Board.

Motion: Approve as Recommended.

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

Nay (1): Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Approved (6 to 1)

G. RESOLUTIONS – MORNING (Roll Call Required)

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Break

H. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Mayor Ward honored Chief Joseph Dixon who will be resigning from Gainesville Fire Rescue.

Cynthia Curry, City Manager, thanked Chief Joseph Dixon for his service to the City of Gainesville.

Chief Joseph Dixon gave comments on his time working at the city.

I. GAINESVILLE HISTORY MOMENT

Mangyne Vivian Filer

J. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: William Rohan, 2024-629

K. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Bana Kabalan, Maya Velesko, Terrence Kaan, Johnny Law, Robert Pitts, Carly Shooster, Myla Waser, Jamie Hooper, Tess Segal, Joshua Smith, Marilyn Wende, Quinton Cooper, Renze Torres, Shirley Roseman, Chandler Jespersen, Mr. Eric Robin, Donald Shepherd, Jim Konish, Dan Hernandez

Moved by Commissioner Eastman

Seconded by Commissioner Willits

Motion: The City Commission waive their rules and extend General Public Comment to allow a full hour of comments.

Aye (5): Commissioner Book, Commissioner Duncan-Walker, Commissioner Eastman, Mayor Ward, and Commissioner Willits

Absent (2): Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut, and Commissioner Saco

Approved (5 to 0)

Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut joined the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Commissioner Saco joined the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

L. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - AFTERNOON

M. RESOLUTIONS - AFTERNOON (Roll Call Required)

1. 2024-629 Acceptance of FAA AIP Grant 56 for the Gainesville Regional Airport (B)

Allen Penska, Chief Executive Officer, Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport, gave a presentation on the item.

Commissioner Eastman left the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Public Comment: Donald Shepherd

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Willits

Motion 1: Direct the Mayor to send a letter encouraging use of the Gainesville Regional Airport to the Board of County Commissioners, Alachua County School Board, University of Florida, Santa Fe College, and the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce.

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

Absent (1): Commissioner Eastman

Approved (6 to 0)

Moved by Commissioner Willits

Seconded by Commissioner Saco

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the resolution and authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to execute and the City Clerk to certify said Grant Agreement.

Motion 2: Approve as recommended.

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

Absent (1): Commissioner Eastman

Approved (6 to 0)

2. 2024-630 Acceptance of FAA AIP Grant 57 for the Gainesville Regional Airport (B)

Moved by Commissioner Willits

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the resolution and authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to execute, and the City Clerk to certify said Grant Agreement.

Motion: Approve as Recommended.

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

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

Approved (5 to 0)

Commissioner Duncan-Walker left the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

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

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

1. 2024-260 Quasi-Judicial – Rezoning 2.26 Acres of Property Located at the intersection of SW 13th Street and SW Williston Road (B)

Commissioner Eastman rejoined the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

Seconded by Commissioner Saco

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Motion: Approve as recommended on second reading.

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

Absent (1): Commissioner Duncan-Walker

Approved (6 to 0)

Recess: 2:54 p.m.

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

Q. COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Book - Comments and kudos to Chief Dixon and Magnye Filer for the Cotton Club.

Mayor Ward - Thank you to Commissioners regarding the public comments this afternoon.

4:30 - 5:30 PM Dinner Break

R. CALL TO ORDER

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

S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eastside High School NJROTC

T. PROCLAMATIONS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

1. 2024-609 National Physician Suicide Awareness Day (B)

Recommendation: To be presented to Steven A. Reid, M. D.

Heard

2. 2024-648 Lee E. Gladden Jr. Day (B)

Recommendation: To be presented to Lee E. Gladden Jr.

Heard

U. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

V. COMMISSION COMMENT

Kristen J. Bryant, City Clerk