

### UAB Intent Statement

It is the intent of the city commission to create, empower, staff, and fund a utility advisory board to study the city's utility and make policy recommendations regarding the utility's management, operations, and finances. The utility advisory board shall issue a Utility Policy for consideration and adoption by the city commission, which shall serve as the guiding document for future decisions regarding the utility, and shall recommend amendments and updates as needed. The board shall also provide ongoing fiscal oversight of the utility and issue semi-annual reports regarding such.

### Utility Policy Overview Statement

Gainesville's *Unified Utility Policy* is the City's blueprint for how best to use its utility infrastructure to serve the community. It establishes priorities for Gainesville Regional Utilities and GRUCom, plans for the long term needs of the utility and the City, and better integrates the utility into the larger spectrum of services offered by the City of Gainesville. The *Unified Utility Policy* focuses on delivering safe, reliable, and affordable utility service; modernizing and maintaining GRU's infrastructure to expand the range and quality of services; and defining GRU's role in supporting City initiatives on affordable housing, economic development, renewable energy, and environmental stewardship.

The *Unified Utility Policy* views GRU holistically, as both a part of City government and an organization with its own unique challenges and strengths. It takes a systems approach to understanding the relationship between the utility, the City, and the citizens and emphasizes a triple bottom line approach (economy, society, and environment) to guide the decisions of utility stakeholders.