

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Meeting Agenda

September 20, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall Room 16

Regional Utilities Committee

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Lowe, Chair
Commissioner Ed Braddy, Member
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member/Alternate*

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CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****060474. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2006 (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for July 6, 2006 as circulated.

RUC meeting minutes for July 6, 2006.pdf

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**050850****Wastewater Service to the City of Archer (B)**

Explanation: On February 27, 2006 the Gainesville City Commission passed the following motion:

Approve the Regional Utilities Committee recommendation that the City Commission: 1) Negotiate an inter-local agreement with Archer and Alachua County pertaining to the proposed extension of wastewater service and a joint planning agreement to maintain the rural character of area between current Archer City limits and current Gainesville urban cluster; 2) recommend additional meetings as may be necessary among City of Archer, GRU, Alachua County and City of Gainesville senior staff prior to approval by any local governing bodies of the proposed extension in order to address comprehensive plan and growth management issues through a joint agreement; 3) that the prospective inter-local agreement explicitly restrict the capacity of the wastewater line so that it is limited to serving a clearly demarcated area within the existing city limits of the City of Archer. (Consider including language to the effect that any capacity made available to areas to be annexed by Archer be limited to capacity unused in the above described area with Archer, and that phasing and timing limits regarding such capacity be established); 4) after the inter-local agreement with appropriate restrictions has been drafted, request approval by the County Commission of the proposed extension. Recommend that basis in part for County Commission approval be public health concerns associated with septic tanks; 5) should this not be possible, explore option of operation and maintenance of a wastewater treatment and disposal facility in Archer; 6) authorize General Manager and the City Manager negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Archer to include the previous five (5) listed items to culminate in an inter-local agreement; 7) restrict the line to an 8 inch line and any expansion would have to come back to the City Commission; and 8) authorize the development of a service agreement between GRU and the City of Archer.

AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN MOTION: The City Manager, the General Manager for Utilities and the City Attorney to work with the City of Archer to recommend a wastewater service territory and bring that back to the City Commission as part of the inter-local agreement.

Archer has requested that item 7) of the above motion be modified to "stipulate that requests for additional wastewater treatment capacity submitted by the City of Archer be considered in the same manner as other similar requests received from utility customers served by Gainesville Regional Utilities".

Fiscal Note: As this and future extensions to serve Archer would be fully funded by Archer, this item has no fiscal impact on the Water and Wastewater Systems budget.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation from City of Archer representatives proposing to modify the conditions related to the extension of wastewater service to the City of Archer, approved by the Gainesville City Commission on February 27, 2006.

Legislative History

2/13/06	City Commission	Approved as shown above and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
2/22/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Recommended for Approval, as shown above	
2/27/06	City Commission	Approved, as shown above (Motions)	

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060168

Review of Current Standards for Construction, Retrofit and Maintenance of City Buildings - Referral Item #060168 (NB)

Explanation: The City Commission directed staff to achieve maximum energy conservation as a part of the future energy needs process. Since then, a number of new programs to assist residential and business customers have been recommended and are being implemented. In addition the Commission asked staff to "review the current standards for construction, retrofit and maintenance of City buildings." To accomplish this staff is recommending a self directed work team and charter be developed to provide recommendations. The team would include both General Government and Utility staff and would be expected to deliver an energy management plan for City facilities that could be adopted and implemented by the City Manager and the General Manager. This would be a key part in our ability to achieve maximum energy conservation. It is recommended that water efficiency be included and become a part of the resulting plan. A separate team will be sponsored by the City Manager to look at conservation opportunities within the City's fleet and transportation networks

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in the FY 2007 budget.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation on a proposed cross-departmental self directed work team.*

Legislative History

6/12/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
6/12/06	City Commission	Referred	General Manager for Utilities
6/13/06	City Commission	Referred	City Manager

050746

General Policy for Sewer Connections (NB)

Explanation: On February 9, 2006, the RUC received a presentation from staff reviewing the current GRU extension policies with emphasis on Water/Wastewater service to existing residents. This issue surfaced as a result of a quotation provided to a resident, Mr. Syfert, for wastewater service. At the conclusion of the presentation, the RUC requested that staff bring back information comparing GRU's policy to that of other nearby utilities.

Staff contacted several utilities and presented the results to the RUC on June 8, 2006. The majority of the nine (9) utilities surveyed had extension policies very similar to the existing GRU residential extension policy. Two exceptions were found in the programs of the Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) and Winter Park Utility. Each of these two utilities incorporate a reimbursement component in their extension policy. The RUC requested that staff investigate these alternatives further and report back with more detail on program implementation and fiscal impacts.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation from staff reviewing extension policy details of the JEA and Winter Park Utility programs.*

Legislative History

12/12/05	City Commission	No Action Taken	
1/9/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
2/9/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
6/8/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

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MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS**050457****Streetlights and Electric Rates**Legislative History

9/26/05 City Commission Approved as Recommended and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent) Regional Utilities Committee

050905**Assimilation and Evaluation of DSM Options**Legislative History

2/2/06 City Commission Referred (5 - 0 - 2 Absent) Regional Utilities Committee
3/16/06 Regional Utilities Committee Discussed
4/27/06 Regional Utilities Committee Approved as shown above (See Motion)

051193**Establishment of a Financing Program for Renewable Energy Systems**Legislative History

4/12/06 City Commission Referred (7 - 0) Regional Utilities Committee

051194**GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity (NB)**Legislative History

4/12/06 City Commission Referred (7 - 0) Regional Utilities Committee
6/8/06 Regional Utilities Committee Discussed

060274.**Digital Downtown Referral (NB)**Legislative History

7/17/06 City Commission Referred (7 - 0) Regional Utilities Committee

060294. General Fund Transfer from GRU (NB)

Legislative History

7/25/06 City Commission Referred (7 - 0)

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Committee

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for 10/12/06. However, this may have to be changed to Monday, 10/16/06 due to an MTPO meeting on 10/12/06.

ADJOURNMENT