

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 16

Regional Utilities Committee

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Present: Edward Braddy, Craig Lowe and Jack Donovan

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

At the request of staff Item #060168 was moved in front of Item #060659. The RUC agreed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

061047. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2007 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for February 8, 2007 as circulated.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

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COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

060659. Downtown Area Wastewater Collection System Master Plan (B)

The Regional Utilities Committee heard a presentation from staff.

RUC RECOMMENDATION:

The Regional Utilities Committee agreed to return to the City Commission with an item requesting the approval of staff's suggestions that include minor modifications discussed at the 3/13/07 RUC meeting.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee hear a presentation from staff on the urban core area wastewater collection system master plan and make the following recommendations to the City Commission: 1) GRU amend existing policy for those wastewater projects in the urban core to use general ratepayer funds to address downtown sewer slopes that cause capacity constraints; and 2) direct the City Attorney to prepare and the City Clerk to advertise an ordinance to implement the levelized connection charges; 3) use the revenue from levelized connection charges to fund 40% of the cost of projects to add collection system capacity to meet increased flows from development. The remaining 60% will be the responsibility of the developer. In the interest of promoting development in and around the urban core, the*

City Commission, in conjunction with the CRA, may choose to use sources other than ratepayer funds or general connection charges to buy down these costs further on a project-by-project basis; and 4) remove this item from the referral list.

This matter was Approved as Recommended, as Modified. The motion carried.

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060168.

Review of Current Standards for Construction, Retrofit and Maintenance of City Buildings (NB)

The Regional Utilities Committee heard an update regarding the status of the review of current standards for construction, retrofit and maintenance of City buildings performed by the City of Gainesville Energy and Water Efficiency Team.

ACTION TAKEN:

The RUC agreed to request that the item be removed from the referral list.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee receive an update from staff.*

This matter was Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s). The motion carried.

061048.

Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Items (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee request that the City Commission remove the following items from the outstanding referral list: 1) #060671 - Special Assessment District Energy Conservation Programs; 2) #051193 - Establishment of a Financing Program for Renewable Energy systems; and 3) #050905 - Assimilation and Evaluation of DSM Options.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

060775. Impact of Tiered Rates on People With Low Income Levels

060627. Energy Efficiency Update (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee recommend to the City Commission that this item be removed from the outstanding referral list.*

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060274. Digital Downtown Referral

051194 GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation on the performance of our two long term wholesale power contracts and the factors determining whether or not to extend or renew them.*

Backup for Item #051194 GRU Wholesale Sales.pdf

050850 Wastewater Service to the City of Archer

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050457 Streetlights and Electric Rates

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

The meeting of April 12, 2007 is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2007.

There was discussion regarding cancelling of the 4/12/07 RUC meeting and the scheduling of a special City Commission meeting on 4/16/07 to discuss conservation goals.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.