

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

February 08, 2007

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*

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CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

060924. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2007 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for January 24, 2007 as circulated.*

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COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

060627. Energy Efficiency Update (B)

Explanation: At the October 23, 2006 City Commission meeting the Interim General Manager asked that a referral be made to the Regional Utilities Committee to consider the recently completed Residential Appliance Survey

As part of the baseline research for the expanded commitment to conservation, the Strategic Planning Department developed and administered a residential appliance survey. The last appliance survey completed was in 1991. It was considered important to update the survey of residential appliances in light of the changes in residential appliances. Examples of appliances that were not adequately represented in the former survey include home computers, flat screen televisions and second refrigerators.

A random sample of 1,200 electricity customers was drawn and the survey instrument was mailed with a cover letter from the Mayor. A \$5 incentive for completion of the survey was offered. The response rate was forty two percent, or 506 completed questionnaires. The responses were 71.5% single family, 25.3% multifamily and 3.2% mobile home. The preliminary report is attached.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation on the Residential Appliance Survey of GRU customers.*

Legislative History

10/23/06	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
11/9/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	
1/24/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	

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060613. Gainesville Regional Utilities Billing and Collection Policies (B)

Explanation: On November 9, 2006, the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) received a presentation on proposed revisions to the utility's collections processing procedures. Those revisions require modifications to current ordinance language which need to be in effect with the implementation of the new Customer Information System (CIS) in April 2007.

In general, the revisions address utility deposits, cut for nonpayment timing, and delinquent reconnection. Copies of the proposed ordinance revisions are included as backup in the agenda packet.

RECOMMENDATION *The RUC request the City Commission 1) authorize the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise an ordinance, in substantially the same format submitted; and, 2) remove this item from the RUC referral list.*

Legislative History

10/9/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
11/9/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

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060274. Digital Downtown Referral (NB)

Explanation: Staff will provide an update on its evaluation of the capabilities and capacities of new technologies that may allow Gainesville to use a single platform to deploy traffic control signaling, public safety high speed communications and WiFi connectivity. Staff will also provide an update on the current status of "Digital Downtown" and a request regarding Alachua Free Net.

Fiscal Note: Funding for the Traffic Control Synchronization Project is currently in both the GRU and General Government FY 2007-08 budgets.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee hear a presentation from staff and take action it deems appropriate.*

Legislative History

7/17/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
10/12/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

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
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050850

Wastewater Service to the City of Archer

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)	
9/20/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
1/24/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

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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
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051194**GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity**Legislative History

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

060168.**Referral Item #060168 - Review of current standards for construction, retrofit and maintenance of City buildings**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
9/20/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	
10/12/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
11/27/06	City Commission	Approved as Recommended (7 - 0)	

060294.**General Fund Transfer from GRU**Legislative History

7/25/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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060671.**Special Assessment District for Energy Conservation Programs**Legislative History

10/23/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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060775.**Impact of Tiered Rates on People With Low Income Levels**Legislative History

11/27/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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060659.**Downtown Area Wastewater Collection System Master Plan**Legislative History

10/23/06	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Community Redevelopment Agency
12/18/06	Community Redevelopment Agency	Approved, as shown above (Main Motion) (7 - 0)	
12/18/06	Community Redevelopment Agency	Referred	Regional Utilities Committee
1/29/07	Community Redevelopment Agency	Referred	General Manager for Utilities
1/29/07	Community Redevelopment Agency	Referred	City Manager

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MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next RUC meeting is March 8, 2007 AT 5:00 pm City Hall Room 16.

ADJOURNMENT