

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

May 15, 2018

1:30 PM

City Commission Budget Workshop

Gainesville Police Department Hall of Heroes Room

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****AGENDA STATEMENT**

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**DISCUSSION ITEMS**[171083.](#)**Budget Workshop (B)**

Back-up for this item is forthcoming.

Explanation: Finance and Budget staff will present options to address various budget priorities to the City Commission.

Fiscal Note: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission to hear presentation on various budget priorities.

[171083A Commission Priority 20180515.pdf](#)

[171083B Budget Workshop Presentation revised 5-11-18 20180515.pdf](#)

[171083C Budget Workshop Supporting Documents 20180515.pdf](#)

[171083D FY18-19 Proposed BUDGET IN BRIEF 20180515.pdf](#)

[180001.](#)**Gainesville Regional Utilities FY19 Budget: O&M Labor and Non-Labor Budget Processes (B)**

Explanation: GRU has scheduled a series of presentations to the City Commission to cover the significant elements of the FY19 budget process. In this session, staff will provide an overview of O&M labor and non-labor budget processes.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission receive a presentation on GRU's O&M labor and non-labor O&M budget processes.

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Water/Wastewater Connection Charges for Smaller Homes (B)

Explanation: In accordance with standard utility practice, GRU requires connection charges to be paid for new connections to the water and wastewater systems. Connection charges are one-time charges that must be paid at the time a structure is connected to the system. The purpose of these charges is to recover the capital costs that GRU invests in its water and wastewater systems in order to create and maintain capacity for new development. Connection charges are consistent with the City Commission's long standing policy that new development should pay for itself.

Connection charges are intended to be generally proportional to the demand that a customer is expected to place on the water and wastewater systems. For example, connection charges for a commercial facility are based on the facility's expected water use based on the type and size of the facility and the water use observed from similar existing facilities. Currently, all new single family homes pay a fixed connection charge which is based on the average observed water and wastewater demands for existing single family homes. However, based on review of recent customer billing data it appears that water and wastewater demands for smaller houses may be lower than those for larger homes. During the course of discussions of the recent cost of service study, UAB members and city commissioners have expressed interest in evaluating the appropriateness of having a lower connection charge for smaller affordable homes, as well as incentives for Florida WaterStar certified homes.

Staff have analyzed water and wastewater demands for single family homes of various sizes built in the last 10 years and will present these results along with some preliminary recommendations on potential changes to connection charges.

Staff presented this item to the UAB on April 12, 2018, and the issue was thoroughly discussed. Staff has included the Board's advice for the City Commission in the recommendation.

Fiscal Note: Changes in connection charges may result in reduced revenues.

RECOMMENDATION

1) Modify Appendix A of Code of Ordinances to include 35% discount on water and wastewater connection charge for homes < 1,400 ft2 heated & cooled starting in FY2019

2) *City Commission consider either removing the 25% surcharge on W/WW connection fees on homes < 1,400 ft2 in the unincorporated area or rebating it through the ConnectFree program*

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