

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

June 5, 2019

1:30 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)*  
*Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)*  
*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)*  
*Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)*  
*Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)*

*If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity at (352)334-5051 at least two business days in advance. TTY (Text Telephone Telecommunication Device) users please call 711 (Florida Relay Service). For Speech to Speech (STS) relay, please call 1-877-955-5334. For STS Spanish relay, please call 1-877-955-8773. For STS French Creole relay, please call 1-877-955-8707.*

**CALL TO ORDER - 1:31 PM****AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

**Present** 7 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Debbie Martinez and Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

**BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**[190033.](#)**GRU Budget - Status Update and Rate Review and General Government Budget Presentation (B)**

*Motion: 1) Set maximum increase not to exceed .55 mills; 2) Maintain the GFT at its current rate. An equal rate increase between the residential tiers; 3) An analysis of the increments asked to be vetted previously at the June 20th meeting; 4) Bring back a list of departmental reductions totaling \$1.5 million at the June 20th meeting with corresponding GRU rate increases. (.44% water, .42% wastewater, .57% gas, 6.41% electric); and 5) Set the Fire Assessment rate at maximum, not to exceed \$133/unit.*

*Ed Bielarski gave a presentation.*

*Todd Kamhoot gave a presentation.*

*Karen Fiore gave a presentation.*

*Claudia Rasnick gave a presentation.*

*Recess - 2:45 PM*

*Reconvene - 2:49 PM*

*Debbie Martinez, Jim Konish, Nathan Skop, Ernesto Martinez, Wilbur Holloway and Brian O'Brien spoke to the matter.*

*Carlos Holt spoke to the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt the staff recommendation of a reduction in the GFT of \$3 million with an Electric System rate increase of 5% in FY20.*

*The UAB recommends:*

*1) Adopt the rate that matches the Commission's chosen GFT as shown in the matrix on slide 4 (Motion passed 4-2, with Members Miles and Selvester in dissent and Member Rockwell absent);*

*2) In adopting the rates they recommended, the UAB requests that the City recognize that a flat GFT may have a negative bond rating impact and recognize that the City needs to address the infrastructure needs of customers hardest hit by these increases. (Motion passed 4-2, with Members Miles and Selvester in dissent and Member Rockwell absent).*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

**Nay:** 3 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Simmons

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT - 3:49 PM**