

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

September 11, 2007

5:00 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 16

Regional Utilities Committee

*Commissioner Jack Donovan, Chair
Commissioner Ed Braddy, Member
Commissioner Craig Lowe, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****070449. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2007 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for August 14, 2007 as circulated.*

RUC Meeting Minutes for 8 14 07.pdf

CURRENT RUC ACTION ITEMS**070035. GEAC Recommendation for Carbon Footprint Assessment Tool (NB)**

Explanation: On May 14, 2007 the City Commission referred the Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee recommendation to purchase a carbon footprint assessment tool to be developed by Mr. Mark Van Soestbergen to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC). This tool would be web-based and allow customers to determine their personal carbon footprint using pre-populated energy consumption data provided by GRU. On July 10, 2007 the RUC heard from staff and Mr. Van Soestbergen. The RUC directed staff to return to the next meeting with additional information. Staff has met with Mr. Van Soestbergen and is prepared to discuss some of the issues involved in this purchase and a possible alternative funding source.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee hear a presentation from staff and Mark Van Soestbergen regarding development and purchase of this carbon assessment tool.*

Legislative History

5/14/07	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
7/10/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

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

Explanation: The impact of tiered rates on people with low income levels was referred to the Regional Utilities Committee on November 27, 2006. Staff has evaluated the impacts of the baseline rate, established in October 2006, in comparison to the prior rate structure. The baseline rate for residential customers is for energy use between 0 and 250 kWh and month. The next tier is at 750 kWh per month. The prior rate structure only had one tier at 750 kWh per month. Rate structures and tiering of other utilities in Florida were also investigated and will be discussed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Utilities Committee hear a presentation from staff on the impacts of tiered rates on people with low income levels, and remove this item from the referral list.

Legislative History

11/27/06 City Commission Referred (7 - 0)

Regional Utilities
Committee

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

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	
8/14/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	

Backup for Item #051194 GRU Wholesale Sales.pdf

060294.

General Fund Transfer from GRU

Legislative History

7/25/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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061213.

Digital Cities Conference in Washington DC - Commissioner Braddy Referral Item

Legislative History

4/23/07	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
4/23/07	City Commission	Referred	Regional Utilities Committee
6/12/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
7/10/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	
8/14/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

061214.

Photovoltaic Policies- Proposed Energy Neutral Neighborhood- Commissioner Craig Lowe Referral

Legislative History

4/23/07	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
6/12/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

7/10/07 Regional Utilities Approved as shown above (See Motion)
Committee
8/27/07 City Commission Approved as shown above (See Motion) (5 - 1 - 1 Absent)

070181. Forest Certification Stewardship Issues

Legislative History

6/18/07 City Commission Referred (6 - 1) Regional Utilities
Committee

070084. City of Gainesville Energy Policy - Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee (GEAC) (NB)

Legislative History

5/14/07 City Commission Approved as Recommended (7 - 0)
7/9/07 City Commission Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent) Regional Utilities
Committee

070255. Home Energy Rating System (HERS)

Legislative History

7/23/07 City Commission Referred (5 - 0 - 2 Absent) Regional Utilities
Committee
8/14/07 Regional Utilities Discussed
Committee

070360. Jim Konish - Citizen Comment Re: GRU Rate Structure

Legislative History

8/13/07 City Commission Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent) Regional Utilities
Committee

8/27/07 City Commission Placed on File

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070352. Status Report on Maximum Energy Efficiency

Legislative History

8/27/07 City Commission Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent) Regional Utilities
Committee

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NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date for the RUC is October 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT