

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

August 10, 2017

5:30 PM

Modified Agenda

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

*Annie Orlando
Darin Cook
David Denslow
Robert Walpole
Mary Alford
Sandra Campbell
Michael Selvester*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Board members were present. Member Walpole entered the meeting at 5:47.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as drafted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[170289.](#) Minutes of the July 18, 2017 Joint UAB/City Commission Meeting and the July 19, 2017 UAB Regular Meeting (B)

Attachments: [170289 UAB CCom 7-18-17 Joint Meeting Minutes 20170810](#)
[170289 UAB 7-19-17 Meeting Minutes 20180810](#)

The minutes of the July 18, 2017 joint meeting were approved with the following modification: Add attendance.

The minutes of the July 19, 2017 regular meeting were approved as drafted.

RECOMMENDATION *Approve minutes as drafted.*

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Jim Konish spoke.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

[170301.](#) Operational Update for the Month of July 2017 (B)

Attachments: [170301 Operational Update FY17 July - All Depts 20170810](#)

The Board received the operational update.

RECOMMENDATION *Receive operational update.*

OLD BUSINESS

[160209.](#) Issues Arising from Board's New Meeting Schedule (B)

Attachments: [160209 Proposed UAB Meeting Schedule 20160720](#)
[160209 Proposed UAB Meeting Schedule Change 20170614 - Revised](#)

The Board agreed with the following staff recommendations:

Send Operational Update as a mod to the agenda each month if data isn't available when the agenda is published.

Take agenda items to the Commission's second meeting of the month, one week after the UAB meeting, with a statement of recommendation from the Board.

RECOMMENDATION *For the issue with the the operational updates, staff recommends that:*

- 1) The data lag a month behind (e.g. submit August data in October); or*
- 2) The data be attached to the agenda as a modification a couple of days before the meeting; or*
- 3) The data be submitted to the board as a monthly report independent of the agenda.*

For the issue with the time gap between taking action items to the UAB for recommendation and the City Commission for final approval, staff recommends that:

- 1) Items be submitted to the City Commission the week following the UAB meeting with a summary written by the Board chair; or*
- 2) Make no change in the submittal process.*

[170223.](#)

Draft Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) (B)

Attachments: [170223 GREC APA Presentation 20170718](#)
[170223 Draft GRU 2017A Schedule 131600 20170718](#)
[170223 Timeline for Proposed Purchase of Biomass Facility 20170718](#)
[170223 GREC APA BLACKLINE 20170810](#)
[170223 GREC Buyout Financing Scenarios 20170810](#)
[170223 Exhibit B - GREC APA FIRPTA Cert. 20170810](#)
[170223 #9088320v11 GREC APA Clean Version 20170810](#)
[170223 #9088320v11 GREC APA Blackline Version 20170810](#)
[170223 GRU GREC Escrow Agmt 20170810](#)
[170223 Schedules to GRU GREC APA 20170810](#)
[170223 Exhibit A-2 APA 20170810](#)
[170223 GREC Inventory Workbook 20170810](#)
[170223 Submitted by Jim Konish 8.10.17 UAB Mtg](#)

After an update on the status of the negotiations with GREC, Member Orlando made a motion, which was seconded by Sandy Campbell, to recommend that the City Commission not make a decision on the Asset Purchase Agreement at the August 16,

2017 joint City Commission/UAB meeting and to change the Board's August 22nd workshop to a special meeting where the Board can discuss the APA in more detail.

The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Jim Konish, Sarah Paul, Charounson Saintilus, Ernesto Martinez and Debbie Martinez spoke on the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

1) Hear an update on the GREC purchase negotiation process. 2) Discuss funding options for the purchase.

Recommend that the City Commission not make a decision (about the APA) at the August 16th joint meeting and the (Board's) workshop of August 22nd be changed to a special meeting in order to give the Board time to make a recommendation.

170222.

GRU Governance (B)

Attachments:

[170222 DRAFT 3 - IUB ordinance 20170718](#)

[170222 Submitted by Dr.Denslow 8.10.17 UAB Mtg](#)

Member Denslow said he researched the boards of three major investor-owned utilities in Florida and that the make-up of their boards were mostly retired businessmen. He expressed that he feels it's best to have any utility advisory board or independent utility board be majority business people because they know the proper way to run a business.

Chair Cook asked for discussion to prepare for the upcoming September 13th joint meeting. Each member expressed their opinions about the current structure of the board and the board's relationship with the commission. Some members expressed that they wanted to have time to discuss other utility related issues that would affect the industry in the future, such as electric vehicle technologies. They said they felt that they had to discuss priority issues which may not always be the things the Commission sends to them.

Citizens Debbie Martinez, Chauron Saintilus, Ernesto Martinez, Sarah Paul and Wilbur Holloway spoke on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the outcome of the discussion with the City Commission in the joint meeting of July 18, 2017 and prepare for the joint workshop to be held in September 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 14, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.