

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

January 18, 2017

3:00 PM

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**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[160668.](#)**Minutes of the 12-14-16 UAB Meeting (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

Approve minutes of the 12-14-16 UAB meeting as drafted.

[160668 UAB 11.30.16 Special Topics Subcom Mtg Minutes 20170118](#)

[160668 UAB 12-14-16 Meeting Minutes 20170118](#)

CITIZEN COMMENT**STATE OF THE UTILITY**[160666.](#)**State of the Utility (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

Receive information and metrics regarding GRU's operations.

[160666 State of Utility Attachment A 20170118](#)

[160666 State of Utility Attachment B 20170118](#)

[160666 State of Utility Attachment C 20170118](#)

[160666 State of Utility Attachment D 20170118](#)

[160666 State of Utility Attachment E 2017118](#)

[160666 State of Utility Attachment F 2017118](#)

OLD BUSINESS[150907.](#)**Draft Rules of the Utility Advisory Board (B)**

Explanation: The Utility Advisory Board presented their draft rules to the City Commission for approval on 12/1/16. A citizen requested that the rules be reviewed for possible revision and a UAB member agreed that the board would review at a later meeting. The Commission voted to send the rules back to the UAB.

RECOMMENDATION *Review draft rules for possible revision.*

[150907 Board Logistics Matrix 20160412](#)

[150907 UAB Draft Rules 20160504](#)

[150907 UAB Rules of Order - Draft 20160504](#)

[150907 UAB Draft Rules 20160720](#)

[150907 UAB Draft Rules 20161116](#)

[150907 UAB Draft Rules 20161201](#)

[150907 UAB Draft Rules 20170118](#)

[150907 UAB Draft Rules-Orlando Revision 20170118](#)

NEW BUSINESS

[160671](#)

Selection of External Auditors for Professional Auditing Services for GRU (B)

****This item is informational****

Explanation: The Amended and Restated Utilities System Revenue Bond Resolution requires an annual audit of the Utility's financial statements. Gainesville Regional Utilities' current contract for professional auditing services expires after completion of all reports associated with the financial audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

On June 16, 2016, the City Commission authorized the issuance of a RFP for professional auditing services utilizing the methodology and selection factors recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee. On September 15, 2016, the City's Purchasing Division publicly issued the RFP prepared by the City Auditor's Office for both General Government and GRU.

On October 27, 2016, Gainesville Regional Utilities received four (4) responses. The evaluation team was appointed by the City Auditor to evaluate the proposals in accordance with criteria set forth in the RFP, excluding price proposals. On November 7, 2016, team members each submitted evaluation scores on the written proposals to Purchasing. The two (2) highest ranked firms were asked to make oral presentations to the team on December 1. Based on the oral presentations, the final ranking was tabulated as follows:

1st - Baker, Tilly, Virchow, Krause, LLP

2nd - Purvis, Gray and Company

Fiscal Note: Professional Auditing Service fees are included in the GRU budget. Baker, Tilly, Virchow, Krause, LLP, the first ranked firm for GRU, submitted a first year price

fee of \$116,100. The RFP was structured to allow for annual price adjustments beginning with the second year of the three year contract based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Southern Region, all urban consumers, all items, with a five percent (5%) limit on any increase. Should the City Auditor choose to extend the contract for the optional two (2) year extensions, prices will be negotiated with the contractor.

RECOMMENDATION *Hear an update from staff.*

[160672.](#)

Preventing Sanitary Sewer Overflows in GRU's Wastewater Collection System (B)

****This item is informational.****

Explanation: In response to public concern after the Mosaic sinkhole incident and the wastewater spill in Tampa Bay following Hurricane Hermine, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection issued an emergency rule on Sept. 26, 2016, regarding notification of pollution to the public. This new rule required GRU to report any unpermitted release of pollution to the public, even if the release was minor and no public areas were impacted. GRU reported all sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) occurring from Sept. 27 - Dec. 30, 2016 to the media and local government. The FDEP rule was invalidated by an Administrative Law Judge on Dec. 30, 2016; however, the reporting of overflows during the rule period has brought the importance of SSO prevention and wastewater collection system maintenance to the forefront. GRU has a strong collection system maintenance program and will present our efforts and path forward for SSO prevention to the City Commission and Utility Advisory Board.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION *The Utility Advisory Board hear a presentation on the public notification rule and preventing sanitary sewer overflows in GRU's wastewater collection system.*

[160672 GRUs WW Collection System 20170118](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

[160673.](#)

GRU Electricity Rates in 2015 Compared to the U.S.

Explanation: Board Member David Denslow submitted a draft paper he wrote and wants to discuss it with the other board members.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss.

[160673 Comparison of GRU 2015 Electricity Rates 20170118](#)

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 15, 2017

ADJOURNMENT