

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

June 13, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

*Mary Alford
Michael Selvester
Wendell Porter
Wes Wheeler
Barry Jacobson
Carla Miles
Theresa Spurling-Wood
Tim Rockwell
Don Davis*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All members were present. Member Rockwell entered the meeting at 5:34 and Member Spurling-Wood entered at 5:48. Member Alford left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

190044. Minutes of the April 30, 2019 Workshop, the May 8, 2019 Regular Meeting and the May 28, 2019 Special Meeting (B)

Attachments: [181023 UAB 4-30-19 Workshop 20190613](#)
[190044 UAB 5-8-19 Meeting Minutes 20190613](#)
[190044 UAB 5-28-19 Special Meeting Minutes 20190613](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes of the April 30, 2019 workshop, the May 8, 2019 regular meeting and the May 28, 2019 special meeting as drafted.*

The board voted 7-0 to approve the this item on consent.

Citizen Brian O'Brien commented on the consent agenda.

190047. Staffing Services Agreement with NAES (B)

Attachments: [190047 NAES Service Contract 20190613](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Staff: Approve the contract for staffing services with NAES and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

UAB: On June 13, 2019, the UAB voted 7-0 to advise the commission to approve the staff recommendation.

The board voted 7-0 to approve the this item on consent.

Citizen Brian O'Brien commented on the consent agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Member Alford made a motion, seconded by Member Wheeler, to adopt the agenda with the following modification: Hear item #180258 after all New Business. The motion passed 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Brian O'Brien

STATE OF THE UTILITY

[190061.](#) GRU Operational Update for the Month of May 2019 (B)

Attachments: [190061 Ops Update May 2019 All Depts 20190613](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive report.*

Report received.

OLD BUSINESS

[180258.](#) Utility Advisory Board's Draft Energy Policy for the City of Gainesville (B)

Attachments: [180258 UAB Work Plan Draft 20181011](#)
[180258 UAB Workplan - w-Assignments 20181108](#)
[180258 UAB FY18-19 Work Plan 20181127](#)
[180258 MS -Draft policies_ 20190110](#)
[180258 Diversification of Energy Sources Draft - W Wheeler_ 20190226](#)
[180258 Draft Energy Policies - B Jacobson_ 20190226](#)
[180258 Efficiency of Transportation Draft-W Wheeler_ 20190226](#)
[180258 Energy Policy - Mary Alford - DRAFT_ 20190226](#)
[180258 Renewable Energy Portfolio Draft - W Wheeler_ 20190228](#)
[180258 UAB Energy Policy Items W Porter Draft_ 20190226](#)
[180258 Energy Policy Working Draft_ 20190326](#)
[180258 Utility and Energy Policy 3.27.19 Alford Draft_ 20190411](#)
[180285 Utility and Energy Policy 3.27.19 Rockwell Draft_ 20190411](#)
[180258 UAB Energy Policy Presentation_ 20190423](#)
[180258 Rockwell 6-20-19 WWW Draft_ 20190625](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss and take any action deemed appropriate.*

This item was discussed after item #190063. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

[190062.](#) Overview of the USDA's Rural Development Broadband Loan and Grant Programs (B)

- Attachments:** [190062_Telecom_USDA_Program_20190613](#)
 [190062_RD_FactSheet_RUS_CommunityConnect_20190613](#)
 [190062_RD_FactSheet_RUS_FarmBillBroadbandLoans_20190603](#)
 [190062_ReConnect_Program_Factsheet_20190613](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from USDA staff.*

Presentation heard.

190063.

Gainesville Regional Utilities Energy Risk Management Hedging Program (B)

- Attachments:** [190063_Fuel_Hedging_Presentation_20160620](#)
 [190063_ProposedAgrmt_20190620](#)
 [190063_GRU_Admin_Guideline_20190620](#)
 [190063_ADMIS_Fee_Schedule_20190620](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to:*
 Staff: 1) Approve the purchase of financial instruments on the New York Mercantile Exchange to hedge fuel and electric energy prices; and
 2) Enter into such agreement(s) as may be necessary to affect transactions with ADM Investor Services, Inc. by adoption of Corporate Resolution and/or a similar financial brokerage firm through the Credit and Risk Control Department of The Energy Authority, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

UAB: On June 13, 2019, the UAB voted 6-0, with Member Alford absent, to advise the commission to approve the staff recommendation.

Member Wheeler made a motion to approve the staff recommendation. Member Porter seconded and the motion passed 6-0, with Member Alford absent.

Citizens Donald Shepherd and Nathan Skop spoke on the matter.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizens Donald Shepherd and Nathan Skop spoke.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next workshop June 25, 2019.
Next regular meeting July 11, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.