

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**August 14, 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****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****070271. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2007 (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for July 10, 2007 as circulated.*

RUC Meeting Minutes for July 10 2007.pdf

**CURRENT RUC ACTION ITEMS****070255. Home Energy Rating System (HERS) (NB)**

*Explanation: At the meeting of July 23, 2007 the City Commission referred the issue of the HERS rating system to the Regional Utilities Committee. Commissioner Donovan asked staff to discuss how HERS ratings might be used with rental units in the City of Gainesville. Staff will provide a brief report on the HERS rating system.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee hear a presentation from staff on the HERS rating system.*

**Legislative History**

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

**051194 GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity (B)**

*Explanation: On April 12, 2006, the City Commission referred the issue of wholesale sales of electricity to the Regional Utilities Committee for analysis and report back to the City Commission. The RUC discussed the item on June 8, 2006.*

*One of the considerations of our long term energy supply plan is the desirability of renewing and/or extending our wholesale supply contracts with the City of Alachua and Seminole Electric Cooperative (serving the western side of the Gainesville urban area). In particular, on June 17, 2007, Dian Deevey, local citizen, submitted a document to the Gainesville City Commission entitled "Studies of GRU's Wholesale Power Sales to the City of Alachua and Seminole Electric Cooperative". GRU has reviewed her work and prepared a detailed review and analysis of the methodologies and results.*

*Although staff's analysis finds that these contracts continue to be beneficial, staff concurs that fuel cost projections and incremental costs need to be carefully considered in evaluating the offered terms and conditions before renewing or extending these contracts. Staff intends to continue monitoring the performance of these wholesale contracts.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation on the performance of our two long term wholesale power contracts and the factors determining whether or not to extend or renew them.*

**Legislative History**

4/12/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
6/8/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

Backup for Item #051194 GRU Wholesale Sales.pdf

**061213.****Digital Cities Conference in Washington DC - Commissioner Braddy Referral Item (NB)**

*Explanation: On June 12, 2007 the RUC received comments from staff and citizens present regarding this referral and directed staff to return to the next meeting with additional information. Commissioner Braddy recently attended the Digital Cities Conference and noted that certain requirements, incentives or design options are available to developers in various cities to encourage the development of digital infrastructure.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The RUC receive an update from staff and continue discussion on digital infrastructure development.*

**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	

**MEMBER COMMENT****CITIZEN COMMENT**

**DISCUSS OUTSTANDING REFERRALS****060294. General Fund Transfer from GRU**Legislative History

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

**060775. Impact of Tiered Rates on People With Low Income Levels**Legislative History

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

**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 Discussed  
Committee  
7/10/07 Regional Utilities Approved as shown above (See Motion)  
Committee

**070035.****GEAC Recommendation for Carbon Footprint Assessment Tool**Legislative History

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

**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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*The next meeting date for the RUC is September 11, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**