

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 31, 2005**

**6:00 PM**

**City Commission Special Meeting  
City Hall Auditorium**

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)  
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Tony Domenech (District 3)  
Commissioner Warren Nielsen (At Large)  
Commissioner Rick Bryant (At Large)  
Commissioner Chuck Chestnut (District 1)  
Commissioner Ed Braddy (District 2)  
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)*

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## CALL TO ORDER - 6:09 PM

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Commissioner Chestnut moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded to adopt the agenda.  
(VOTE: 6-0, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Domenech - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)*

## ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Chuck Chestnut, Edward Braddy, Tony Domenech, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe

## GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES

### 040841 Long Term Energy Supply Plan (B)

*INTRODUCTIONS: Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) General Manager Mike Kurtz gave introductions.*

*GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES PRESENTATION:  
GRU Assistant General Manager for Strategic Planning Ed Regan, Business and Energy Services Manager Steve Stagliano and Utility Analyst Mark Spiller gave presentations.*

*ALACHUA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PRESENTATION:  
Alachua County Environmental Protection Representative Dr. John Mousa gave a presentation.*

*GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENT (3 MINUTES):  
Chair Hanrahan recognized the following citizens who spoke to the matter:*

- 1. Nathan A. Skop*
- 2. Marilyn Tubb*
- 3. Tom Reilly*
- 4. Linda Pollini*
- 5. Dave Bruderly*
- 6. Samuel Harvey*
- 7. Ray Thomas*
- 8. Chic Holden*
- 9. David Gold*
- 10. Steve Athearn*
- 11. Dan Hargrove*
- 12. Zot Lynn Szeurgot*

*PRE-APPROVED SPEAKERS (5-10 MINUTES)  
Chair Hanrahan recognized the following citizens who spoke to the matter:*

1. *Dr. Arthur Saarinen w/ Dr. Freeman and Dr. Woo*
2. *Dr. David Harlos*
3. *Sue Dudley*
4. *Ed Brown*
5. *Tom Cunillio*
6. *Al Linden*
7. *Mark van Soestbergen*
8. *Francine Robinson*
9. *Harald Kegelmann*
10. *Walter Willard, Jr.*

*GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENT (3 MINUTES):*

*Chair Hanrahan recognized the following citizens who spoke to the matter:*

1. *Peter Rebmann*
2. *Rob Brinkman*
3. *Kinnon Thomas*
4. *Thomas McIntosh*
5. *Ken Fonorow*
6. *Mitch Glaeser*
7. *Leonard Eisenberg*
8. *Freddie Wehbe*
9. *Ray Bennett (5 minutes)*
10. *David Russ (5 minutes)*
11. *Dr. Kathy Cantwell*

*FIRST MOTION:*

*Commissioner Bryant moved and Commissioner Braddy seconded that the City Commission authorize GRU to initiate an independent review of their proposal. (WITHDRAWN)*

*GRU Assistant General Manager for Strategic Planning Ed Regan and Energy Conservation Large Accounts Representative Bill Shepherd made comments.*

*WAIVER OF RULES MOTION:*

*Commissioner Bryant moved and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Domenech seconded to waive the rules to extend the meeting until 11:45 PM.*

*(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

*AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION MOTION:*

*Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded that: 1)The City Commission shall appoint an independent panel of experts to develop viable options with financial estimates that incorporate extensive use of renewable resources where possible for the long time production of electricity by Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU); 2) the objective of these options shall be a long term reduction rather than increase in the consumption of fossil fuels by Gainesville Regional Utilities and a reduction of carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases; 3) the committee shall also analyze conservation strategies and demand projections; and 4) the members of the panel shall not be in a position to gain personally or financially from the decisions they might make.*

*(WITHDRAWN)*

*GRU Assistant General Manager for Energy Supply Chip Allen made comments.*

**WAIVER OF RULES MOTION:**

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Domenech moved and Commissioner Braddy seconded to waive the rules to extend the meeting until we're done.*

*(VOTE: 1-6, Commissioner Braddy - Yes; Commissioners Lowe, Chestnut, Domenech, Nielsen, Bryant and Mayor Hanrahan - No; MOTION FAILED)*

**RECONSIDERATION OF WAIVER OF RULES MOTION:**

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Domenech moved and Commissioner Braddy seconded to waive the rules to extend the meeting until we're done.*

*(VOTE: 3-4, Commissioners Domenech, Braddy and Chestnut - Yes; Commissioners Lowe, Nielsen, Bryant and Mayor Hanrahan - No.; MOTION FAILED)*

**WAIVER OF RULES MOTION:**

*Commissioner Bryant moved and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Domenech seconded to waive the rules to extend the meeting until 12:00 Midnight.*

*(VOTE: 6-1, Commissioner Lowe - No, MOTION CARRIED)*

**SECOND AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION MOTION (MAIN MOTION):**

*Commissioner Nielsen moved and Commissioner Lowe seconded to continue this meeting at the soonest date the Clerk's Office can coordinate.*

*(VOTE: 6-1, Commissioner Braddy - No, MOTION CARRIED)*

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

*GRU General Manager for Utilities Mike Kurtz made closing remarks.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve the following five inter-related elements of a long term plan to meet Gainesville's future electrical supply in order to allow staff to develop conceptual designs, as follows: 1) Meet an additional 10% of Gainesville's electrical energy requirements from renewable energy and conservation by 2012 over and above the 5% achieved to date; 2) Institute the proposed Greenhouse Gas Fund to support local projects to reduce carbon dioxide, including a technical advisory committee reporting to the City Commission; 3) Modify existing facilities at the Deerhaven plant site to minimize the emission of SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and Particulates and to meet the Maximum Available Control Technology (MACT) standards for mercury; 4) Add air quality monitoring to better establish baseline ambient air quality conditions related to power generation; 5) Add base load generation capacity designed to: i. Meet Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for regulated pollutants and MACT standards for mercury; ii. Utilize a mix of relatively abundant solid fuels including coal, petroleum coke, and the equivalent of at least 30 MW of biomass in order to meet the goal in item 1 above; iii. Produce electricity at a cost expected to be competitive in the retail and wholesale market; iv. Result in a net improvement of ambient air quality in*

*combination with item 3 above; v. Maintain adequate capacity reserve margins; vi. Minimize the effects on surface and ground water supplies.*

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**ADJOURNMENT - 11:54 PM**

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Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission