

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

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

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CALL TO ORDER - 6:12 PM**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded to adopt the agenda.
(VOTE: 6-0, Commissioner Braddy - Absent)*

NOTE: Commissioner Braddy entered the meeting room at 7:12 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES**050879 City Commission Special Meeting (B)**

INTRODUCTIONS: GRU Interim General Manager for Utilities Karen Johnson gave introductions.

PRESENTATIONS: GRU Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Hunt, Assistant General Manager for Strategic Planning Ed Regan, and Assistant General Manager for Energy Supply Chip Allen gave presentations.

CITIZEN COMMENT: Chair Hanrahan recognized the following citizens who spoke to the matter:

- 1. Ed Brown*
- 2. Richard Selwach*
- 3. Kali Blount*
- 4. Dr. Kendra Siler-Marsiglio*
- 5. Harald Kegelman*
- 6. Joshua Dickinson*
- 7. Karen Arrington*
- 8. Walter Willard*
- 9. Adrienne Burgess*
- 10. Mark van Soestbergen*
- 11. Ron Chandler*
- 12. Diane DePudt, PhD*
- 13. David Auth*
- 14. Charlie Grapski*
- 15. Scott Davies*
- 16. Martha Monroe*
- 17. Matt Langholtz*
- 18. Sally Dickinson*
- 19. Anthony Ackrill*

20. Paula Stahmer
21. Rich Izkowitz

MOTION (MAIN MOTION): Commissioner Chestnut moved and Commissioner Bryant seconded to approve the following motion:

1. *Include the Total Resource Cost test as a consideration to pursue all cost effective and feasible demand side measures including demand response, energy efficiency, load management and incentive rate design options. Ensure that the needs of low income customers are addressed in demand side management programs.*
 2. *Have GRU staff conduct a thorough examination of all DSM options and present a plan to the commission to develop and implement all cost effective DSM and demand response measures.*
 3. *Initiate a conceptual design and pricing to include but not limited to the following alternatives to compare to an all source solicitation requesting proposals to meet the balance of GRU's demand and energy needs:*
 - o A small (<100 MW) facility capable of 100% biomass on site locally;*
 - o An IGCC unit on site locally (260MW or less) or off-site if bigger, preferably using biomass;*
 - o Be open to partnerships either on-site or off-site.*
 - o Carbon neutrality - reduce carbon intensity per capita.*
- (VOTE: 6-1, Commissioner Donovan, No, MOTION CARRIED)*

CITIZEN COMMENT TO THE MOTION:

1. Brent Christensen
2. Rob Brinkman
3. Mark Venzke
4. Mark Spiller
5. Dian Deevey

ADDITIONAL MOTION (REFERRAL): Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded to refer to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC):
1) The issue of establishment of a financing program to be administered by GRU that facilitates installation and purchase of renewable energy systems on homes, businesses and institutions; and 2) the establishment of a public benefit fund; and 3) report back to the City Commission.
(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

See following referral item #051193.

SECOND ADDITIONAL MOTION (REFERRAL): Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Donovan seconded to refer the issue of Wholesale Sales to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) for analysis and a report back to the City Commission.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

See following referral item #051194.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission receive a presentation from utility staff summarizing information prepared by staff pursuant to the March 30, 2006 meeting, discuss options for Gainesville's energy supply, and take any action deemed to be appropriate.*

Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s)

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051193 Establishment of a Financing Program for Renewable Energy Systems (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer to the Regional Utilities Committee: 1) The issue of establishment of a financing program to be administered by GRU that facilitates installation and purchase of renewable energy systems on homes, businesses and institutions; 2) also the establishment of a public benefit fund; and 3) report back to the City Commission.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Commissioner Nielsen, that this matter be Referred to the Regional Utilities Committee, due back on October 12, 2006. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Chuck Chestnut, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant, Craig Lowe and Jack Donovan

051194 GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer the issue of wholesale sales of electricity to the Regional Utilities Committee for analysis and report back to the City Commission.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, that this matter be Referred to the Regional Utilities Committee, due back on October 12, 2006. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Chuck Chestnut, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant, Craig Lowe and Jack Donovan

ADJOURNMENT - 10:42

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission