

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

November 14, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

Mary Alford (Member)
Michael Selvester (Member)
Wendell Porter (Member)
Wes Wheeler (Member)
Barry Jacobson (Member)
Carla Miles (Member)
Theresa Spurling-Wood (Non-Voting Member)
Tim Rockwell (Member)
Don Davis (Non-Voting Member)

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Porter, Selvester, Alford, Wheeler, Jacobson, Miles and Davis

Absent: Members Rockwell and Spurling-Wood

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

190603. Minutes of the September 24, 2019 UAB Workshop, October 10, 2019 UAB Regular Meeting and October 16, 2019 Workshop (B)

Attachments: [190603_UAB_9-24-19_Workshop_Minutes_20191114](#)
[190603_UAB_10-10-19_Meeting_Minutes_20191114](#)
[190603_UAB_10-16-19_Workshop_Minutes_20191114](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the three sets of minutes as drafted.*

Member Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Member Porter, to adopt all items on the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-1, with Member Rockwell absent.

190617. Contract Award to Vertex Data Utility Services, LLC for Bill Payment and Presentment Services (B)

This item is a request to approve the recommended award and execute a contract with Vertex Data Utility Services, LLC for Utility Bill printing, mail, electronic presentment, payment processing, and customer self-service.

Attachments: [190617_Billing Bid Tab_20191114](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize the GRU General Manager or designee to execute a contract with Vertex Data Utility Services, LLC, for Bill Payment and Presentment Services, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

On November 14, 2019, the UAB approved this on their consent agenda in a 6-0 vote, with Member Rockwell absent.

Member Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Member Porter, to adopt all items on the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-1, with Member Rockwell absent.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Member Jacobson made a motion, seconded by Member Wheeler, to adopt the regular agenda with the following modification:

Add a presentation from staff on solar and put it before old business. The motion passed 6-1, with Member Rockwell absent.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Donald Shepherd spoke.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

190604. GRU Operational Update for the Month of October 2019 (B)

Attachments: [190604_Ops_Update_October_2019_All_Depts_20191205](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive report.*

Report received.

Following receipt of operational update, staff gave solar presentation that the Board voted to add.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Attachments: [180258_Miles_4.1-4.3_Energy_Policy_Draft_20190711](#)
[180258_Selvester_7-17-19_Econ_Dev_Draft_20190723](#)
[180258_Utility_and_Energy_Policy_Draft_-_ROCKWELL_20190808](#)
[180258_Utility_Energy_Policy_Draft_Econ_Dev_DAVIS_20190808](#)
[180258_Utility_Energy_Policy_Draft_PORTER_20190808](#)
[180258_Utility_Energy_Policy_Draft_WHEELER_20190808](#)
[180258_Utility_Energy_Policy_Draft_SELVESTER_20190808](#)
[180258_Utility_Energy_Policy_Draft_Spurling-Wood_20190808](#)
[180258_Utility_Energy_Policy_Draft_Financing_DAVIS_20190808](#)
[190098_Alford_8-26-19_Draft_HVAC_Design_20190827](#)
[190098_Selvester_8-23-19_Master_Draft_20190827](#)
[180258_Master_Draft_Energy+_Util_Policy_20190919](#)
[180258_Util_Energy_Policy_Draft_Wheeler_20190919](#)
[180258_4.4-Util_Energy_Policy_Draft_Davis_20190919](#)
[180258_Util_Energy_Policy_Draft_Wheeler_Rockwell20190930](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss and take any action deemed appropriate.*

The board discussed the feedback given by the City Commission at the October

22, 2019 joint workshop. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMBER COMMENT

Since it was her last meeting before resigning, Member Alford spoke about her time on the board and thanked everyone.

Staff reminded the board that the next standing monthly workshop was scheduled for two days before Thanksgiving and the board voted to cancel the workshop.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Donald Shepherd spoke.

NEXT MEETING DATE

December 12, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.