

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 31, 2009

3:00 PM

Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting

Jack Durrance Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Scherwin Henry (District 1)

Commissioner Lauren Poe (District 2)

Commissioner Jack Donovan (District 3)

Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)

Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)

Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)

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CALL TO ORDER - 3:08 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Lauren Poe and Thomas Hawkins

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Mastrodicasa seconded to adopt the agenda.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

CITY MANAGER**090346. Cabot - Koppers Superfund Site (B)**

This item is a follow-up to the May 1, 2008 Joint City/County Commission Special Meeting to receive an update on the status of the Cabot - Koppers Superfund Site.

PRESENTATIONS: Assistant City Manager Fred Murry, Alachua County Environmental Protection Representative John Mousa, Alachua County Health Department Environmental Health Director Anthony Dennis, GRU Strategic Planning Supervising Engineer Rick Hutton, St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Kirby Green, US EPA Representative Scott Miller, and GRU General Manager for Utilities Bob Hunzinger gave presentations.

NOTE: Commissioner Mastrodicasa left the meeting room at 4:37 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT: Sandra Watts Kennedy, Susan Fairforest, Robert Pearce, James C. Miller, Joe Prager, Bob Palmer, Ron Hodell, George _____, Angela Gant, Sharon Sheets, Maria Parsons, Kali Blount, Cindy Harrington, Jess Larsen, Susan Fairforest for Dr. Michael Parsons, Bob McPeake, Beazer East/Koppers Representative Mitchell Brouman, Rob Brinkman, Walter Willard, David Pais and Christine Godfrey were recognized.

NOTE: Mayor Hanrahan left the meeting room at 5:26 PM.

FIRST MOTION: Commissioner Poe moved that the letter submitted from the Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (EPAC) to Florida Power and Light (FPL) and Koppers be referred to City and County staff for recommendations and a report back.

(VOTE: 5-0, Commissioner Mastrodicasa and Mayor Hanrahan - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

SECOND MOTION: Commissioner Donovan moved and Commissioner Lowe

seconded to direct staff to provide information regarding: 1) Grounds for denying or for not denying a permit for Koppers and what the process would be to close Koppers; 2) the value of undertaking further tests of dust, blood and hair; 3) EPA's explanation for restoration of the property to "commercial standard" and why not "residential standard"; 4) what Gainesville would need to do to restore the property to the "residential standard" if the EPA was not willing to do that; 5) reconciliation of the EPA and GRU reports regarding the proper level of hydrologic containment or withdrawal; 6) stormwater treatment in the area to the Public Works staff; and 7) that the City share this information with the County.

(VOTE: 5-0, Commissioner Mastrodicasa and Mayor Hanrahan - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

GRU/City Attorney Skip Manasco and Department of Environmental Protection Representative Kelsey Helton made comments.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission 1) hear presentations from the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, Alachua County Health Department, Gainesville Regional Utilities, St. Johns River Water Management District, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and Beazer East, Inc.; and 2) provide staff with direction.

Approved as shown above and Referred to City Manager

ADJOURNMENT - 7:40 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission