

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

August 9, 2018

5:30 PM

MODIFIED AGENDA

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

*Mary Alford
Michael Selvester
David Denslow
Wendell Porter
Wes Wheeler
Barry Jacobson*

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

All members were present except Dr. Porter. Member Selvester entered the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Member Denslow entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as drafted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[180213.](#) Approval of UAB July 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes (B)

Attachments: [180213 UAB 7-12-18 Meeting Minutes 20180809](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the July 12, 2018 meeting minutes as drafted.*

The minutes were approved as drafted.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Mark van Soestbergen spoke.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

[180265.](#) GRU Operational Update for July 2018 (B)

Attachments: [180265 Ops Update July 2018 - All Depts 20180906](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive a report on GRU's operations for the month of July 2018.*

Report received.

[180267.](#) Discussion of Alachua County Environmental Protection Department Report on Wastewater Spills (B)

Attachments: [180267 WUFT 5 News Article 20180809](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear an update from staff.*

Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

[180258.](#)

UAB Work Plan for Remainder of 2018 (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss creation of a work plan for the remainder of CY18 and take any action deemed appropriate.

Board members discussed their priorities for the remainder of CY2018.

Member Alford - Energy/utility policy for city. Solutions to equity for low income customers. Flat rate.

Member Selvester - Energy policy is top priority.

Member Jacobson - Energy Policy.

Member Wheeler - Environment. Reduce carbon footprint. Increase renewable energy portfolio. Equity for low income customers. Conservation programs. Economy - get the word out that GRU is a business and has to raise rates.

Member Denslow - Economic/environmental responsibility. Pay equity. Twenty first century utility.

Topics for next workshop - benchmarking energy policies; GRU's recent customer satisfaction survey.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 13, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.