

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

April 23, 2014

5:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)
Commissioner Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Commissioner Susan Bottcher (District 3)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Randy Wells (District 4)*

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

AGENDA STATEMENT

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ROLL CALL

[130541.](#)

Update on GRU Consumptive Use Permit and Minimum Flows and Levels (NB)

Explanation: At the City Commission special meeting on April 10, 2014, staff provided an update on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) development of Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers. The impact of a change in the proposed rule that was published April 8 on GRU's water consumptive permit (CUP) renewal was discussed. The proposed change in the rule disproportionately affects GRU and could adversely impact GRU's ability to obtain a 20 year CUP. At that meeting the City Commission directed staff to:

- 1. continue to work with the water management districts to obtain a 20 year CUP;*
- 2. prepare to challenge the rule if the rule disproportionately affects GRU and if efforts to obtain the permit are unsuccessful; and*
- 3. request an extension of the April 28 deadline for filing a petition to challenge the MFL rule as amended.*

Staff will provide an update on these efforts and make a recommendation in regard to challenging the rule.

Fiscal Note: The petition to challenge process is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000 or less. Adequate funding is allocated in the capital budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Hear an update from Staff on GRU's consumptive use permit and minimum flows and levels.

Legislative History

12/5/13	City Commission	Withdrawn
1/21/14	City Commission	Discussed
4/3/14	City Commission	Approved, as shown above
4/10/14	City Commission	Approved, as shown above

[130541_DWSP presentation bartol gainesville Part 2.20140121pdf.pdf](#)

[130541_MFLs CCom Workshop Jan 21 Part 1 Overview 20140121.pdf](#)

[130541_MFLs CCom Workshop Jan 21 Part 4 - Rick Hutton.pdf](#)

[130541 Letter to County Mgr 20140410](#)

[130541 Supplemental Regulatory Measures 20140410](#)

ADJOURNMENT