

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

December 14, 2017

5:30 PM

MODIFIED AGENDA

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

*Annie Orlando
Darin Cook
David Denslow
Robert Walpole
Mary Alford
Sandra Campbell
Michael Selvester*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All members of the Board were present.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

170649. Minutes of the September 5, 2017 Special Meeting and the November 9, 2017 Regular Meeting (B)

Attachments: [170649 UAB 9-5-17 Special Meeting Minutes 20171214](#)
[170649 UAB 11.9.17 Meeting Minutes 20171211](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 special meeting and the November 9, 2017 regular meeting as drafted.*

Approved as drafted.

170642. Renewal of Memorandum of Agreement with Northeast Florida Utility Coordination Group (B)

****This item was presented to the UAB on 12/14/17.**"**

Attachments: [170642 NFUCG 2014 MOA GRU Expired 20170104](#)
[170642 NFUCG MOA 2018-2020 FINAL 20170104](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize the General Manager or his designee to execute the memorandum of agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

The UAB approved this item on consent.

Approved on consent.

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as drafted.

GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen

*Citizen Jim Konish
Vicki Gervickas on behalf of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce*

STATE OF THE UTILITY**[170652.](#) GRU Operational Update for November 2017 (B)**

Attachments: [170652 Operational Updates Nov 2017 - All Depts. 20171214](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive a report.*

Heard

OLD BUSINESS**[170647.](#) Alternative Electric Rate Structures to Distribute Savings Related to GREC Acquisition (B)**

Attachments: [170647 Electric Rate Discussion Presentation 20171219](#)
[170647 Statement of Opinion - UAB Member Alford 20171219](#)
[170647 Statement of Opinion 1 - UAB Chair Cook 20171219.doc](#)
[170647 Statement of Opinion 2 - UAB Chair Cook 20171219.doc](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Utility Advisory Board recommend a revised electric rate structure to the City Commission for consideration at their December 19, 2017 meeting.*

Member Walpole made a motion, seconded by Member Alford, to recommend the staff recommendation that the weighted non-residential proposal to being to address the subsidization of residential rates be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

[170650.](#) Status Update on SAP Enterprise Management System to include Re-implementation of Financial Management System (FMIS), Customer Care System (CCS) and Enterprise Asset Management modules (EAM) (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a status update from staff on the overall OneSAP Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) program.*

Heard.

NEW BUSINESS**[170656.](#)**

Broadband Connectivity Sub-Committee requests to proceed with Broadband expansion Request for Proposals (B)

Attachments: [170656 RFP Outline 20171214](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a report on the Broadband Sub-Committee's recommendation to proceed with a broadband expansion Request for Proposals.*

Member Orlando made a motion and Member Alford seconded to ask the City Commission to appoint a UAB member to sit on the Broadband Sub-Committee.

Member Selvester made a motion, seconded by Member Walpole to reduce the General Fund Transfer in an amount equate to the increase in the utility tax and the savings be evenly distributed among all rate payers in every rate class and be used for no other purpose. The motion passed 5-2, with members Alford and Denslow in dissent.

170651.

Utility Advisory Board Sub-Committee (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss creation of a sub-committee to study the UAB's role in GRU governance and take any action deemed appropriate.

Member Alford made a motion and member Walpole seconded to create a joint sub-committee on governance with the City Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Walpole made a motion and member Orlando seconded to appointment Members Selvester and Walpole to represent the UAB on the joint sub-committee. Motion passed unanimously.

170603.

Utility Advisory Board Terms and Qualifications (B)

Attachments:

[170603 UAB Terms - Customer Class Represented 20171207](#)

[170603 Transcription of Item from CCom Mtg 20171214](#)

[170603 UAB Qualifications per Ordinance 20171214](#)

[2017 State COE Public Recs Training Submitted by M.Alford 12.14.17](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The UAB make a recommendation to the City Commission on:

- 1) Advertising three vacancies and whether they should have qualifications from the existing criteria set forth by ordinance or just open it to any candidate and assess the qualifications of those in the pool;*
- 2) Whether to modify the existing criteria for the categories of membership;*
- 3) How to assess whether applicants/members have a conflict of interest and how they should make a financial disclosure.*

Member Selvester made a motion that Dr. Denslow be moved to the at-large position to solve the at-large problem and that the intent was to represent large business which meant corporate signer. Motion passed unanimously.

The discussion of whether to change the criteria for the different categories of board membership was deferred and will be discussed at the Board's January 23, 2017, workshop.

Regarding whether board members should be required to complete financial disclosure and conflict of interest forms, Member Orlando made a motion that the Board follow the state statute on advisory boards. The motion was seconded by Member Alford and passed unanimously.

[170653.](#)

Status of GRU's Chief Financial Officer Position (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear an update from staff.*

Discussed.

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Orlando asked about the status of alternative option to synthetically fix the 2017 series C utility system revenue bonds. Staff will bring that information to a future meeting.

The Board acknowledged Member Walpole's last day on the Board and thanked him for his service.

Chair Cook read a statement in response to an editorial in the Gainesville Sun regarding a possible conflict of interest with him sitting on the board.

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 8, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.