

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

April 26, 2021

9:30 AM

City Hall Auditorium

Joint Water and Climate Policy Board

*Commissioner Harvey Ward - Member
Commissioner David Arreola - Vice-Chair
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos - Member
Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler - Chair
Commissioner Melanie Wells - Member
Commissioner Anna Prizzia - Member
Commissioner Mary Alford - Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Arreola, filling in for Chair Wheeler, at 9:40.

ROLL CALL

Present - Commissioner Wells, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Arreola

Absent - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Wheeler

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted as drafted 4-0, with Commissioners Hayes-Santos and Wheeler absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[201127.](#) Minutes of the February 22, 2021 Joint Water and Climate Policy Board Meeting (B)

Attachments: [201127 JWCPB 2.22.21 Meeting Minutes 20210426](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes from the February 22, 2021 meeting as drafted.*

Approved 4-0, with Commissioners Hayes-Santos and Wheeler absent.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[201128.](#) Regional Wastewater Treatment Efforts in Western Alachua County (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation and take any action deemed appropriate.*

Mike New, Newberry City Manager, provided a presentation on efforts to potentially create a regional wastewater collection system. Commissioner comment followed the presentation and it was expressed that Alachua County Environmental Protection Department should continue to engage with this process. There was no motion or comments from the public.

[201129.](#) GRU Water Conservation Program Update (B)

Attachments: [201129 GRU Water Conservation Program 20210426](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from staff.*

Kristen Sealey, GRU Water/Wastewater Planning Utility Engineer, provided a presentation on GRU's water conservation programs followed by commissioner discussion. The discussion included the importance of ensuring that new irrigation systems are not left in establishment irrigation schedules, the need for metering of irrigation wells, and a request for the timeline of AMI

(Advanced Metering Infrastructure) for GRU meters. There was no motion or comments from the public.

[201130.](#)

Citizen Climate Advisory Committee Update (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear an update on the committee's activities.*

Forrest Eddleton, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department Senior Planner and Megan Walker-Radtke, Chair of Citizen Climate Advisory Committee, provided a verbal update followed by commissioner discussion. Commissioners Arreola and Ward committed to discuss the need for formal representation on the CCAC from City and GRU staff at an upcoming City Commission meeting. There was interest in seeing the draft outline of the Climate Action Plan as soon as possible. There was no motion or comments from the public.

[201131.](#)

Floodwise Communities Program (B)

Attachments: [201131 FloodWise Communities Presentation 20210426](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from staff and take any action deemed appropriate.*

A presentation was provided by Alice Rankeillor, City of Gainesville Public Works Stormwater Services Supervisor and Shane Williams, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department Stormwater Engineer in which they described the grant funded assistance both entities will be receiving. There was no motion or comments from the public.

[201132.](#)

Staff Updates (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear update from staff.*

Zero Waste Plan- Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manger with the City of Gainesville, provided a verbal update on the Zero Waste Plan and requested to provide a presentation at the June meeting. The commissioners requested a copy of the plan as soon as possible. There was no motion or comments from the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Ward brought up the "Race to Zero" PR campaign in the Tampa region and how we locally have achieved so much, but need to do better at telling our story.

[201133.](#)

Agenda Items for June 21, 2021 Meeting (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Give staff direction on topics to place on the June 21, 2021 meeting agenda.*

Commissioner Ward made a motion to ask staff to re-schedule the 6/21/21

meeting. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Potential meeting topics discussed during the meeting included a discussion about regional water supply planning for the County and municipalities and a presentation on the Zero Waste Plan.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 21, 2021 Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The time of adjournment was not captured.