

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 5, 2009

1:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (Chair)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Jack Donovan (Vice Chair)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:15 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan and Jack Donovan

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**080688. Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee approve the minutes of November 24, 2008, as circulated.*

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION ITEMS**080689. Review of GRU Fuel/Coal Contracts (B)**

City Auditor Brent Godshalk and Senior Auditor Michelle Torma gave presentations.

GRU Power Plant Facilities Manager Thomas Fox, GRU Fuels Manager Karen Alford and GRU Sr. Account Clerk Deborah Johnson made comments.

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee recommend that the City Commission: 1) Accept the City Auditor's report and response from the General Manager for Utilities; and 2) instruct the City Auditor to conduct a follow-up review on recommendations made and report the results to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee.*

Recommended for Approval

080704. Selection of External Auditors for General Government (NB)

City Auditor Brent Godshalk gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee recommend the City Commission: 1) Approve the ranking of the proposals received for external auditing services, General Government*

segment; and 2) authorize the City Auditor to execute a professional services contract with the top-ranked firm for the General Government segment for a period of five years beginning with the fiscal year 2009 audit, with an option to renew for an additional three years, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Recommended for Approval

080474. Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Improve Communication through Increased use of Internet for City services, Improve the City's Website (B)

Strategic initiatives have been referred to Standing Committees and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), to promote efficient and effective communication streams between elected officials, city staff and Gainesville residents concerning the implementation of the City's Strategic Plan. This item is a request for the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee to receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 4.2: Improve Communication through Increased use of Internet for City services, Improve the City's Website.

City Auditor Brent Godshalk and Communications Manager Bob Woods gave presentations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 4.2: Improve Communication through Increased use of Internet for City services, Improve the City's Website.

Heard

080475. Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Review Alternative Strategies to Increase Civic Engagement and Responsibility (B)

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Strategic Planning Manager Karen Billings gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 4.3: Review Alternative Strategies to Increase Civic Engagement and Responsibility.

Heard

080484. Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Increase Involvement of City in Improving Quality of City Schools (B)

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Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 8.2: Increase Involvement of City in Improving Quality of City Schools.*

Heard

080476. Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Develop a Strategy for E-Commerce (B)

Strategic initiatives have been referred to Standing Committees and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), to promote efficient and effective communication streams between elected officials, city staff and Gainesville residents concerning the implementation of the City's Strategic Plan. This item is a request for the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee to receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 4.4: Develop a Strategy for E-Commerce.

Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree and CRA Senior Management Analyst Greg Bradley gave presentations.

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 4.4: Develop a Strategy for E-Commerce.*

Heard

080705. External Quality Control Review of the City Auditor's Office for the period October 2005 through September 2008 (B)

City Auditor Brent Godshalk gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee recommend the City Commission accept the External Quality Control Review*

report prepared by the Association of Local Government Auditors Review Team and the City Auditor's response.

Recommended for Approval

080702. 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda (B)

Legislative and Grants Coordinator Chris Cooper gave a presentation.

AMENDMENT: The Cabot/Koppers Superfund Site Immediate Measures and Cleanup item was submitted by GRU and was distributed during the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee Meeting as part of the 2010 Federal Legislative Statement. This item will be included in the Federal Legislative Statement submitted to the City Commission on January 15, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION *The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee 1) discuss and approve the proposed 2010 Federal Legislative Statement and 2) forward the approved draft to the City Commission for approval.*

Recommended for Approval, as amended

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT - 3:50 PM