

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2005

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Tony Domenech (District 3)
Commissioner Warren Nielsen (At Large)
Commissioner Rick Bryant (At Large)
Commissioner Chuck Chestnut (District 1)
Commissioner Ed Braddy (District 2)
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 6:16 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Chuck Chestnut, Edward Braddy, Tony Domenech, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Nielsen moved and Commissioner Bryant seconded to adopt the agenda.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

NOTE: Adoption of the agenda included allowing Mr. Lane to speak for 3 minutes before the City Commission discussion began.

GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES

040841 Long Term Energy Supply Plan (B)

Chair Hanrahan recognized Mr. Lane who spoke to the matter.

INTRODUCTION:

Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) General Manager Mike Kurtz gave introductory remarks.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

GRU Assistant General Manager for Strategic Planning Ed Regan made comments.

MAIN MOTION:

1) Authorize GRU to initiate a peer review (neutral/independent review of GRU's "Long Term Energy Supply Plan"); and 2) schedule a City Commission workshop to work out the finer details (of the proposal) between April 20, 2005 and June 30, 2005.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Chair Hanrahan recognized the following citizens who spoke to the matter.

- 1. Richard Hiers*
- 2. David Bruderly*
- 3. Reverend Milford Lewis Griner*
- 4. Karen Arrington*
- 5. Ted LaCombe*
- 6. Harald Kegelman*
- 7. Tom Cunilio*
- 8. Dr. Kathy Cantwell*
- 9. Gabriel*
- 10. Mark van Soestbergen*
- 11. Dr. David Harlos*

12. Leonard Eisenberg
13. Charles Grapski
14. Rob Brinkman
15. Joe Prager
16. Rita Kilpatrick
17. Jack Donovan
18. Walter Willard
19. Donald Denniston
19. Adrienne Burges
20. Jim Konish
21. Ed Brown
22. Richard Fry
23. Kevin Daley

ADDITIONAL MOTION:

*Commissioner Braddy moved to begin the process of hiring a consultant.
(NO SECOND, MOTION FAILED)*

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the following five inter-related elements of a long term plan to meet Gainesville's future electrical supply in order to allow staff to develop conceptual designs, as follows: 1) Meet an additional 10% of Gainesville's electrical energy requirements from renewable energy and conservation by 2012 over and above the 5% achieved to date; 2) Institute the proposed Greenhouse Gas Fund to support local projects to reduce carbon dioxide, including a technical advisory committee reporting to the City Commission; 3) Modify existing facilities at the Deerhaven plant site to minimize the emission of SO₂, NO_x, and Particulates and to meet the Maximum Available Control Technology (MACT) standards for mercury; 4) Add air quality monitoring to better establish baseline ambient air quality conditions related to power generation; 5) Add base load generation capacity designed to: i. Meet Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for regulated pollutants and MACT standards for mercury; ii. Utilize a mix of relatively abundant solid fuels including coal, petroleum coke, and the equivalent of at least 30 MW of biomass in order to meet the goal in item 1 above; iii. Produce electricity at a cost expected to be competitive in the retail and wholesale market; iv. Result in a net improvement of ambient air quality in combination with item 3 above; v. Maintain adequate capacity reserve margins; vi. Minimize the effects on surface and ground water supplies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nielsen, that this matter be Approved, as shown above (Main Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Chuck Chestnut, Edward Braddy, Tony Domenech, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe

ADJOURNMENT - 9:49 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission