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City of Gainesville

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Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

January 16, 2019

2:00 PM

City Commission Workshop

Gainesville Regional Utilities Multi-Purpose Room

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)

Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER 2:04 PM**AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

Present 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS**180211.****General Fund Transfer Resolution Discussion (B)**

Ed Bielarski gave opening remarks.

Mark Benton made a presentation.

Tom Brown, Diane Wilson, Carlos Holt, Mary Alford, Jesus Gomez, Fred Murry and Dan Hoffman all spoke to the matter.

Diane Wilson – spoke to General Government vacancies and need for direction regarding General Fund Transfer (GFT) so General Government can make adjustments and prepare financials for budget season accordingly with cuts as directed. GRU is service oriented, General Government is more people intensive, so cuts would definitely affect staffing levels. Currently GFT reduction amounts as mentioned between 10-13 million is approximate 10% of General Government's budget.

Commission would like to see additional analysis brought back to address deficit to include but not limited to:

- Refinancing current GRU debt*
- Closing GRU lobby services*
- Gas prepayment options*
- Wholesale contracts – what's the potential for these?*
- Plan for onboarding Deerhaven Renewable employees*
- Additional info around UPIF brackets and any flexibility available*
- Overview of wholesale market*
- Bring back rate (GRU) movement v. millage movement, side by side comparison with a focus on homesteaders (homeowners v. renters)*
- Interested in any other nontraditional alternatives to reduce budgets*
- Service level reductions and consolidated utility personnel moves to EOC and/or*

co-located GG/GRU functions, i.e. customer service call center

- *Hiring Freeze*
- *Charging for mailed bills*
- *SAS Model*
- *Potentials of adding/offer GRU renewable services to UF and what projected income would look like*
- *How electric busses could decrease annual fuel expenses*

Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue discussion of the General Fund Transfer and take any action deemed appropriate.

Discussed

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMISSION COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT - 4:31 PM