

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

June 5, 2019

1:30 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)
Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:31 PM

AGENDA STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Debbie Martinez and Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

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

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

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

[190033.](#)

GRU Budget - Status Update and Rate Review and General Government Budget Presentation (B)

Motion: 1) Set maximum increase not to exceed .55 mills; 2) Maintain the GFT at its current rate. An equal rate increase between the residential tiers; 3) An analysis of the increments asked to be vetted previously at the June 20th meeting; 4) Bring back a list of departmental reductions totaling \$1.5 million at the June 20th meeting with corresponding GRU rate increases. (.44% water, .42% wastewater, .57% gas, 6.41% electric); and 5) Set the Fire Assessment rate at maximum, not to exceed \$133/unit.

Ed Bielarski gave a presentation.

Todd Kamhoot gave a presentation.

Karen Fiore gave a presentation.

Claudia Rasnick gave a presentation.

Recess - 2:45 PM

Reconvene - 2:49 PM

Debbie Martinez, Jim Konish, Nathan Skop, Ernesto Martinez, Wilbur Holloway and Brian O'Brien spoke to the matter.

Carlos Holt spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt the staff recommendation of a reduction in the GFT of \$3 million with an Electric System rate increase of 5% in FY20.

The UAB recommends:

1) Adopt the rate that matches the Commission's chosen GFT as shown in the matrix on slide 4 (Motion passed 4-2, with Members Miles and Selvester in dissent and Member Rockwell absent);

2) In adopting the rates they recommended, the UAB requests that the City recognize that a flat GFT may have a negative bond rating impact and recognize that the City needs to address the infrastructure needs of customers hardest hit by these increases. (Motion passed 4-2, with Members Miles and Selvester in dissent and Member Rockwell absent).

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Simmons

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT - 3:49 PM