

Legislative File #170981

Minutes of the March 8, 2018 UAB Meeting

On Consent Agenda

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

March 8, 2018

5:30 PM

MODIFIED

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

*Darin Cook
Mary Alford
Michael Selvester
David Denslow
Wendell Porter
Wes Wheeler
Barry Jacobson*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All members were present.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

[170874.](#) Minutes of the February 8, 2018 UAB Meeting (B)

Attachments: [170874 UAB 2.8.18 Meeting Minutes 20180308](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018 UAB meeting as drafted.*

The minutes of the February 8, 2018 UAB meeting were approved on consent as drafted.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Member Alford made a motion to move the items under New Business in front of the items under Old Business, and to move the election of the officers to the end of the agenda. Member Denslow seconded. Chair Cook requested that the motion be amended to keep election of officers in the current position but move the New Business in front of Old Business. Member Alford modified her motion as requested, Member Denslow seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Jim Konish spoke.

MEMBER COMMENT

[170879.](#) Statement from Chair Darin Cook (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a statement from Chair Darin Cook.*

Chair Cook read a personal statement and resigned from the board immediately following. Member Wheeler made a motion that Mary Alford be elected as the new chair, and Member Porter seconded. Mr. Cook asked to take comments regarding his statement from the board before the motion was voted on and stated that he would leave after the comments.

After hearing comments from the other members, Mr. Cook passed the gavel to Member Alford and left the meeting. The remaining members then voted on

the motion to elect Member Alford as the new chair and the motion passed unanimously.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

[170881.](#) GRU Operational Update and FY19 Budget Process Update (B)

Attachments: [170881 Ops Update Feb 2018 - All Depts. 20180405](#)

RECOMMENDATION 1) *Hear an update on GRU's operations in the month of February 2018.*

2) *Hear an update on the FY18 budget process.*

Operational update heard.

Budget update heard. Board agreed that they would put budget on their March 27th standing workshop agenda.

Staff told the Board that the former chair had asked for a discussion of the Cost of Service study to be on this agenda and asked the board if they still wanted to discuss it given the departure of the chair. A discussion ensued about a prior request from the UAB to increase the scope of work in the contract and have Willdan produce the additional work. Staff said that the request was on the March 15th Commission meeting agenda. Several Board members said they thought the data already exists in the public arena and could easily be updated by a local agency for half the price. Staff explained that due to the City's purchasing policies, we would have to issue an RFP if we wished to use another firm and that there was no guarantee which firm would be chosen. Based on this, member Denslow made a motion to neither move forward with the request to increase Willdan's scope of service, nor to issue an RFP. Member Porter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

[170793.](#) Discussion of Cost of Service Study (NB)

Attachments: [170793 GRU COS Presentation UAB 20180208](#)
[170793 GRU Electric COS Model 20180208](#)
[170793 GRU Gas COS Rate Model 20180208](#)
[170793 GRU Review Model W-WW 20180208](#)
[170793 GRU SDC Model-20180208](#)
[170793 COS Presentation for CCom 20180208](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss the cost of service study and take any action deemed appropriate.*

This item was addressed under the State of the Utility following the budget update. Staff addressed additional questions from the Board during this time.

NEW BUSINESS

170880. Election of Officers (NB)

- RECOMMENDATION**
- 1) *Elect a vice chair to serve for the month of March 2018; or*
 - 2) *Waive the Board rules and elect both a chair and vice chair to serve during the period March 8, 2018 to April 30, 2019.*

The Board waived their rules in order to elect a chair and vice chair for the period March 8, 2018 to April 30, 2019. Member Selvester made a motion, seconded by member Wheeler, to name Mary Alford chair and Michael Selvester vice chair. The motion passed unanimously.

170875. Water Conservation Proclamation (B)

This item is for informational purposes.

Attachments: [170875 Water Conservation Proclamation 20180308](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive information about water conservation month.*

Heard.

170876. Amendment of the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan to meet Statutory Water Supply Planning Requirements (B)

Attachments: [170876 PB-17-145 CPA City Plan Board 20180308](#)

RECOMMENDATION *UAB hear a brief presentation from staff and make recommendations as appropriate.*

Motion by Member Wheeler and second by Member Selvester to recommend that the City Commission approve the amendment of the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan to meet statutory water planning requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

170877. Modification to The Energy Authority's Guarantees (B)

Attachments: [170877 Restated and Amended Electric Advance Agreement 20180308](#)
[170877 Blackline - Restated and Amended Electric Advance Agreement 20180308](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Utility Advisory Board recommend that the City Commission authorize the General Manager or his designee to execute and deliver such documents as may be required to effect amendments to the Restated and Amended Electric Advance Agreement with The Electric Authority to enable The Electric Authority to add a third alternative guaranty in the form of a Bank Line of Credit.*

Member Denslow made a motion to approve the staff recommendation. Member Wheeler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

170882. UAB Mission Statement (B)

Attachments: [170882 UAB MISSION STATEMENT 20180308](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss the UAB mission statement and take any action deemed appropriate.*

Discussed.

170902.

GRU Governance Sub-Committee Draft Ordinance Changes (B)

Attachments: [170902 UAB governance subcommittee - model ordinance 20180308](#)
[170902 2nd DRAFT - City Code - UAB 20180308](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Review the draft ordinance and take any action deemed appropriate.*

Member Selvester gave an explanation of the draft policy. Member Wheeler made a motion that the Board invite the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners to nominate a representative to represent them on the UAB and that the Alachua County School Board nominate a representative to represent them, as well. Member Jacobson seconded and the motion passed 5-1, with Member Denslow in dissent.

Member Selvester stated that the City Attorney's office would put the ordinance in the appropriate form and that it would have to go to the City Commission for final approval. He will incorporate changes discussed at this meeting and present them at the next subcommittee meeting. He will then bring the final version to the Board on April 12, 2018 for a vote.

MEMBER COMMENT

The three new members gave a brief introduction of themselves.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Nancy Deren Spoke

NEXT MEETING DATE

Workshop - March 27, 2018
Regular Meeting - April 12, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.