

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

January 9, 2020

5:30 PM

MODIFIED

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

Wendell Porter (Member)

Wes Wheeler (Member)

Barry Jacobson (Member)

Carla Miles (Member)

Theresa Spurling-Wood (Non-Voting Member)

Tim Rockwell (Member)

Don Davis (Non-Voting Member)

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Rockwell, Davis, Spurling-Wood, Porter, Miles, Wheeler
Absent: Member Jacobson

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

[190808.](#) Minutes of the December 12, 2019 UAB Meeting (B)

Attachments: [190808 UAB FY21 Budget Calendar 20191212](#)
[190808 UAB 12-12-19 Meeting Minutes 20200109](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve as drafted.*

Adopted as drafted on consent.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted as drafted.

CITIZEN COMMENT - Open comment period for items not on the agenda, limited to three (3) minutes per citizen.

Citizen Donald Shepherd spoke.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

[190811.](#) GRU Operational Update for the Month of December 2019 (B)

Attachments: [190811_Ops_Update_Dec_2019_All_Depts_20200109](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive report.*

Report received.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

[190859.](#) Election of UAB Chair (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Elect a member to serve as UAB chair to fill the vacancy left*

by the resignation of the previous chair, for the remainder of the term, which is until April 2020.

Member Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Member Rockwell, to nominate Member Porter for the role of chair. The motion passed 4-0, with Member Jacobson absent.

Member Rockwell made a motion, seconded by Member Miles, to nominate Member Wheeler for the role of vice-chair. The motion passed 4-0 with Member Jacobson absent.

190804.

GRU Generation Transition Plan 2020 to 2022 (B)

Attachments: [190804 GRUTransitionPlan2020 Presentation Rev. 20200109](#)
[190804 Transition Plan Quick Reference 20200109](#)
[190804 NSA DRAFT 20200109](#)
[190804 GRU IRP Report Master 20200109](#)
[190804 FY20 Budget Analysis GenTrader 20200109](#)
[190804 GRU Employee Letter 20200109](#)
[190804 FPL Network Service Obligation Revised 20200109](#)
[190804 Network Service Agreement Questions 20200109](#)
[190804 RevisedGRUTransitionPlan2020 Presentation Rev. 20200116](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the General Manager of the Utility to:

- 1) submit a request to FPL for transmission interconnection;*
- 2) negotiate the terms of and execute the System Impact Study Agreement and Cost Reimbursement, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality*
- 3) if required, negotiate the terms of and execute the Facilities Study Agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality;*
- 4) negotiate the terms of a Network Services Agreement and Network Operating Agreement with FPL, provided that there are no increases in or additions to the costs or rates described in this agenda item and in the responses by FPL and GRU included in the back-up. If there are additional or increased costs, or if the General Manager cannot successfully negotiate the terms of the Network Agreements, the General Manager will bring the Network Agreements back to the Commission for consideration. The Network Agreements are, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality;*
- 5) Direct GRU to use the savings resulting from the Network Agreements to reduce GRU debt, which would be the basis for future base rate reductions, and/or reduce GRU's fuel adjustment depending on the classification of the Network*

Services agreement payment as a base cost or a fuel cost.

Following a presentation by GM Ed Bielarski, Member Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Member Miles, to recommend the Commission approve the staff recommendation, with the following amendment: Change recommendation #5 to direct staff to bring back options for how to use any savings. The motion passed 4-0, with Member Jacobson Absent.

Citizens Donald Shepherd, Calvin Camps and Russell Stiriz spoke to the motion.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 13, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.