

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

July 10, 2007

1:00 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 16

Regional Utilities Committee

*Commissioner Jack Donovan, Chair
Commissioner Ed Braddy, Member
Commissioner Craig Lowe, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****070194. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2007 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for June 12, 2007 as circulated.*

RUC June 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes.pdf

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**061214. Photovoltaic Policies - Proposed Energy Neutral Neighborhood - Commissioner Craig Lowe Referral (NB)**

Explanation: On June 12, 2007 the RUC heard a presentation from staff and received comments from citizens. Staff was asked to return to the next meeting with additional information.

The State of Florida, the federal government and GRU currently offer incentives that address the up front cost of photovoltaic generation. Additionally GRU has a policy in place to reimburse customers that own photovoltaic generating facilities for energy returned to GRU's distribution system. Representatives of a proposed energy neutral subdivision have requested that these policies be reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Commission (RUC) receive a presentation from staff reviewing the effects of available incentives and rebates on the cost of photovoltaic generation and take any action deemed appropriate.*

Legislative History

4/23/07	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
6/12/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

061213. Digital Cities Conference in Washington DC - Commissioner Braddy Referral Item (NB)

Explanation: On June 12, 2007 the RUC received comments from staff and citizens present regarding this referral and directed staff to return to the next meeting with additional information. Commissioner Braddy recently attended the Digital Cities Conference and noted that certain requirements, incentives or design options are available to developers in various cities to encourage the development of digital infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION *The RUC receive an update from staff and continue discussion on digital infrastructure development.*

Legislative History

4/23/07	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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070035.

GEAC Recommendation for Carbon Footprint Assessment Tool (NB)

Explanation: At the January 16, 2007 meeting GEAC received a presentation from Mark Van Soestbergen regarding a carbon footprint assessment tool. This tool would be accessed online and allow users to determine their carbon footprint and view graphic representations of their impact. It would also allow for comparisons between different size, and type of users. A more in depth explanatory document will be provided as back-up.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee discuss funding for a carbon footprint assessment tool.*

Legislative History

5/14/07	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
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MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS**051194****GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity****Legislative History**

4/12/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
6/8/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

060294.**General Fund Transfer from GRU****Legislative History**

7/25/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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060775.**Impact of Tiered Rates on People With Low Income Levels****Legislative History**

11/27/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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070181.**Forest Certification Stewardship Issues****Legislative History**

6/18/07	City Commission	Referred (6 - 1)	Regional Utilities Committee
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NEW BUSINESS**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT