

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda

April 8, 2021

6:30 PM

Modified Agenda

City Hall Auditorium & Virtual
Call in number - 1-800-876-7516
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)

Fletcher Crowe (Member)

Jason Fults (Member)

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS**[201024.](#)**Approval of Minutes from the February 11, 2021 UAB Meeting, February 23, 2021 UAB Workshop and March 23, 2021 UAB Workshop (B)**

Explanation: Staff has drafted minutes from the February 11, 2021 UAB regular meeting and the February 23, 2021 and March 23, 2021 UAB workshops.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve minutes as drafted.

[201024 UAB 2-11-21 Meeting Minutes 20210408](#)

[201024 UAB 2-23-21 Workshop Minutes 20210408](#)

[201024 UAB 3-23-21 Workshop Minutes 20210408](#)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**STATE OF THE UTILITY****OLD BUSINESS**[200693.](#)**Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) (B)**

Explanation: The Board discussed this topic at their January 26, 2021 workshop and agreed to draft a document to include their opinion and input into GRU's IRP process. They agreed to continue their work and discussion at their February workshop and subsequent workshops and regular meetings as needed. Member Crowe volunteered to coordinate the drafting of the document and include input received from other board members.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue discussion of GRU's IRP process and review draft documents provided by Member Crowe and other members.

[200693 GRU IRP Presentation 20210114](#)
[200693 GRU IRP Report Master Final 20210126](#)
[200693 UAB Inputs to IRP 20210323](#)
[200693 Draft UAB IRP Input Presentation 20210323](#)
[200693 Energy Efficiency in Southeast Ann Rept 20210408](#)
[200693 Member Wheeler Notes from 1-26-21 20210408](#)
[200693 Resolution 180442 20210408](#)
[200693 Recommendations Member Fults 20210408](#)

NEW BUSINESS

[201022.](#)

Water and Wastewater Rate Structure Modifications (B)

Explanation: On a periodic basis, it is important to analyze and review water and wastewater rate structures in order to evaluate industry best practices and ensure rate structures promote water sustainability, provide sufficient collection of revenue, and are understandable to customers. This review and analysis resulted in several recommendations for modifying the water and wastewater rate structures to meet these criteria. The adjustments will simplify rate structures, provide consistency with other utilities in Florida and adjust revenue, increasing revenues in some rate classes.

There are six proposed modifications to the rate structures, which are identified below along with the reason or purpose for making the adjustment:

- 1. Adjust downward the water third tier usage cutoff to <13kgal*
 - Purpose: Promote water conservation*
- 2. Increase City of Alachua wholesale water rate to \$2.67/kgal*
 - Purpose: Adjust toward cost of service*
- 3. Adjust 2nd tier water rate to match general services rate to \$3.87/kgal*
 - Purpose: Adjust to cost of service and consistency*
- 4. Adjust commercial wastewater from 95% to 100% of water usage*
 - Purpose: Industry best practice and adjust to cost of service*
- 5. Convert wastewater rate from winter maximum to water use with 12kgal cap*
 - Purpose: Simplifying rate structure and industry best practice*
- 6. Increase RCW by \$0.23/kgal (RCW rate = \$1.235/kgal)*
 - Purpose: Promote reclaimed water conservation and adjust to cost of service*

The intent is to implement these rate structure modifications on October 1st, 2021, along with any other utility rate modifications identified through the budget process.

Fiscal Note: Staff anticipates increased revenues as a result of these changes. Potential revenue increases are estimated at:

\$100,000 to \$300,000 per year in Water.

\$1 million to \$2 million per year in Wastewater.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission:

- 1) Direct the City Attorney to draft required ordinance language to implement the recommended rate structure modifications*
- 2) Direct the Clerk to advertise later this year along with other rate modifications for an anticipated October 1st, 2021 implementation date*

[201022_WWW_Rate_Analysis_Presentation_20210408](#)

[201023.](#)

Election of UAB Officers (NB)

Explanation: In accordance with UAB rules, the board shall elect a chair and vice chair annually at their April meeting for a term to run from May 1 to April 31 of the following year.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Nominate and elect members to serve as chair and vice chair for a one year term beginning on May 1, 2021.

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 27, 2021 (Joint Workshop with City Commission)

ADJOURNMENT