

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**April 08, 2009**

**3:30 PM**

**CITY HALL ROOM 16**

## **Regional Utilities Committee**

*Commissioner Craig Lowe, Chair  
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member  
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****080944. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2009 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for the February 11, 2009 meeting as circulated.*

RUC Meeting Minutes for February 11 2009.pdf

**CURRENT RUC ACTION ITEMS****080184. Water Conservation Policy (B)**

*Explanation: At the July 10, 2008 GRU budget meeting the City Commission referred the issue of GRU's water conservation policy to the RUC.*

*Staff made an initial presentation to RUC on water conservation on October 20, 2008. That presentation provided an overview of water resource issues and GRU's current water conservation programs. The April 8, 2009 presentation will include a presentation on the ConserveFlorida Water guide by Dr. Jim Heaney of UF. Staff will present evaluations of GRU customer water use trends and provide recommendations on proposed water conservation programs. In addition, representatives of Alachua County, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) have been invited to attend.*

*Fiscal Note: Preliminary estimates of potential funding requirements are roughly \$100,000 per year, depending on the conservation programs that will be implemented, and the availability of grant funding sources.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) receive a presentation describing water use patterns, current water conservation initiatives, and proposed future water conservation initiatives, and take action as appropriate.*

**Legislative History**

7/10/08	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
10/20/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	
12/10/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

Backup to RUC Item #080184 Water Conservation 12 10 08.pdf  
 Backup for RUC Item #080184 WaterConservation Apr 8 09.pdf

**080696.****Broadband in Older Neighborhoods (NB)**

*Explanation: On December 18, 2008 the City Commission referred the issue of extending broadband internet to older neighborhoods in the City. This referral came during discussion about the project list for the potential federal stimulus package.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee: 1) Receive an update on broadband availability in older neighborhoods, opportunities from federal stimulus packages from staff; and 2) remove this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

12/18/08	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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**070528.****Nuclear Energy Option and Recommendation (NB)**

*Explanation: On October 8, 2007 the City Commission referred this item to the RUC. GRU is no longer participating in discussions with the Levy project and believes that staff time is better utilized in other areas. Therefore, staff is requesting this item be removed from the referral list.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee recommend that the City Commission remove this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

10/8/07	City Commission	Approved as Recommended and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
12/10/07	City Commission	Discussed	
4/8/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
7/9/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
8/13/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

**070516.****Conservation and Energy Use Goals - Mid Year Efficiency Program Update (NB)**

*Explanation: On September 24, 2007 the City Commission referred this item to the RUC. Staff provides the City Commission with quarterly updates on our Energy Efficiency Program Results and is therefore requesting removal of this item from the referral list.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee recommend that the City Commission remove this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

9/24/07	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
4/8/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
6/10/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

Mid Year Energy Efficiency Report to RUC June 10. 2008.pdf

**070352.**

**Status Report on Maximum Energy Efficiency (NB)**

*Explanation: On August 27, 2007 the City Commission referred this item to the RUC. The City Commission receives quarterly updates on our Energy Efficiency Program Results. Therefore, staff is requesting removal of this item from the referral list.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee recommend that the City Commission remove this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

8/27/07	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
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**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**080943.**

**Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee review the Outstanding Referral Status Report dated April 8, 2009.*

RUC Outstanding Referrals status report April 8 09.pdf

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*The next meeting date is May 13, 2009.*

## ADJOURNMENT