

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

July 18, 2017

6:00 PM

Joint Utility Advisory Board/City Commission Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

*Annie Orlando
Darin Cook
David Denslow
Robert Walpole
Mary Alford
Sandra Campbell
Michael Selvester*

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CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****ROLL CALL****ACTION ITEMS****[170222.](#)** GRU Governance (B)

Attachments: [170222 DRAFT 3 - IUB ordinance 20170718](#)

The Board and the City Commission discussed the issue of the UAB working on a draft ordinance to create an independent utility board. Board members explained that they felt it was important for citizens to have an alternative to the Clemens/Perry bill and that they thought the Board's charter as written gave them authority to work on any matter they choose related to GRU. The Commission expressed concern that having citizens vote on an IUB in both the spring and fall elections would be confusing and may not produce a good outcome.

The rest of the discussion centered on examining the existing structure of the UAB now that they are a little past their first year in existence, to determine the feasibility of giving the board expanded powers. The Mayor suggested holding a joint workshop to set priorities and review the Board ordinance for possible changes. Member Selvester made a motion to continue the governance discussion at a workshop. The motion was seconded by Sandy Campbell and passed 6-0, with Mary Alford absent.

Citizens Jim Konish, Debbie Martinez, Susan Bottcher, Ernesto Martinez and Joe Little spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss GRU governance with the City Commission and take any action deemed appropriate.*

[170223.](#) **Draft Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) (B)**

Attachments: [170223 GREC APA Presentation 20170718](#)
[170223 Draft GRU 2017A Schedule 131600 20170718](#)
[170223 Timeline for Proposed Purchase of Biomass Facility 20170718](#)

The City Attorney gave an overview of the timeline of the asset purchase agreement (APA) transaction process. She requested that the Board and UAB meet jointly upon completion of the APA to review and analyze the previous and final drafts. The board voted 6-0, with Mary Alford absent, to have the Clerk schedule a joint meeting on completion of the APA.

GRU's CFO, Justin Locke, gave a presentation on the options for financing the purchase of the biomass facility and answered questions from the Board and the Commission.

GRU's Chief Operating Officer, Tom Brown, gave an update on the due diligence process.

Citizen Ray Washington spoke on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission and the UAB discuss the status of negotiations with GREC on the Asset Purchase Agreement and take any action deemed appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.