

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

October 12, 2017

5:30 PM

MODIFIED AGENDA

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**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****[170459.](#) Minutes of the August 10, 2017, September 5, 2017 and September 14, 2017 Meetings (B)**

Attachments: [170459 UAB 8-10-17 Meeting Minutes 20171012](#)
[170459 UAB 9.5.17 Special Meeting Minutes 20171012](#)
[170459 UAB 9.14.17 Meeting Minutes 20171012](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve minutes as drafted.*

Three sets of minutes were presented for a vote.

Dr. Denslow made a motion and Mary Alford seconded to approve the August 10, 2017 minutes as drafted. Motion passed 5-0, with members Campbell and Walpole absent.

Citizen Jo Beaty requested that the minutes of the September 5, 2017 special meeting be pulled and that staff be instructed to rewrite them. Citizen Jim Konish also spoke about the minutes.

Member Walpole entered the meeting at approximately 5:39.

Member Alford made a motion that the minutes of the September 5, 2017 special meeting not be approved. She asked that Ms. Beaty send the Board an email with notes on what she thinks should be included in the minutes and Ms. Beaty stated that she would. The Board voted and the motion passed 6-0 with member Campbell absent.

Member Alford made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting, member Selvester seconded, and the motion passed 6-0 with Member Campbell absent.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizens Jim Konish, Jo Beaty, Donald Shepherd, Karen Arrington, Don Fields and Brian Soucek spoke.

STATE OF THE UTILITY**[170474.](#) GRU Operational Updates for August and September, 2017 (B)**

Attachments: [170474 GRU Ops Updates FY17August 20171012](#)
[170474 GRU Ops Updates FY17September 20171012](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear an report from staff.*

Heard

OLD BUSINESS

[170412.](#) **Incremental Taxes Created by GRU's Purchase of the Power Purchase Agreement and Biomass Plant (B)**

Attachments: [170412 Tax of GREC Tax Bill FY17 20170926](#)
[170412 FY2018 GSD Electric Bill 20170926](#)
[170412 FY2018 GSLD Electric Bill 20170926](#)
[170412 FY2018 GSN Electric Bill 20170926](#)
[170412 FY2018 Residential Electric Bill 20170926](#)
[170412 GSD detail 2017.June 20171012](#)
[170412 GSD Savings by Load Factor 20171012](#)

Staff presented additional information that was requested by Board members at their September 26, 2017 workshop. After some discussion of the issue, Member Walpole made a motion to recommend to the Gainesville City Commission that they approve a reduction in the GFT of approximately \$2.6 million that's equivalent to their increase in utility tax, to be trued up annually and all savings then returned by GRU to the rate payers. The motion was seconded by Member Alford. The motion passed 6-0 with member Campbell absent.

Citizens Donald Shepherd and Donald Fields spoke on the motion.

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss additional information provided by staff.*

Member Walpole made a motion to recommend to the Gainesville City Commission that they approve a reduction in the GFT of approximately \$2.6 million that's equivalent to their increase in utility tax, to be trued up annually and all savings then returned by GRU to the rate payers. The motion was seconded by Member Alford. The motion passed 6-0 with member Campbell absent.

NEW BUSINESS

[170452.](#)

Swap Authorizing Resolution (B)

Attachments: [170452 Swap Authorizing Resolution - GRU 20171012](#)
[170452 Swap Authorizing Resolution - Revised Final 20171012](#)
[170452 Swap Resolution - Red Line V9 to V10 20171012](#)

Citizens Donald Fields, Jo Beaty and Ray Washington spoke on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The Utility Advisory Board recommend that the City Commission approve the attached Swap Authorizing Resolution, authorizing the forms of a Master ISDA Agreement, Schedule and Credit Support Annex, and delegating authority to the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer to conduct a negotiated bid of the swap with counterparties, and to complete the negotiation of the Swap Documents, in accordance with the stated delegation parameters.

Member Walpole made a motion to approve the Swap Authorization Resolution. Member Denslow seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2, with Members Orlando and Alford in dissent and Member Campbell absent.

170450.

Request for Statement of Qualifications for Recruitment Services for Professional Engineer and Technical Positions at a Municipal Multi-Service Utility (NB)

Attachments:

[170450 Intent to Award 20171012](#)

[170450 2017-071 Bid Record 20171102](#)

[170450 2017-071 Recruitment Services Intent to Award 20171102](#)

[170450 2017-071 RFSQ Professional Engineer And Technical Employee Re](#)

[170450 RESPONSE-Aerotek-2017-071 Recruitment Services 20171102](#)

[170450 RESPONSE-Helbling-2017-071 Recruitment Services20171102](#)

[170450 RESPONSE-Mercer Group-2017-071 Recruitment Services 20171102](#)

[170450 RESPONSE-MTI Moten Tate-2017-071 Recruitment Services 20171102](#)

[170450 RESPONSE-Search Partnership-2017-071 Recruitment Services 20171102](#)

[170450 Evaluation Summary - Revised 20171102](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) accept the qualified firms; 2) authorize the General Manager or designee to initiate contract negotiations and execute a contract for recruiting services with each of the firms; and 3) authorize the General Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Member Walpole made a motion and Member Alford seconded to approve the staff recommendation. The motion passed 6-0 with Member Campbell absent.

170460.

Perpetual Transportation Easement to Alachua County (B)

Attachments:

[170460 Project Location Map 20171102](#)

[170460 SW 8th Ave Ext Transportation Easement 20171102](#)

[170460 Transportation Easement Location Map 20171102](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The Utility Advisory Board advise the City Commission to: 1) approve the granting of a perpetual transportation easement to Alachua County for transportation purposes across a portion of the City of Gainesville electric transmission right-of-way;

and 2) authorize the Mayor and the Clerk of the Commission to execute the Easement, substantially in the form as attached, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Member Walpole made a motion to approve the staff recommendation and Member Alford seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with Member Campbell absent.

[170461.](#)

GRU Estimated Bills (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive information from staff.*

Discussed.

[170458.](#)

THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE D/B/A GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES (GRU) CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION IN REGARD TO THE DEERHAVEN SCRUBBER COLLAPSE (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss.*

Heard.

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Walpole made a motion to add a consent agenda to the Board's by-laws if allowed or if it requires a by-law change and if not, to have a consent agenda for the Board's next meeting. Member Denslow seconded.

Attorney Young stated that he would research whether a by-law change was required and would get back to the Board.

The motion passed 5-1, with Member Orlando in dissent and Member Campbell absent.

Member Orlando asked that a discussion of electric vehicles on the Board's next workshop agenda.

Member Alford stated that there is an electric vehicle group that meets on the third Wednesday at Volta at 8:00 a.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Don Fields spoke.

NEXT MEETING DATE

November 9, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

