

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

July 06, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall Room 16

Regional Utilities Committee

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Lowe, Chair
Commissioner Ed Braddy, Member
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member/Alternate*

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CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****060202 Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for June 8 , 2006 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for June 8, 2006 as circulated.*

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COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**050791****Undergrounding Utilities in the Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street CRA Area (NB)**

Explanation: At the December 19, 2005 meeting of the CRA the members heard concerns from members of the Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Board regarding undergrounding on the NW 5th Avenue streetscape project and the model block. The CRA requested the City Commission at its January 23, 2006 meeting to refer the issue of the funding of underground utilities in the fifth avenue corridor and model block to the Regional Utilities Committee and bring back a report.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee hear a presentation on the streetscape partnership with the CRA to underground facilities along N.W. 5th Avenue from GRU staff and the CRA manager. The presentation will include a review of the six phase plan to place utilities underground in conjunction with the planned streetscape and a discussion of the model block area.*

Legislative History

1/23/06	City Commission	Approved as Recommended (5 - 0 - 2 Absent)	
1/23/06	City Commission	Referred	Regional Utilities Committee
2/9/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	

031086 Utility Policies for Residential Grid-connected Solar Electric Systems (B)

Explanation: Current solar electric system interconnection policies and procedures are

designed to encourage our customers to interconnect solar electric systems with the electric distribution system and provide a standard contract that guarantees they can sell any excess electricity generated back to GRU. Nearly all of the electricity generated by the solar electric systems currently interconnected to the electric distribution system is used within the customer's facilities, which displaces energy that would otherwise be purchased from GRU therefore effectively crediting the customer at the full retail electricity rate. Excess energy is separately metered and bought back from the customer at a price that includes the unbundled generation rate (\$0.025 per kWh) and the current month's fuel adjustment (currently \$0.048 per kWh) for a total of about \$0.073 per kWh). GRU's retail rate is currently \$0.04613 per kWh for the first 750 kWh used and \$0.05966 per kWh for use greater than 750 kWh plus \$0.048 per kWh for fuel for a total cost of \$0.09413 to \$0.10766 per kWh. Staff reviewed Florida regulations; other utility policies and tariffs, and conducted phone interviews of other Florida utilities. Staff also contacted Austin Energy and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District to characterize the solar electric system interconnection policies and procedures of these utilities.

This item was discussed at the November 10, 2005 Regional Utilities Committee meeting. Information on the history of solar rebates requested by Commissioner Braddy will be presented.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation on the policies of Austin Energy, Sacramento Municipal Utility District and other Florida utilities to promote residential grid-connected solar electric systems.

Legislative History

3/29/04	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
3/3/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
9/8/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
11/10/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
4/27/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	
6/8/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Continued	

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MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

050850

Wastewater Service to the City of Archer

Legislative History

2/13/06 City Commission Approved as shown above Regional Utilities
and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Committee
Absent)

2/22/06 Regional Utilities Recommended for Approval, as shown above
Committee

2/27/06 City Commission Approved, as shown above (Motions)

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050457

Streetlights and Electric Rates

Legislative History

9/26/05 City Commission Approved as Regional Utilities
Recommended and Committee
Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)

050905

Assimilation and Evaluation of DSM Options

Legislative History

2/2/06 City Commission Referred (5 - 0 - 2 Absent) Regional Utilities
Committee

3/16/06 Regional Utilities Discussed
Committee

4/27/06 Regional Utilities Approved as shown above (See Motion)
Committee

050746

General Policy for Sewer Connections (NB)

Legislative History

12/12/05 City Commission No Action Taken

1/9/06 City Commission Referred (7 - 0) Regional Utilities
Committee

2/9/06 Regional Utilities Discussed
Committee

6/8/06 Regional Utilities Discussed
Committee

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051193 Establishment of a Financing Program for Renewable Energy SystemsLegislative History

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

051194 GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity (NB)Legislative History

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

060168Legislative History

6/12/06 City Commission Referred (7 - 0) Regional Utilities
Committee
6/12/06 City Commission Referred General Manager for
Utilities
6/13/06 City Commission Referred City Manager

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has tentatively been scheduled for August 31, 2006 pending confirmation.

ADJOURNMENT