

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

10:00 AM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Craig Lowe (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro-Tem Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Commissioner Susan Bottcher (District 3)
Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 10:07 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Craig Lowe, Lauren Poe, Thomas Hawkins, Randy Wells, Todd Chase, Susan Bottcher and Yvonne Hinson-Rawls

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Poe, seconded by Commissioner Bottcher to adopt the agenda.

(VOTE: 6-0, Yvonne Hinson-Rawls - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

NOTE: Commissioner Hison-Rawls entered the meeting room after the vote.

GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES

120155. Gainesville Regional Utilities FY 2013 Budget (B)

INTRODUCTION: Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) General Manager Bob Hunzinger gave introductions.

STAFF PRESENTATION: GRU Managing Utility Analyst Diane Wilson, Assistant General Manager for Energy Supply John Stanton, Administrative Services Director Kathy Viehe, Water/Wastewater Engineering Director Ron Herget, and Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Hunt gave presentations.

RECESS: 12:38 PM

RECONVENE: 1:45 PM

MOTION (Main Motion): A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Lauren Poe, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins to direct the City Attorney to draft, and the City Clerk to advertise, ordinances to adopt the recommended rates and charges and language revisions for water, wastewater and gas.

(VOTE: 6-1, Commissioner Chase - No, MOTION CARRIED)

Mayor Lowe recognized Jo Beaty and Debbie Martinez who spoke to the matter.

ADDITIONAL MOTION (Referral): A motion was made by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Poe, to refer to the Regional Utilities Committee a review of the long-term plan to pay debt service from the Utility Plant Improvement Fund.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED) - See following Referral File #120181.

SECOND ADDITIONAL MOTION (Referral): A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins to refer to the General Manager the

possibility of joining with the County regarding water use policies involving the water management districts.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED) - See following Referral File #120182.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear a presentation from GRU on the FY 2013 Budget.*

Approved as shown above, (Main Motion)

120181. Utility Plant Improvement Fund Utilization (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer to the Regional Utilities Committee a review of the long-term plan to pay debt service from the Utility Plant Improvement Fund.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Poe, that this matter be Referred to the Regional Utilities Committee, due back on January 11, 2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Lauren Poe, Randy Wells, Susan Bottcher, Todd Chase, Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Thomas Hawkins and Craig Lowe

120182. City Joining With the County Regarding Water Use Issues (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer to the General Manager for Utilities the issue of the City joining with Alachua County regarding water use issues involving the water management districts.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, that this matter be Referred to the General Manager for Utilities, due back on January 11, 2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Lauren Poe, Randy Wells, Susan Bottcher, Todd Chase, Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Thomas Hawkins and Craig Lowe

ADJOURNMENT - 3:52 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission