

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 18, 2007

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Rick Bryant (At Large)
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)
Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)
Commissioner Ed Braddy (District 2)
Commissioner Jack Donovan (District 3)
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 6:06 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

NOTE: Commissioner Henry entered the meeting room at 6:07 PM and Commissioner Braddy entered the meeting room at 6:08 PM.

MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Mastrodicasa seconded to adopt the agenda.

(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)

Chair Hanrahan recognized Dian Deevey, Paula Stahmer and Sally Dickinson who spoke to the adoption of the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Edward Braddy, Pegeen Hanrahan, Rick Bryant, Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Scherwin Henry

PLAN BOARD PETITION

070089. Amend Section 30-346(d) of City of Gainesville Land Development Code (B)

Petition 51TCH-07 PB, City of Gainesville. Amend section 30-346(d) to clarify that the Standard Industrial Classification Manual (SIC) categories are not used in residential districts for classification purposes, and that non-conforming membership organizations in residential districts may be changed to a place of religious assembly, without a Special Use Permit.

City Litigation Attorney Elizabeth Waratuke and Planning Manager Ralph Hilliard gave presentations.

Chair Hanrahan recognized Barbara Sharpe, Robert Weaver, Arupa Freeman, Ron Barker, John Hermsdorfer, Walter Willard, Pat Malott, Bob Freeman, David Bassler, Pat Fitzpatrick, Mark Goldstein, Rob Brinkman, Jimmy Harnsberger, Susan Ward, Sara Poll and Barbara Ruth who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

City Plan Board to City Commission - The City Commission deny Petition 51TCH-07 PB. Plan Board vote 6-0.

Staff to Plan Board - Approve

Staff to City Commission - Approve

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Lowe, that this matter be Approved (Petition). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Craig Lowe, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant and Pegeen Hanrahan

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

070134. Election Issues (B)

City Clerk of the Commission Kurt Lannon, Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter and Assistant City Attorney Charles Hauck gave presentations.

*FIRST MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Donovan seconded to select January 29, 2008 and February 19, 2008 as the election dates and authorize the City Attorney to draft and Clerk to advertise the ordinance. (Rec. 1)
(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

NOTE: Mayor Hanrahan and Commissioner Henry volunteered to be on the upcoming Canvassing Board.

*SECOND MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to authorize changing Code section 9-6.5 d to allow the Supervisor of Elections more flexibility in accommodating early voting. (Rec. 2)
(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

*THIRD MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Donovan seconded to work with the other municipalities and the Supervisor of Elections to establish a municipal election day in Alachua County each Spring. (Rec. 3)
(VOTE: 6-1, Commissioner Bryant - No, MOTION CARRIED)*

Chair Hanrahan recognized Alex Patton, Brian Harmon, Rob Brinkman and Vincent Lipsio who spoke to the matter.

*FOURTH MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Braddy seconded to refer the issue of election auditing to the Audit, Finance & Legislative Committee. (Rec. 5) (See following referral item #070184).
(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

Chair Hanrahan recognized Vincent Lipsio who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission:

1) Select January 29, 2008 and February 19, 2008 as the election dates and authorize the City Attorney to draft and Clerk to advertise the ordinance.

2) Authorize changing Code section 9-6.5d to allow the Supervisor of Elections more flexibility in accommodating early voting.

3) Discuss scheduling elections for 2009 and beyond and

discuss a potential municipal election day in Alachua County each Spring.

4) Discuss the period between elections and Swearing-In

5) Election auditing

6. Any other election issues

Approved, as shown above (Motions)

070184. Election Auditing Referral (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer the issue of election auditing to the Audit, Finance & Legislative Committee.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Commissioner Braddy, that this matter be Referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee, due back on December 18, 2007. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Craig Lowe, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant and Pegeen Hanrahan

RECESS - 8:56 PM

RECONVENE - 9:04 PM

GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES

070135. Energy Supply Plan (B)

GRU General Manager for Utilities Karen Johnson, GRU Assistant General Manager for Strategic Planning Ed Regan, Utility Forester Patrick Wolf, GRU Assistant General Manager for Energy Supply Chip Allen and Assistant General Manager for Customer Support Kathy Viehe gave presentations.

Chair Hanrahan recognized Paula Stahmer, Ed Brown, Tom Cunilio, Elizabeth Francis, Karen Arrington, Dian Deevey, Joshua Dickinson, Sally Dickinson, Adrienne Burgess, David Harlos, Rob Brinkman, Harald Kegelmann, Amy Richard, Danielle Imenheiser and Mark Spiller who spoke to the matter.

*WAIVER OF RULES: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Henry seconded to waive the rules to extend the meeting to 11:30 PM.
(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Bryant seconded that with

respect to the RFP for Biomass Energy Supply to: 1) Approve all woody biomass fuel types and municipal solid waste as fuels, (as listed on page 18 of the presentation) which includes: Forest Thinning, Logging Residue, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Pulpwood and Urban Waste Wood; 2) that the Municipal Solid Waste would be restricted to low emission technology; 3) that coal and petroleum coke would be totally eliminated as fuel sources, leaving methane as an acceptable back-up fuel source; 4) approve Deerhaven as a potential site for generation; and 4) refer the issue of forest certification stewardship to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC). (VOTE: 6-1, Commissioner Donovan, No - MOTION CARRIED)

NOTE: See following Referral Item #070181.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission

1. Receive a presentation summarizing the status of the purchased power offer, integrated eco-industry system proposals, and biomass resource assessments;
2. Receive a presentation summarizing the pros and cons of joint participation with other utilities, locating facilities at Deerhaven, the use of various forms of fuel, and performance versus prescriptive forms of Requests for Proposal;
3. Provide policy guidance on the forms of fuel that will be eligible for consideration; and
4. Authorize staff to prepare and issue a Power Supply RFP soliciting binding proposals for economical base load electric generation capacity under the following frame work:
 - a. Proposals will be evaluated on delivered cost per MWH, reliability of fuel supply, and emission quality;
 - b. Proposals including co-manufacturing and location of facilities on the Deerhaven site are acceptable;
 - c. Proposals may be in the form of engineer, purchase and construct (EPC) contracts or purchased power agreements (PPA).

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Bryant, that this matter be Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Craig Lowe, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant and Pegeen Hanrahan
Nay: Jack Donovan

070181. Forest Certification Stewardship Issues (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission refer the issue of forest certification stewardship issues to the Regional Utilities Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Bryant, that this matter be Referred to the Regional Utilities Committee, due back on December 18, 2007. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Craig Lowe, Edward Braddy, Rick Bryant and Pegeen Hanrahan
Nay: Jack Donovan

WAIVER OF RULES

The rules were waived by consensus to take General Citizen Comment.

CITIZEN COMMENT

John Feldman - RTS Bus Issues

ADJOURNMENT - 11:27 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission