

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2011

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Craig Lowe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Thomas Hawkins (At Large)

Commissioner Scherwin Henry (District 1)

Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)

Commissioner Susan Bottcher (District 3)

Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)

Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa (At Large)

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CALL TO ORDER - 6:03 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Craig Lowe, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Thomas Hawkins, Randy Wells, Todd Chase and Susan Bottcher

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Henry to adopt the agenda, as modified.
(VOTE: 7-0, MOTION CARRIED)*

MODIFICATIONS:

- 1. New power point submitted for items #110265, 110266 and 110274.*
- 2. Fire Assessment Fee emails submitted for the official record.*
- 3. GRU Water Rate Ordinance #110161 - Reviser sheet submitted.*

PUBLIC HEARING

110265. PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE - FISCAL YEAR 2011 - 2012 (B)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA; RELATING TO THE LEVY OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR; ESTABLISHING A PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Administrative Services Director Becky Rountree gave a presentation.

MOTION: Approve a tentative millage rate of 4.2544.

Mayor Lowe recognized Walter Willard who spoke to the matter.

NOTE: The correct rolled back rate is 4.4199 in the resolution rather than the 4.4176 that was shown on the slide.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed Resolution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Mastrodicasa, that this matter be Adopted (Resolution). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Todd Chase, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins

110266. AMENDED TENTATIVE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2011 - 2012 (B)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA; RELATING TO ITS GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; ADOPTING AN AMENDED TENTATIVE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AND OPERATING PLAN BUDGET; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed Resolution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Bottcher, that this matter be Adopted (Resolution). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins
Nay: Todd Chase

RESOLUTION

110274. ANNUAL RATE RESOLUTION FOR FIRE ASSESSMENT (B)

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the provision of fire services, facilities and programs in the City of Gainesville, Florida; imposing Fire Services Special Assessments against assessed properties located within the City for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2011; providing for exemptions; approving the assessment roll; providing for the estimated fire services assessed cost; approving the rate of assessment; providing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) receive any written objections filed; 2) hear testimony from all interested persons; 3) establish the annual rate for the Fire Services Special Assessment; and 4) adopt the proposed Annual Assessment Resolution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry that this matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins
Nay: Todd Chase

PUBLIC HEARING

110219. TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES FOR

FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 (B)**RESOLUTION NO. 110219**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; PROJECTING REVENUES AND ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET TO PAY FOR PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENSES, OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENSES, FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY, AND FOR DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that this matter be Adopted (Resolution). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Todd Chase, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins

ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED**110159. ELECTRIC BASE RATES AND CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGES (B)****Ordinance No. 110159**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX A, SECTION UTILITIES (1) ELECTRICITY OF THE GAINESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY INCREASING RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC BASE RATES AND CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND, PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE PROVIDED HEREIN.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Mastrodicasa, that this matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Todd Chase, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins

110160. NATURAL GAS RATES (B)**Ordinance No. 110160**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING

APPENDIX A, SECTION UTILITIES (5) NATURAL GAS OF THE GAINESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY INCREASING MANUFACTURED GAS PLANT COST RECOVERY FACTOR; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND, PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE PROVIDED HEREIN.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Mastrodicasa, that this matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Todd Chase, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins

110161. BASE RATES FOR WATER SERVICE, INSPECTION FEES AND TAPPING CHARGES (B)

Ordinance No. 110161

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX A, SECTION UTILITIES (3) WATER, OF THE GAINESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY INCREASING BASE RATES FOR WATER SERVICE; INCREASING INSPECTION FEES AND TAPPING CHARGES; INCREASING METER INSTALLATION CHARGES; INCREASING WATER TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND PLANT CONNECTION CHARGES; INCREASING STANDBY FIRE SPRINKLER LINE CHARGES; INCREASING CHARGES FOR TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND, PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE PROVIDED HEREIN.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance as amended.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Mastrodicasa, that this matter be Adopted on First Reading, as amended (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Todd Chase, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins

110162. WASTEWATER BASE RATE AND CONNECTION AND INSPECTION CHARGES (B)

Ordinance No. 110162

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX A, SECTION UTILITIES (4) SEWERAGE OF THE

GAINESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY INCREASING WASTEWATER BASE RATES; INCREASING CONNECTION AND INSPECTION CHARGES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND, PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE PROVIDED HEREIN.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Bottcher, that this matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Randy Wells, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Todd Chase, Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins

ADJOURNMENT - 6:37 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission