

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**September 10, 2009**

**2:45 PM**

**CITY HALL ROOM 16**

## **Regional Utilities Committee**

*Commissioner Lauren Poe, Chair  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, Member  
Commissioner Craig Lowe, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****090388. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2009 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for the August 27, 2009 meeting as circulated.*

RUC Meeting Minutes Aug 27 2009.pdf

**RUC CURRENT ACTION ITEMS****090168. Efficacy and Safety of Fluoridating Our Public Water Supply (B)**

*Explanation: GRU began water fluoridation in 1949 and has continued the practice for the past 60 years. GRU adds fluoride to the water supply to bring the fluoride concentration to 0.8 mg/L which is within the U.S. Public Health Service and CDC recommended optimal range of 0.7 mg/L to 1.2 mg/L. This level of fluoride is optimal for preventing dental decay in both children and adults.*

*The consensus among public health and safety organizations is that fluoridation is not only safe, but strongly recommended for community water systems. The following is a list of the most widely recognized organizations that recommend fluoridation of public water supply: 1. Florida Department of Health; 2) World Health Organization (WHO); 3) Centers for Disease Control (CDC); 4) American Water Works Association (AWWA); 5) National Cancer Institute; and 6) American Dental Association (ADA)*

*In July 2009, Karen Eberly requested from GRU a reference to one long-term toxicological study done on the product that GRU uses to fluoridate our water supply (hydrofluosilicic acid) which supports the certification required by ANSI/NSF Standard 60. GRU provided Ms. Eberly a letter dated July 31, 2009 which indicated that toxicological evaluations have been performed on the potential constituents of hydrofluosilicic acid. These evaluations are discussed as part of the NSF Fact Sheet on Fluoridation Chemicals (attached as backup).*

*Ms. Eberly also requested of the City Commission that the topic of fluoride in the drinking water supply be placed on the Regional Utilities Committee agenda. She distributed copies of a 28-minute DVD on this topic to the City Commissioners. A copy of the video can also be viewed at [www.fluoridealert.org](http://www.fluoridealert.org) <<http://www.fluoridealert.org>>.*

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) receive a*

*presentation from staff and Ms. Karen Eberly concerning fluoridation of the City of Gainesville's water supply.*

Legislative History

6/18/09      City Commission      Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)      Regional Utilities Committee

Backup for 090168 FDOH Policy Statement 9 10 09.pdf

Backup for 090168 NSF Fact Sheet 9 10 09.pdf

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**OUTSTANDING REFERRALS**

**090401.                      Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The Regional Utilities Committee review the Outstanding Referral Status Report dated September 10, 2009.*

RUC Outstanding Referrals status report September 10 09.pdf

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*The next meeting date is October 8, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall Room 16.*

**ADJOURNMENT**