

Regional Utilities Committee

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 2009

2:45 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 16

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe and Lauren Poe

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor moved to adopt the agenda and C/Lowe seconded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

090388. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2009 (B)

Mayor Hanrahan moved to approve the recommendation and Commissioner Lowe seconded. Motion carried.

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

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

RUC CURRENT ACTION ITEMS

090168. Efficacy and Safety of Fluoridating Our Public Water Supply (B)

The Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) heard a presentation by Tony Cunningham, Supervising Water/Wastewater Engineer regarding GRU's fluoridation program.

Mrs. Karen Eberly gave a presentation regarding her concerns with the fluoridation of GRU's water supply.

Commissioner Lowe asked if there was a difference between the topical effect versus the ingestion of fluoride. Kip Duchon from the Center for Disease Control responded via phone that it was beneficial both ways. Commissioner Lowe asked if there was a disproportionate level of crippling skeletal fluorosis in Gainesville compared to communities that do not have fluoridated water. Kip Duchon responded that there were only six cases in the United States and none in Gainesville.

Mayor Hanrahan asked representatives from the local dentist association what the experience is in Gainesville. Did they see a point at which there is too much fluoride? Dr. Burt Hughes responded that the dental community did not see fluorosis at any significant level in Gainesville.

The following citizens were recognized and spoke to the matter.

- 1. Kip Duchon via conference phone*
- 2. Paul Myers*

3. Dr. Scott Tomar
4. Dr. Burt Hughes
5. Dr. William Storoe
6. Melissa Payne
7. Wayne Cope
8. Maria Mino
9. Kali Blount
10. Suzanne Baliff
11. Eduward Herinis
12. Tim Kenny
13. Suzanne Michele Morris
14. John Burger
15. Richard Masla
16. Woody Blue

Additional information was submitted by those in attendance to the RUC for inclusion in the public record.

The RUC agreed to continue this item to the next meeting scheduled for October 8, 2009.

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.*

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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.*

No Action Taken

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date is 10/8/09.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.