

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

1:30 PM

Robert Lisle Kline Conference Room (Room 16)

Base Rates and Fuel Adjustment Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35pm by Chair Lauren Poe.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as drafted.

ACTION ITEMS

130528. Future of ConnectFree Program (B)

Attachments: [130528_ConnectFreeFundingForReichertHouse_20131219](#)
[130528-MOD_Presentation_20140116.pdf](#)
[090588_ConnectFree_Presentation_2014.05.20](#)
[130528_17x11_MapSeries_Index_Cover_Sheet_2014.09.16](#)
[130528_Connect_Free_Program_Activity_Summary_2014.09.16](#)
[130528_ConnectFree_Resolution_130718_2014.09.16](#)
[130528_Official_Records_Log_2014.09.16](#)
[130528_Working_Map_-_2014.09.16](#)
[130528_SEPTIC_CDBG_8x11_BW_2014.09.16](#)
[130528_Connect_Free_Program_2014.09.16](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee and staff discuss the future of the ConnectFree program.*

Staff gave a presentation on the history of the program.

Commissioner Wells made a motion that they seek consensus from the City Commission to create a dedicated fund for fiscal year 2016 under General Government control; continue to discuss whether it will only remain available for city residents, or whether they open the program to county residents. Further, the focus of the program should be low income residents, feasible locations, dense population, and possibly non-profits that offer significant public benefit. The commission should develop criteria for use of program funds by non-profits. They should also discuss whether to keep the per customer cap, and evaluate that annually.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

Jim Konish, Ray Washington, and Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, September 25, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting was recessed due to a fire drill. Reconvened at 2:30pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.*