

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**February 11, 2009**

**3:30 PM**

**CITY HALL ROOM 16**

## **Regional Utilities Committee**

*Commissioner Craig Lowe, Chair  
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member  
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****080786. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2009 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for the January 14, 2009 meeting as circulated.*

RUC Meeting Minutes for Jan 14 09.pdf

**CURRENT RUC ACTION ITEMS****071064. Project Share Program (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**            *The Regional Utilities Committee: 1) hear an update on Project Share including initiatives to increase funds and awareness; and 2) recommend to the City Commission that the item be removed from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

3/24/08	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
6/10/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
7/9/08	Regional Utilities Committee	Recommended for Approval, as shown above	
1/14/09	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	

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**080574. College Park Neighborhood Redevelopment - Inadequate Sewer Capacity (B)**

*Explanation: In 2007 the City Commission approved modifications to GRU's extension policies for funding large gravity sewer system improvements within CRA districts. GRU Staff identified approximately \$15.5M of sewer main improvements that will be necessary to accommodate redevelopment efforts within the CRA districts through 2027. Applying GRU policies (previous to the change adopted by the City Commission in 2007) to pay for gravity sewer improvements in the downtown core would have resulted in GRU paying for*

approximately \$4M of the required improvements with developers paying approximately \$11.5M. The policy change authorized by the City Commission in 2007 provides a funding mechanism by which GRU will pay a larger proportion of the costs for improvements to gravity sewer trunk mains needed to support redevelopment in the CRAs. Applying this policy change, GRU will pay approximately \$9.9M of gravity sewer upgrade costs, with developers paying approximately \$5.5M. GRU applied a uniform connection charge to all new wastewater customers to partially fund increased GRU expenditures.

GRU Staff has more recently been working with Developers in the College Park and University Heights area to identify water and wastewater improvements needed to support redevelopment in that area. Developers have raised the possibility of using available CRA funding to cover some portion of the cost of infrastructure improvements that will be funded by developers under the new policy adopted by the City Commission in 2007.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Regional Utilities Committee: 1) Receive an update on the Urban Core Redevelopment Area Wastewater Collection Master Plan developed in 2007; 2) Receive a report on recent discussions with Developers in the College Park and University Heights Neighborhoods on projected redevelopment efforts and infrastructure improvements required to support such efforts; 3) recommend to the City Commission that this item be removed from the referral list.

**Legislative History**

11/6/08	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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**080222.**

**GRU Incentives for the Enterprise Zone (B)**

*Explanation:* At the 7/21/08 budget meeting the City Commission referred the issue of GRU incentives and other incentives for the Enterprise zone to the Regional Utilities Committee. Commissioner Poe made the suggestion of extending GRU rebate programs to specific new and minority start-up businesses in the enterprise zone.

**RECOMMENDATION**

As part of the item on utility infrastructure, the Regional Utilities Committee discuss the memo from Erik Bredfeldt, Planning and Development Director, explaining the current incentives available to those locating in the Enterprise zone and recommend to the City Commission that this item be removed from the referral list.

**Legislative History**

7/21/08	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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**080419.**

**Review of GRU's 10-Year Plan (NB)**

*Explanation: On September 18, 2008 the City Commission referred to the Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) Commissioner Donovan's request to review the GRU 10-Year Plan and the Alachua County energy conservation strategy that has recently been proposed; and report back to the City Commission the issue of energy policy and energy use goals.*

*Section 186.801, Florida Statutes requires that all major generating electric utilities in Florida (there are 11 currently) submit a Ten-Year Site Plan to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) for annual review. To fulfill the requirements of section 186.801 F.S., the PSC has adopted Rules 25-22.070 through 25-22.072, Florida Administrative Code. Each utility's Ten-Year Site Plan contains projections for the utility's electric power needs, fuel requirements and the general location of proposed power plant sites and major transmission facilities.*

*The PSC evaluates the Ten-Year Site Plans to determine the reasonableness of the load growth projections and whether the reporting utilities have identified additional generation facilities required in order to maintain an adequate supply of electricity at a reasonable cost. Since the Ten-Year Site Plan is not a binding plan of action on electric utilities, the PSC's classification of the plan as suitable or unsuitable has no formal effect on the utility. Such a classification does not constitute a finding or determination in docketed matters before the PSC. The PSC may address any concerns raised by a utility's Ten-Year Site Plan at a public hearing.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Commission (RUC) 1) receive a presentation from staff describing GRU's Ten Year Site Plan; and 2) remove this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

9/18/08	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

## OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

**080787. Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee review the Outstanding Referral Status Report dated February 11, 2009.*

RUC Outstanding Referrals status report Feb 11 09.pdf

## NEXT MEETING DATE

**The next meeting date is March 11, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.**

## ADJOURNMENT