

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 27, 2009

3:00 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

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe and Lauren Poe

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

090196. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2009 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for the May 13, 2009 meeting as circulated.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

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RUC CURRENT ACTION ITEMS

080421. Evaluation of Rates for Reclaimed Water - Discussion of Proposed Changes to GRU's Reclaimed Water Policy (B)

The Regional Utilities Committee received a presentation from staff regarding reclaimed water rates and proposed changes to the reclaimed water policy which included follow-up discussion on items requested at the May 13, 2009 meeting.

A recommendation was made by staff that the RUC recommend to the City Commission approval of the proposed changes to the reclaimed water policy and keep the existing reclaimed water rate charges which are included in the ordinance changes scheduled for the September 3, 2009 City Commission meeting.

Mr. Fred Palgon, President of the Cobblefield Homeowners Association was recognized and gave a presentation to the Committee. He requested that the RUC consider a different rate for irrigating storm water basins and to allow rebates for rain sensors for reclaimed water.

Commissioner Lowe moved to approve the recommendation with these additional items to be discussed when the item comes before the full Commission: 1) staff investigate the tiered systems and/or different customer classes; 2) staff review the Waldo Road Corridor Master Plan and determine the benefits and feasibility of irrigating this corridor and what impact this would have on the Payne's Prairie Sheet flow project; and 3) have Planning staff provide comments related to the reclaimed water master plan and the proposed LDR changes needed to implement the plan. The Mayor also asked for developments on the eastside whether it would be beneficial to have a stand alone irrigation system installed served with potable water that would be

hooked to reclaimed water when it became available.

Mayor Hanrahan seconded the motion and it was approved.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) receive a presentation from staff, and recommend that City Commission approve proposed changes to GRU's reclaimed water extension policy.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended, as Amended. The motion carried.

RUC Presentation re Reclaimed Water 5 13 09.pdf

RUC Presentation re 080421 August 27 2009.pdf

080078.

New Vision for GRU (NB)

The Mayor moved that this item be approved as recommended. Seconded by Commissioner Lowe. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee recommend that the City Commission approve removing this item from the referral list.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

070084.

City of Gainesville Energy Policy - Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee (GEAC) (NB)

The Mayor moved that this item be approved as recommended. Seconded by Commissioner Lowe. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee recommend that the City Commission approve removing this item from the referral list.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

051194

GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity (NB)

The Mayor moved that this item be approved as recommended. Seconded by Commissioner Lowe. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee recommend that the City Commission approve removing this item from the referral list.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

Backup for Item #051194 GRU Wholesale Sales.pdf

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

090198. Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)

Mr. Hunzinger advised that he would discuss the outstanding referral list with Commissioner Poe.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee review the Outstanding Referral Status Report dated July 30, 2009.*

Discussed

RUC Outstanding Referrals status report August 27 09.pdf

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Committee discussed backing up the start time for the September 10, 2009 meeting from 3:30 to either 2:30 or 3:00.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.