

GAINESVILLE ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GEAC)**DIVISION 7. - ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE; Utilities, Ch. 27.**

Sec. 2-356. - Created.

The energy advisory committee is hereby created and established. The committee shall be advisory to the city commission. (Code 1960, § 2-175)

Sec. 2-357. - Membership.

(a)The energy advisory committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the city commission, each of whom, following initial appointments, shall be appointed for a term of three years. The terms of appointment shall be staggered such that only three terms shall expire in any given year. Each term shall expire on September 30.

(b)When any member of the committee resigns or is removed as provided for in section 2-247, such member shall then be deemed to have been removed and a vacancy created. The city commission shall fill these and all other vacancies for the unexpired terms.

(c)The committee members shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expense incurred in the performance of their official duties, upon approval of the city commission.

(d)All members of the committee shall be residents of the county, with preference being given to those persons residing in the Gainesville urban area. The city commission shall, to the extent possible, select members of the committee who are broadly representative of the community interests.

(Code 1960, §§ 2-176, 2-177; Ord. No. 3542, § 1, 6-12-89; Ord. No. 080365, § 1, 4-1-10)

Sec. 2-358. - Officers; meetings.

(a)The energy advisory committee shall select one of its members as chairperson for a one-year term. In addition to the chairperson, the members of the committee shall elect such officers as may be deemed necessary or desirable to serve at the will of the committee.

(b)A majority of current members of the committee shall constitute a quorum, which shall be necessary for the conduct of any official meeting or action of the committee.

(c)Meetings of the committee may be called by the chairperson, by written notice signed by a majority of current members of the committee, or by action of the committee at any meeting.

(d)Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the committee and all such meetings shall be open to the public.

(Code 1960, § 2-178; Ord. No. 3542, § 1, 6-12-89)

Sec. 2-359. - Duties and powers.

The energy advisory committee shall have the following duties, functions, powers and responsibilities:

- (1) Serve as a channel of communications between the city commission, utility staff, and the citizens of the city, in order to understand and solve the many complex problems relating to energy;
- (2) Promote public access to information on the city facilities, services, policies, and programs concerning energy, and consider the future energy needs of the community with respect to the utilities as well as general government;
- (3) Assist utility staff by suggesting and reviewing policies affecting programs and services that affect acquisition, delivery, or utilization of energy resources within the community;
- (4) Perform any other duties which may be within the purview of the committee which may be assigned by the city commission.

(Code 1960, § 2-179)

Sec. 2-360. - Bylaws.

At the first meeting of the energy advisory committee, or as soon thereafter as possible, the committee shall adopt such bylaws as may be necessary for the orderly administration of the business of the committee. The committee may by majority vote amend its bylaws from time to time subject to approval of the city commission. The city commission may review and alter such bylaws or amendments within 60 days of their adoption by the committee.

(Code 1960, § 2-180)

Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee: 9 member board appointed by city commission; open to anyone residing in Alachua County.

Current GEAC membership - serve three year terms (* term expire Sept. 2014)

*Business owner - solar panel installation

*Licensed Environmental Professional/International Society for Technical Environmental Professionals

*Expertise in muni. & private business mgt, investment banking & non-profit mgt.

*Retired from Honeywell

Energy Manager w/ UF; Association of Engineers

Energy Efficiency Coordinator w/ UF Physical Plant Division/ Energy Mgt. Policy

Energy Auditor/Green Home Certif. Agent

Energy Mgr. w/ACSB/30 yrs.Bldg. Science & Construction industry/former GRU Program Mgr.

Former Vero Bch. city council member

Student: Industrial & Systems Engineering major

Suggested action for GEAC membership: In September, the county can appoint 3 of the 4 open seats.