

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

April 19, 2017

5:30 PM

**The first 1/2 hour will be dedicated to Board business. The City Commission joint meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Auditorium**

Utility Advisory Board

*Annie Orlando
Darin Cook
David Denslow
Robert Walpole
Mary Alford
Sandra Campbell
Michael Selvester*

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Cook explained that there was no citizen comment period on the agenda due to the fact of the abbreviated time frame with two items to hear before the start of the joint meeting with the City Commission. Vice-Chair Orlando made a motion that an open citizen comment period be added before or after the meeting. Member Campbell seconded the motion. Member Selvester said that he supported having an open comment period at the beginning of the joint meeting and Vice-Chair Orlando amended her motion to that. The motion passed 3-2 with members Cook and Alford in dissent.

Member Orlando expressed her concern that the UAB's regular meeting was abbreviated to have a joint meeting with the City Commission and asked if the Chair had the authority to make that decision. The attorney responded that he did have the authority in accordance with the rules of the UAB. Member Alford made a motion to adopt the agenda as drafted and member Selvester seconded. The motion passed 4-1 with Vice-Chair Orlando in dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[160965.](#) Minutes of the March 15, 2017 and April 5, 2017 UAB Meetings (B)

Attachments: [160965 UAB 3.15.17 Meeting Minutes 20170419](#)
[160965 UAB 4.5.17 Special Meeting Minutes 20170419](#)

Member Alford made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, member Selvester seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Vice-Chair Orlando pointed out that there were also minutes from the April 5th meeting. Member Selvester made a motion to approve those minutes and member Alford seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes of both meetings as drafted.*

STATE OF THE UTILITY

[160956.](#) GRU Operational Update for March 2017 (B)

Attachments: [160956 UAB Operations Report - All Depts - 2017 March 20170419](#)

Chair Cook asked if the Board would be in favor of skipping the state of the utility report and moving straight to new business. Vice-Chair Orlando expressed that she had a question about the status of the turbosorb. Member Selvester made a motion

to go straight to new business, member Alford seconded and the motion passed 4-1 with Vice-Chair Orlando in dissent.

RECOMMENDATION Receive report.

NEW BUSINESS

160920.

General Architectural, Engineering and Consultation Services (B)

Attachments: [160920 RFQ 2014-077 20170502](#)

GRU Purchasing Manager Joann Dorval gave an explanation of the item and answered some questions from the Board. Member Campbell made a motion to approve staff's recommendation and Vice-Chair Orlando seconded. Member Alford recused herself from the vote because her company is one of the firms on the contract list. The other members voted 4-0 to approve staff's recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION The City Commission:

- 1) approve the listing of qualified architectural, engineering and consultation firms eligible to renew agreements for the provision of design, engineering or consultation services associated with the CRA, City, and GRU facilities and City Commission approved Capital Improvement Projects or other projects that may emerge;
- 2) authorize the CRA Executive Director, City Manager and General Manager, or their designees, to negotiate renewals with the qualified firms in accordance with the provisions of CCNA for each of the remaining extensions;
- 3) authorize the CRA Executive Director, City Manager and General Manager, or their designees, upon successful negotiations, to execute renewal amendments for professional services for each of the successive one-year terms, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, in an amount not to exceed budgeted amounts for professional architectural, engineering or consultation services.

160917.

Contract Amendment for Grounds Maintenance Services at GRU Facilities

GRU Purchasing Manager Joann Dorval explained the item. Member Campbell made a motion to approve staff's recommendation, Vice-Chair Orlando seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Citizen Donald Shepherd spoke on the matter.

MEMBER COMMENT:

At the conclusion of the item, the Chair asked for general Board comments about any other matters. Vice-Chair Orlando again expressed concern about having a joint meeting with the City Commission to discuss such an important item as the GREC MOU. Chair Cook explained that he called the joint meeting at his discretion because

he thought it would more easily promote free expression and allow for an exchange of ideas than the Board having a separate meeting and giving their thoughts to the Commission in writing afterward.

Vice-Chair Orlando also brought up that according to the rules, the Board was supposed to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair at their April meeting. The clerk stated that she thought it was supposed to be in May so she didn't put it on the agenda. The Board agreed that the vote could be taken at their May meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute three (3) one year amendments with Gainesville Landscaping LLC for grounds maintenance services for the Kelly Plant, Sweetwater Testing Area, GRUCom Building, Administration Building and Electric Substations, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) approve the issuance of purchase orders to Gainesville Landscaping LLC in amounts not exceeding \$62,000 for each year of the contract amendment pending final appropriation of funds for each fiscal year.

JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COMMISSION

CITIZEN COMMENT

Jo Beaty
Debbie Martinez
Donald Shepherd
Jim Konish
Joan Collin
Adele Frantzen
Don Glendening
Paula Stahmer
Darlene Pifalo
Tamara Robbins

[160909.](#)

UAB Recommendation on Approval of MOU Between GRU and GREC (NB)

Attachments: [160909 WhyapproveMOU UAB 20170405](#)

[160909 Tax of GREC Tax Bill FY17 20170405](#)

The UAB and the City Commission had a lengthy discussion about this issue. At the end of the discussion, the UAB voted to recommend that the Commission direct staff to offer the MOU to GREC again with the same terms the UAB suggested before: \$675 million purchase price, GRU create the first draft of the contract, and any savings realized from purchase of the plant be used solely for rate relief. The motion passed 4-1 with member Selvester in dissent and members Walpole and Alford absent. (Member Alford left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.)

RECOMMENDATION

Advise the City Commission whether to:

- 1) Direct the General Manager to execute and submit to GREC a new offer on the same terms as the original MOU;
- or
- 2) Direct the General Manager to execute and submit to

*GREC a new offer on other terms, as the Commission and UAB decide; or
3) Direct the General Manager to cease negotiations; or
4) Continue to deliberate the matter.*

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 17, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.