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From: Byrne, Betsy L.
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 1:19 PM
To: 'paulastahmer@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Today's Afternoon Consent Agenda-GRU Rate Structure

Good Afternoon --

Your e-mail correspondence has been received by the Mayor and Members of the City Commission.

Thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns.

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Subject: Today's Afternoon Consent Agenda-GRU Rate Structure

Dear Commissioners:

I am told that this afternoon's agenda contains a consent item for a consulting contract regarding GRU's rate structure.

I believe strongly that this item should be removed from the agenda and instead placed on the discussion agenda for an evening agenda when the public can participate.

As you know, many citizens have done considerable work analyzing GRU's management practices, including what can be divined about its rate structure. Leaving aside whatever opinion the commission has of these citizen efforts, the city should allow citizen input in framing the RFP and in ensuring that the task for the consultants is described in such a way that citizen concerns can be directly incorporated in the RFP.

Normally, citizens have been involved in at least public comment for contracts of this nature and worth. Any report produced by a process of excluding the public will have little credibility no matter how good it may be.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Contract for GRU rate structure analysis

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for pulling the above mentioned item from the Consent Agenda.

However, the entire matter should be rescheduled for an evening agenda with adequate notice to the public.

I have been told that at least Commissioner Chase did not receive any back-up information on this topic. He should not have to ask for it. Was he the only commissioner who did not receive the information?

Suffice it to say that if a commissioner has not received the information, the public has not either. So the initial problem of exclusion of the public from discussion of the matter has not been cured by simply moving the item to this afternoon's main agenda.

For the reasons stated previously, this matter should be revisited *de novo*. There are increasing numbers of citizens who are focused on specifics of GRU policies and they should all be permitted the opportunity to comment on this contract. All citizens have the right to information as to what instructions are contemplated to be given to the contractor/consultant.

Thank you for your attention.

Paula H. Stahmer