

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Minutes**

**May 3, 2017**

**3:00 PM**

**Utility Advisory Board Workshop**

**City Hall, Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room**

## **Utility Advisory Board**

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

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## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 3:03 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

All members were present except Robert Walpole. Mary Alford left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was no formal adoption of the agenda.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 160846.            **GREC Update (B)**

**Attachments:**    [160846 GREC GRU History 20160316](#)  
[160846 GREC MOU - Signed Final 20170503](#)  
[160846 - Draft GREC APA 20170517](#)  
[160846\\_statement1\\_20170601](#)  
[160846\\_statement2\\_20170601](#)  
[160846\\_statement3\\_20170601](#)

**RECOMMENDATION**            *Discuss signed MOU and next steps.*

After a lengthy discussion, Chair Cook asked for the members' thoughts on whether the Board should ask the City Commission to repeal their approval of the MOU and to negotiate a lower purchase price in the contract. He said it was important for the two new Commissioners to have a chance to vet the MOU and the contract and have a chance to vote on the issue. Members Alford and Selvester expressed the opinion that the process should move forward as is. Members Cook, Denslow, Orlando and Campbell expressed a desire to ask the Commission to reconsider their vote. The members agreed to bring the item back to their May 17th regular meeting for further discussion and a vote on whether to appeal to the City Commission.

Citizens Jim Konish, Donald Shepherd, Nancy Daren, Ray Washington and Donald Field spoke on the matter.

### 160843.            **Independent Utility Board (B)**

- Attachments:**    [160843 HB 759 Governance 20170315](#)  
[160843 HB 759 - Current Version 20170503](#)  
[160843 Email from D.Cook re Indep Util Brd 20170517](#)  
[160843 DRAFT - IUB ordinance 20170607](#)  
[160843 DRAFT - IUB ordinance Source Material 20170607](#)

**RECOMMENDATION**        *Discuss the issues surrounding the creation of an independent utility board for GRU.*

**The members discussed creating a draft ordinance for the structure of an independent utility authority.**

**Citizens Donald Field, Nancy Daren and Ray Washington spoke.**

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*May 17, 2017*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.*