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City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

5:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

General Policy Committee

Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)
Commissioner Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls (District 1)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Todd Chase (District 2)
Commissioner Craig Carter (District 3)
Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA-5:05PM

Comm Wells arrived at 5:13PM

A motion was made by Commissioner Poe, seconded by Commissioner Carter, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Poe, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, and Commissioner Carter

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Hinson-Rawls, and Commissioner Wells

AGENDA STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

140384. **Gainesville Regional Utilities Governance (B)**

Motion: Clerk of the Commission to schedule work-shop for GRU Governance changes in a suitable meeting room.

Jim Konish, Bruce Delaney, Nancy Dearan and Annie Orlando spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee continue discussions regarding GRU governance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Poe, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that this Matter be Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Poe, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, and Commissioner Wells

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Hinson-Rawls

ADJOURNMENT-7:03PM

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Minutes

Monday, October 12, 2015

6:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room (Room 16)

General Policy Committee

Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)
Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Carter (District 3)
Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - 6:10 PM

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Carter, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

AGENDA STATEMENT

140384.

GRU Governance (NB)

Motion: a) direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance creating the Utility Advisory Board with a membership of 7 members appointed by the City Commission that would replace and repeal the Regional Utilities Committee, Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee and the new but not yet formed created advisory committee; b) the Utility Board shall have all members reside within the GRU service territory and receive GRU utility service comprised of the following: 1) a representative of a major business (defined as having 25 or more employees) that is a GRU commercial customer; 2) a person with utility management experience; 3) a person with investment banking/financial or CPA experience; 4) a licensed attorney with business/contract/corporate law experience; 5) a person with engineering experience with two additional citizens with any qualifications the Commission deems relevant or beneficial to the service on the board; and 6) at least a minimum of one citizen be a resident of the GRU service area but not a resident of the City. (Specifically a minimum of one from the county and a minimum of four from the City).

Note: The Clerk was directed to have at a regular meeting the video of the GRU Governance item from the April 2, 2015 meeting.

Jim Konish, Ray Washington, Joe Wills, Debbie Martinez, Nancy Daren, Jo Beaty, Donald Shepherd and Ernesto Martinez spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear a report from the October 8, 2015 Regional Utilities Committee meeting discussion on GRU governance, and discuss the issue further.

No Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT - 9:17 PM

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Minutes

Monday, November 30, 2015

5:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

General Policy Committee

Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)

Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)

Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Carter (District 3)

Commissioner Randy Wells (District 4)

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ROLL CALL - 5:03 PM

Present 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Goston, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Chase

AGENDA STATEMENT**ROLL CALL****150448. Habitat/City Partnership Potential (B)**

This item is a request for the City Commission to hear a presentation from Blake Hakimian, a senior Political Science major at the University of Florida (UF), on how UF students can participate and give back to the community through a community partnership and volunteers program.

Commissioner Chase arrived at 5:12 PM.

Blake Hakimian and Fred Murry made presentations.

Jim Konish spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission direct the City Manager to identify a staff liaison to work with Mr. Blake Hakimian to identify community projects and volunteer opportunities for students at the University of Florida as well as other educational institutions in our area.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Carter, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

150465. The State of Homelessness in Gainesville - Alachua County and the impact of GRACE Marketplace and Dignity Village on Homeless Services (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to hear and discuss an update on local homeless services and begin planning future steps toward ending homelessness.

Motion: City Manager to work with staff to come back with a proposal for City

participation in the continuum of care for the next five years of community-wide services.

Fred Murry, Steven Belk, Betty Baker, Theresa Lowe and Angela Montgomery made presentations.

Peter Davenport, Judy Chase, Mark Venzke, Scott Hesh, Jim Konish, Kali Blount and Jessica Miller spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss homeless services provided in Gainesville - Alachua County and provide policy direction to Staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Chase, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

150512.

UTILITY GOVERNANCE ALTERNATIVES (B)

Motion: 1) Refer draft bill to RUC Committee (via City Commission) for a workshop, open to the public and City Commission for continued discussion; 2) No vote on governance in 2016; and 3) forward the view to the State Legislative Delegation.

Jim Konish, Frank Lineberger and Nancy Deren spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) discuss the draft charter amendment ordinance and revisions suggested by the Regional Utilities Committee; 2) discuss the draft non-binding referendum language; and 3) decide whether to take any further action with respect to utility governance alternatives.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Carter, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Braddy, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Chase, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Wells, Goston, and Budd

ADJOURNMENT - 8:33 PM