

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

April 12, 2018

5:30 PM

MODIFIED

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

*Darin Cook
Mary Alford
Michael Selvester
David Denslow
Wendell Porter
Wes Wheeler
Barry Jacobson*

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS**[170981.](#)**Minutes of the March 8, 2018 UAB Meeting (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 UAB meeting as drafted.

[170981 UAB 3.8.18 Meeting Minutes 20180412](#)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CITIZEN COMMENT - For items not on the agenda. Limited to 3 minutes per citizen.

STATE OF THE UTILITY[170984.](#)**GRU Operational Update for March 2018 (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

Receive a report of GRU's operational statistics for the month of March 2018.

[170984 Ops Update March 2018 - All Depts 20180412](#)

OLD BUSINESS[170902.](#)**GRU Governance Sub-Committee Draft Ordinance Changes (B)**

Explanation: Over the course of several meetings, the governance subcommittee worked to make changes to the language of Ordinance Number 140384, which sets out the provisions for the structure and function of the UAB. The sub-committee feels that they have a final product, and the document is presented to the full UAB tonight for approval before going to the City Commission for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the draft ordinance and vote to submit it to the City Commission or take any other action deemed appropriate.

[170902 UAB governance subcommittee - model ordinance 20180308](#)

[170902 2nd DRAFT - City Code - UAB 20180308](#)

[170902 Draft Ordinance for UAB 20180412](#)

NEW BUSINESS160126.

Water/Wastewater Connection Charges for Smaller Homes

Explanation: In accordance with standard utility practice, GRU requires connection charges to be paid for new connections to the water and wastewater systems. Connection charges are one-time charges that must be paid at the time a structure is connected to the system. The purpose of these charges is to recover the capital costs that GRU invests in its water and wastewater systems in order to create and maintain capacity for new development. Connection charges are consistent with the City Commission's long standing policy that new development should pay for itself.

Connection charges are intended to be generally proportional to the demand that a customer is expected to place on the water and wastewater systems. For example, connection charges for a commercial facility are based on the facility's expected water use based on the type and size of the facility and the water use observed from similar existing facilities. Currently, all new single family homes pay a fixed connection charge which is based on the average observed water and wastewater demands for existing single family homes. However, based on review of recent customer billing data it appears that water and wastewater demands for smaller houses may be lower than those for larger homes. During the course of discussions of the recent cost of service study, UAB members and city commissioners have expressed interest in evaluating the appropriateness of having a lower connection charge for smaller affordable homes, as well as incentives for Florida WaterStar certified homes.

Staff have analyzed water and wastewater demands for single family homes of various sizes built in the last 10 years and will present these results along with some preliminary recommendations on potential changes to connection charges.

Fiscal Note: Changes in connection charges may result in reduced revenues.

RECOMMENDATION

UAB hear staff presentation and provide input and direction on staff recommendation.

[160126 WWW Connection Charges.20180412.docx](#)

[160126 WWW Connection Charges Current Pres.20180412.docx](#)

170982.**UAB Goals (NB)**

Explanation: At the March 8, 2018, UAB regular meeting, there were several changes

in Board membership. Member/Chair Darin Cook resigned, three new members were seated and a new Chair was elected. Additionally, that meeting was just one month before the two-year anniversary of the Board's establishment. Given those circumstances, the new Chair believes that it will be beneficial for the Board to reflect on new goals for the UAB and establish a list of discussion and/or research topics for the Board to work from.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss members' goals for the UAB and take any action deemed appropriate.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 10, 2018

ADJOURNMENT