

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:31.

ROLL CALL

Present - Mary Alford, Wes Wheeler, David Denslow, Barry Jacobson, Michael Selvester, Barry Jacobson. Wendell Porter entered the meeting at 5:38.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

The consent agenda was adopted as drafted.

[170981.](#)

Minutes of the March 8, 2018 UAB Meeting (B)

Attachments: [170981 UAB 3.8.18 Meeting Minutes 20180412](#)

RECOMMENDATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with the following modification:

Hear item number 160126 before old business.

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

Citizen Jim Konish spoke.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

Water/Wastewater Officer Tony Cunningham gave update on recent sanitary sewer overflow.

[170984.](#)

GRU Operational Update for March 2018 (B)

Attachments: [170984 Ops Update March 2018 - All Depts 20180503](#)

RECOMMENDATION

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

Report received.

OLD BUSINESS

[170902.](#)

GRU Governance Sub-Committee Draft Ordinance Changes (B)

Attachments: [170902 UAB governance subcommittee - model ordinance 20180308](#)
[170902 2nd DRAFT - City Code - UAB 20180308](#)
[170902 Draft Ordinance for UAB 20180412](#)

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

Member Porter made a motion, seconded by Member Wheeler, to approve the draft ordinance as written.

The motion passed 5-1, with Member Denslow in dissent.

NEW BUSINESS

[160126.](#) Water/Wastewater Connection Charges for Smaller Homes

Attachments: [160126 WWW Connection Charges.20180412.docx](#)
[160126 WWW Connection Charges Current Pres.20180412.docx](#)
[160126 CityCom Connection Charges Small Homes V3 20180515](#)

Water/Wastewater Officer Tony Cunningham and Supervising Engineer Rick Hutton gave a presentation.

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

Member Porter made a motion, seconded by Member Wheeler, to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation and to advise that the Commission consider either removing the 25% surcharge on connection fees for homes under 1400 square feet or rebating the surcharge from the Connect Free program.

Citizen Cory Harris spoke to the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

[170982.](#) UAB Goals (NB)

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

Members stated issues they want to work on in the coming year. Chair will compile them into a list for approval by the City Commission.

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Alford discussed the upcoming APPA National Conference. She also discussed the Mayor's Water Conservation Challenge and encouraged members and citizens to sign up.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Nancy Deren spoke.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Budget Workshop - May 16, 2018

Standing Monthly Workshop - May 22, 2018

Regular Meeting - June 14, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.