



October 16, 2013

Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) has repeatedly proven to be a leader in customer service, community involvement, and energy efficiency. Bob Hunzinger is very proud to have served as the General Manager of GRU and to have led its roughly 850 employees in its long tradition of excellent service to the citizens of Gainesville and surrounding areas. With the pending completion of the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, Mr. Hunzinger has accomplished a major policy initiative of the Gainesville City Commission and established GRU as a leader in renewable energy. As a result, Mr. Hunzinger has recently been exploring other employment alternatives that have now become available to him because of his significant accomplishments at GRU, and plans to more formally pursue alternative opportunities if an agreement can be reached with the City to end his current employment.

Mayor Ed Braddy began meeting with Mr. Hunzinger in early September to discuss transition and long-term plans for GRU. Since that time, Mayor Braddy and Mr. Hunzinger have developed a proposed amendment to Mr. Hunzinger's Employment Agreement that will permit Mr. Hunzinger to take advantage of other employment opportunities, while ensuring that he stays on board until November 15, 2013 to transition his duties to an interim General Manager, and permit GRU to enjoy an effective and orderly transition in leadership.

We therefore, each strongly support the proposed Second Amendment to the General Manager's Employment Agreement, which has been reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney's Office. We urge the City Commission to adopt this amendment in order to permit an orderly transition in leadership at GRU.

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Ed Braddy
Mayor

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Bob Hunzinger
General Manager