

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

1:00 PM

CITY HALL ROOM 16

Regional Utilities Committee

*Commissioner Jack Donovan, Chair
Commissioner Ed Braddy, Member
Commissioner Craig Lowe, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

Present: Craig Lowe and Jack Donovan
Absent: Edward Braddy

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****070710. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2007 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for the October 9, 2007 meeting as circulated.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

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070711. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2007 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for the October 10, 2007 meeting as circulated.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

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CURRENT RUC ACTION ITEMS**070713. Nuclear Energy Option Workshop (NB)**

The Regional Utilities Committee discussed the presentations given at the nuclear workshop held on November 27, 2007. Commissioner Lowe expressed his concern that the presentations were rather lopsided and that more discussion is needed.

Commissioner Donovan asked about the timeframe for the decision on nuclear. Ed Regan reported that it had been moved out to March 2008.

Commissioner Donovan suggested a chart or grid (maxtrix) be developed to include each of the options, costs benefits, risk, finances, social and political impact. Both biomass and nuclear as well as alternative energy sources should be included.

The Committee agreed to have staff prepare an agenda item to submit to the City Commission at the December 10 meeting to report on what the Committee is doing in

regards to the referral on the nuclear issues; inform them of the changes in the timing proposed by Progress Energy, Florida; and that staff has been asked to prepare a summary comparison matrix of the options for energy supply currently being considered, including nuclear, biomass, and expanded DSM and solar energy deployment.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee review the information received at the November 27, 2007 Nuclear Energy Option Workshop and take action it deems appropriate.*

Approved

051194

GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity (NB)

The Regional Utilities Committee discussed the status of the wholesale sales item.

Commissioner Lowe suggested that this item should be removed from the referral list.

Commissioner Donovan requested that he be allowed to sit down with GRU staff and gain an understanding of that model and then sit down with Ms. Deevey and understand her model and then perhaps be able to discern the differences between the two.

There was discussion by staff and the Committee as to what the differences were between the two models.

The Committee agreed for staff to write up a summary of the model it uses and Commissioner Donovan will ask Ms. Deevey to do the same. After Commissioner Donovan has had a chance to review both models and ask questions he will return to the Committee with a report.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee review the status of this referral.*

Discussed

Backup for Item #051194 GRU Wholesale Sales.pdf

070712. Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)

The Regional Utilities Committee briefly discussed the outstanding referral status report. Commissioner Lowe pointed out that item #061214 had been combined with referral item #070718.

Commissioner Donovan expressed the desire to get to the Forest Stewardship Certification item soon. Karen suggested we do that at the January 8 meeting.

Commissioner Donovan stated that the Committee is waiting on the Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee (GEAC) to discussion item #6 (Gainesville Energy Policy).

Commissioner Donovan suggested that he draft a possible schedule for the other outstanding referral items for consideration by the other Committee members and staff.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee review the Outstanding Referral Status Report.*

Discussed

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OUTSTANDING REFERRALS**MEMBER COMMENT****CITIZEN COMMENT****NEW BUSINESS****NEXT MEETING DATE****ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.