

# City of Gainesville

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



## **Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

**4:00 PM**

**City Hall, Room 16**

## **Regional Utilities Committee**

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Lauren Poe, Chair*

*Mayor Craig Lowe, Member*

*Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Member*

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## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 13, 2012 RUC meeting were approved as drafted.

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Attachments: [8.13.12 ruc mtg minutes.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the meeting minutes for August 13, 2012 as drafted.*

## CURRENT ACTION ITEMS

[080482.](#)

Coordinated Response at the Local Level to Address Energy Policy and Climate Change (B)

Attachments: [Backup for item #080482 Strategic Initiative on Energy Policy 1 14 09.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Commission (RUC) receive a presentation from staff on the status of City and GRU activities to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. Also receive a high level update on various environmental initiatives by EPA and FDEP.*

Mr. Hunzinger gave some background on the item for benefit of the Committee and citizens.

Staff gave an update on GRU's progress toward the goal of meeting the Kyoto protocol by the end of 2013. Staff explained the various measures undertaken by GRU and the City that count as carbon offsets and explained that through 2011 we have offset 13,099 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year with solar. Some of the other offsets include LED traffic signal conversion, South Energy Center, repowering of the JR Kelly Plant unit 8, the City's forest preservation efforts and GRU's energy conservation programs. Our combined efforts have offset a total of 374,391 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per year through 2011.

## MEMBER COMMENT

## CITIZEN COMMENT

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

November 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.