

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 22, 2004

1:30 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Tony Domenech (District 3)
Commissioner Warren Nielsen (At Large)
Commissioner Rick Bryant (At Large)
Commissioner Chuck Chestnut (District 1)
Commissioner Ed Braddy (District 2)
Commissioner Craig Lowe (District 4)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:34 PM

NOTE: Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Domenech called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Bryant moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded to adopt the agenda with the following modification.

(VOTE: 4-0, Commissioners Chestnut, Braddy and Mayor Hanrahan - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

1. The City Commission hear a presentation from Eric Bredfeldt regarding Economic Development before the GRU presentations.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Edward Braddy, Tony Domenech, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe

Absent: Chuck Chestnut

CITY MANAGER

040130 FY 2005 - FY 2006 Budget (NB)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

City of Gainesville Economic Development Director Erik Bredfeldt gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission continue discussion on the Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 proposed General Government budget.*

Heard

040214 Cox Cable Franchise and Cable Franchise Ordinance (NB)

City Manager Wayne Bowers gave introductions.

City of Gainesville Revenue Recovery Specialist Audrey Lewis gave a presentation.

MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Nielsen seconded that the City Commission: 1) Delay the vote on the second reading of the Cox Cable Franchise Ordinance and arrange a joint City/County Commission Meeting as early in August as possible; and 2) authorize a 30 day extension on the Cox Cable Franchise Agreement.
(WITHDRAWN)

SECOND MOTION: Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Nielsen

seconded that the City Commission: 1) Take action on the Cox Cable Franchise Ordinance (second reading) on Monday July 26, 2004; 2) schedule a joint City/County Commission Meeting regarding the franchise agreement as early in August as possible; and 3) authorize an extension of the Cox Cable Franchise Agreement to August 31, 2004.

(VOTE: 3-3, Commissioner Lowe, Commissioner Nielsen, and Mayor Hanrahan - Yes; Commissioner Domenech, Commissioner Braddy, and Commissioner Bryant - No; MOTION FAILED)

Chair Hanrahan recognized Citizens Charles Willet, Kali Blount, Raquel Garcia, Maria Cadette, Austin Crevasse and Cox Communications Vice President and General Manager Mike Giampietro who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission discuss scheduling of the extension of Cox Cable Franchise and proposed cable franchise ordinance.*

Discussed

Roll Call: Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Chuck Chestnut, Edward Braddy, Tony Domenech, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe

GENERAL MANGER FOR UTILITIES

040131 GRU FY 2005/2006 Budget Update (NB)

Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) General Manager for Utilities Mike Kurtz gave introductions.

WATER/WASTEWATER:

GRU Strategic Planning Engineer David Richardson, Assistant General Manager (AGM) for Water/Wastewater Utilities Bob McVay, and Interim Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Hunt gave presentations.

Chair Hanrahan recognized International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) President Jeff Lane who spoke to the matter.

NOTE: See following referral #040240.

RECESS: 5:11 PM

RECONVENE: 6:06 PM

ENERGY SUPPLY:

GRU Managing Utility Analyst Heidi Lannon and Interim AGM for Energy Supply Randy Casserleigh gave presentations.

ENERGY DELIVERY:

GRU AGM for Energy Delivery Dave Beaulieu gave a presentation.

RATES/GRU COM:

GRU Managing Utility Analyst Heidi Lannon, Interim Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Hunt, AGM for Strategic Planning Ed Regan and GRU Attorney Skip Manasco gave presentations.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS:

GRU Marketing and Communications Director Kathy Viehe gave a presentation.

NOTE: The remainder of Kathy Viehe's presentation will be heard Thursday, August 5, 2004.

ADDITIONAL MOTION - Water/Wastewater Rate Adjustments - See following file #040265.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission hear the presentation and continue the discussion of the proposed FY 2005/2006 Gainesville Regional Utilities Budget.*

Discussed**040240 Fire Hydrant Fees (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission refer the issue of Fire Hydrant Fees to the Regional Utilities Committee.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Braddy, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Domenech, that this matter be Referred to the Regional Utilities Committee, due back on January 22, 2005. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Edward Braddy, Tony Domenech, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe
Absent: Chuck Chestnut

040265 Water/Wastewater Rate Adjustments (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize the City Attorney to prepare and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise the necessary documents for the Water/Wastewater Rate Adjustments.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Nielsen, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Domenech, that this matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Pegeen Hanrahan, Warren Nielsen, Tony Domenech, Rick Bryant and Craig Lowe
Absent: Chuck Chestnut and Edward Braddy

ADJOURNMENT - 9:05 PM

Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission