

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

April 8, 2021

6:30 PM

Modified Agenda

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Utility Advisory Board

Wendell Porter (Member)

Wes Wheeler (Member)

Barry Jacobson (Member)

Carla Lewis (Member)

Theresa Spurling-Wood (Non-Voting Member)

Tim Rockwell (Member)

Don Davis (Non-Voting Member)

Fletcher Crowe (Member)

Jason Fults (Member)

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present in Person - Members Fults, Rockwell, Crow, Wheeler and Davis.

Present Virtually - Members Porter, Jacobson and Spurling-Wood.

Member Miles joined the meeting virtually at 6:38 p.m. She did not submit an affidavit and therefore could not vote.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

[201024.](#) Approval of Minutes from the February 11, 2021 UAB Meeting, February 23, 2021 UAB Workshop and March 23, 2021 UAB Workshop (B)

Attachments: [201024_UAB_2-11-21_Meeting_Minutes_20210408](#)
[201024_UAB_2-23-21_Workshop_Minutes_20210408](#)
[201024_UAB_3-23-21_Workshop_Minutes_20210408](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve minutes as drafted.*

The consent items were adopted unanimously, with Member Miles absent.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with the following modification:

Hear old business after new business.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

COO Tom Brown gave a short update on operations, although the monthly operations reports were not ready for the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

[200693.](#) Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) (B)

Attachments: [200693 GRU IRP Presentation 20210114](#)
[200693 GRU IRP Report Master Final 20210126](#)
[200693 UAB Inputs to IRP 20210323](#)
[200693 Draft UAB IRP Input Presentation 20210323](#)
[200693 Energy Efficiency in Southeast Ann Rept 20210408](#)
[200693 Member Wheeler Notes from 1-26-21 20210408](#)
[200693 Resolution 180442 20210408](#)
[200693 Recommendations Member Fults 20210408](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Continue discussion of GRU's IRP process and review draft documents provided by Member Crowe and other members.*

This item was heard after all new business was concluded. During discussion of the document drafted by Member Crowe with input from other members, Member Fults presented seven recommendations and one question (a copy of which is included in the back-up to this item). Member Wheeler made a motion, seconded by member Rockwell, to include those recommendations and the question in the back-up for the April 27, 2021 joint meeting with the City Commission and ask for permission to move forward with them. The motion passed 6-0, with Member Miles ineligible to vote.

NEW BUSINESS

[201022.](#)

Water and Wastewater Rate Structure Modifications (B)

****This item was presented to the UAB on April 8, 2021.****

Attachments: [201022 WWW Rate Analysis Presentation 20210408](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission:

- 1) *Direct the City Attorney to draft required ordinance language to implement the recommended rate structure modifications*
- 2) *Direct the Clerk to advertise later this year along with other rate modifications for an anticipated October 1st, 2021 implementation date*

At their 4/8/21 meeting, the UAB voted 5-1 to advise the Commission to approve the staff recommendation, except for converting the wastewater rate from winter maximum to water use with 12kgal cap, which they do not support.

This item was heard before old business. W/WW Officer Tony Cunningham gave a presentation, which included six suggested rate structure adjustments. After discussion, Member Fults made a motion, seconded by Member Wheeler, to advise the Commission to approve all of the suggested changes except number 5: Replace winter maximum with water use with a 12 kgal cap.

The motion passed 5-1, with Member Rockwell in dissent and Member Miles

ineligible to vote.

[201023.](#)

Election of UAB Officers (NB)

RECOMMENDATION

Nominate and elect members to serve as chair and vice chair for a one year term beginning on May 1, 2021.

The board elected Member Wheeler as the new chair for the term of 5/1/21 to 4/30/22, and Member Jacobson as the vice-chair for the same term.

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Fults commented that he had heard from citizen Nancy Deren about the APPA National Conference and inquired whether the board might be able to send some members this year. Staff will put that information in the next meeting agenda.

Member Wheeler requested that a letter sent to the board and the city commission from citizen Nancy Deren be included in the meeting minutes. Chair Porter agreed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 14, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.