

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

February 22, 2006

2:30 PM

City Hall Room 17

Regional Utilities Committee

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

CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****050979 Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2006 (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for February 9, 2006 as circulated.*

2-9-06 RUC Minutes.pdf

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**050850 Wastewater Service to the City of Archer (B)**

Explanation: Since the late 1990's, the City of Archer has considered the development of a central wastewater system. Archer has considered various options for constructing wastewater facilities to serve its citizens and for operating and maintaining the wastewater system once constructed. Two options that Archer has considered are: 1) connecting the City of Archer to GRU's wastewater system with a force main extension along Archer Road; and 2) constructing a centralized wastewater treatment system in Archer and contracting with GRU for operation and maintenance of its system.

The City of Archer is pursuing grant opportunities to help provide wastewater service to its community. On December 19, 2005 Mayor Hanrahan wrote a letter to Mayor Clark expressing support for Archer's grant application for wastewater service and offering to develop a mutually beneficial agreement for addressing Archer's wastewater needs.

On December 22, 2005, Doug Drymon, Archer City Manager, wrote a letter to Mayor Hanrahan thanking her for her letter supporting Archer's grant application and identifying the extension of a force main to Archer as a critical component for wastewater service.

At the Gainesville City Commission Meeting on February 13, 2006 the Commission considered providing wastewater service to the City of Archer. At that meeting, the City of Archer indicated that the option of extending a force main was their preferred alternative for providing wastewater service to Archer, and asked the City Commission to support discussions between Gainesville City Staff and City of Archer Staff towards that end. After discussion, the Gainesville City Commission approved a motion to: 1) Indicate

support for the force main option for the City of Archer, contingent on working out growth management issues and joint planning provisions; and 2) refer to the Regional Utilities Committee and come back to the City Commission at the February 27, 2006 (meeting).”

If growth management issues and joint planning provisions can be addressed to the City Commission's satisfaction, it is anticipated that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be negotiated between the General Manager for Utilities and the City of Archer. The MOU will include any conditions specified by the Gainesville City Commission as part of the general terms and conditions under which an extension would be made to serve Archer. The terms and conditions in the MOU will be incorporated into an interlocal agreement executed by both Cities prior to service being provided to Archer.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact to the City.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Utilities Committee: 1) receive a presentation from City Staff on the growth management issues and joint planning provisions related to extending a force main to the City of Archer for the purpose of providing central wastewater service; and 2) receive comment from representatives from the City of Archer and Alachua County concerning approvals required from Alachua County, and potential conditions that might apply to a force main extension to serve Archer; and; 3) develop a recommendation to the Gainesville City Commission on any conditions that should apply to the extension of a force main to the City of Archer relating to growth management issues or joint planning provisions, and authorizing the General Manager for Utilities to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Archer that includes such conditions.

Legislative History

2/13/06	City Commission	Approved as shown above and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
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MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

050791

Undergrounding Utilities in the Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street CRA Area

Legislative History

1/23/06	City Commission	Approved as Recommended (5 - 0 - 2 Absent)	
1/23/06	City Commission	Referred	Regional Utilities Committee
2/9/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	

050457

Streetlights and Electric Rates

Legislative History

9/26/05	City Commission	Approved as Recommended and Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
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031086

Utility Policies for Residential Grid-connected Solar Electric Systems

Legislative History

3/29/04	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
3/3/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
9/8/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
11/10/05	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

050746

General Policy for Sewer Connections

Legislative History

12/12/05	City Commission	No Action Taken	
1/9/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
2/9/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

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NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT