

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

September 14, 2017

5:30 PM

MODIFIED AGENDA

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

*Annie Orlando
Darin Cook
David Denslow
Robert Walpole
Mary Alford
Sandra Campbell
Michael Selvester*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Campbell, Cook, Selvester, Alford, Walpole (Member Walpole entered the meeting at 5:47 p.m.)

Absent: Members Denslow, Orlando

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Member Alford made a motion to adopt the agenda as drafted.

During citizen comment on the adoption of the agenda, citizen Jo Beaty requested that the minutes from the September 5th UAB meeting be pulled and re-written. Member Alford stated that the way the minutes for item number 170355 were written didn't accurately capture the correct sequence of events and also gave the impression that the Board was not unified in their decision on the item. The Clerk stated that the Board could refrain from voting on the minutes and that she would review and revise them as appropriate and present them at the next UAB meeting.

The Board then voted on adoption of the agenda and it was approved 4-0, with Members Walpole, Denslow and Orlando absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[170391.](#) UAB August 10, 2017 and September 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes (B)

Attachments: [170391 UAB 8-10-17 Meeting Minutes 20170914](#)
[170391 UAB 9-5-17 Special Meeting Minutes 20170914](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017 regular meeting and the September 5, 2017 special meeting as drafted.*

Following the discussion during adoption of the agenda of the need to rewrite the minutes, Member Alford made a motion to delay approval of the minutes until they could be reviewed by the Clerk and revised according to the correct order of the way things occurred at the last meeting. Member Campbell seconded and the motion passed 4-0, with Members Walpole, Denslow and Orlando absent.

Citizens Jo Beaty and Jim Konish spoke on the motion.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizens Jim Konish, Ernesto Martinez, Mark Goldstein, Nancy Deren and Jo Beaty

spoke.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

Staff gave an update on statistics from Hurricane Irma and GRU's recovery efforts.

OLD BUSINESS

[170366](#)

Financing Options for the GREC Facility Purchase (B)

Attachments: [9/14170366 GREC Buyout Financing Scenarios 20170905](#)
[170366 GREC Buyout Financing Scenarios 20170905 Modified](#)
[170366 Resolution with Prospective Amendments with Exhibit A 20170914](#)
[170366 Currently Effective Amendatory Resolution 20170914](#)
[170366 29th Supplemental Resolution - Series C - Bank of America with Exh](#)
[170366 28th Supplemental Resolution - Series B with Exhibits attached 2017](#)
[170366 27th Supplemental Resolution - 2017 Series A with Exhibits 2017091](#)
[170366 GREC Financing Presentation 20170914](#)
[Fixed v Variable Rates Graph - Submitted by CFO J.Locke 9.5.17](#)
[Real World Economy Graph Submitted by Nancy Daren 9.5.17](#)
[170366 Letter from Infinite Energy CFO 20170914](#)

Staff gave a presentation and answered questions from the Board. At the end of the presentation, the Board members each made statements about their own opinions before voting on staff's recommendation.

Mr. Walpole - In support of scenario two (from staff recommendation).

Mr. Selvester - Feels confident about the information presented but does understand citizens' reluctance with such a complicated financial transaction. He is ok with possibly sacrificing some savings in order to give citizens more assurance about the transaction, but isn't really sure yet what his opinion is.

Ms. Alford - Frightening to make such a huge decision. Feels that we haven't looked at the most conservative financing options. Feels that people want less savings in favor of more certainty.

Ms. Campbell - Initially planned to recommend a mix of fixed and variable rate financing, but is now comfortable with the inclusion of the synthetic financing. Does have concern about what could happen with the Clemons bill and the effect it might have on GRU's ratings down the road. Is now inclined to vote for scenario two because the savings are significant.

Mr. Cook - Stated that the CFO of Infinite Energy accompanied him to a meeting with GRU staff to hear an explanation of the financing options and that he recommended scenario two. He then read his own prepared statement into the record. He said he is in favor of option two and is even in favor of going higher on the synthetic piece.

Citizen Ray Washington spoke on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive additional information on options for financing the purchase of the GREC facility and make a recommendation for the City Commission.

Member Campbell made a motion that the board recommend the Commission approve option two and not have a higher percentage of synthetic in the mix. Member Walpole seconded and the motion passed 4-1 with Member Alford in dissent and Members Denslow and Orlando absent.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Ray Washington spoke.

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 12, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.