

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

Thursday, March 13, 2014

4:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room (Rm 16), City Hall

Regional Utilities Committee

*Commissioner Todd Chase, Chair
Mayor Ed Braddy, Member
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as drafted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[130774.](#) RUC January 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes (B)

Attachments: [Item 130774 RUC 1-21-14 Meeting Minutes 20140313](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 RUC meeting as drafted.*

The minutes of the January 21, 2014 RUC meeting were approved as drafted.

CURRENT ACTION ITEMS

[130775.](#) PACE (B)

Attachments: [130775 Case Study - RUC 20140313](#)
[130775 Comparison PACE to non-ad assess-RUC 20140313](#)
[130775 PACE Econometric-Study-RUC 20140313](#)
[130775 What is Pace - RUC 20140313](#)
[130775 PACE Presentation 20140313](#)
[130775 PACE - County Comm Wkshop Info 20140520](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a presentation from Jason Fults and Mike Collins.*

Citizens Jason Fults and Mike Collins gave a presentation on PACE and asked the Committee to consider starting a commercial PACE program in Alachua County or the City of Gainesville. The committee voted to have staff coordinate with general government staff and county staff to gather additional information on what would be required of the City and/or the County and to also get a legal opinion on whether PACE would be viable for residential properties. Staff will bring the info back to committee for further discussion before presenting to the full City Commission.

[120883.](#) Late Fees and Utility Terminations (B)

Attachments: [2013.09.12 Item 120883 - Attach 1](#)
[2013.09.12 Item 120883 - Attach 2](#)
[Item 120883 Late Fees-Utility Terminations 20131217](#)
[Item 120883 CY11-13 worked delinquent disconnects 20131217](#)
[Item 120883 IOU Deposit Study 20131217](#)
[120883 RUC Recommendations on Cust Billing and Deposits MOD 2014022](#)
[120883 RUC Presentation Deposits 20140313](#)
[120883 - Satisfactory Pymt Hist - Cust Deposits 20140417](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee 1) receive a presentation from staff on various items pertaining to utility deposit policies.*

This item has been discussed at several meetings over the last few months and the committee has approved various changes recommended by staff. In this presentation, staff made recommendations on the final outstanding issues. The committee voted to bring the following recommended changes to the full commission for approval:

Revise definition of satisfactory payment history;
Return of non-residential deposits;
Assignment of 5 credit-worthiness points to late payments
Increase residential standard deposit to \$270
Assignment of 30 credit-worthiness points to newly-created customers
Allow ½ deposit and auto-pay for non-residential
Explore the possibility of contracting with a third party credit reporting agency to assess deposit requirements

[110665](#)

Review of the GRU Cost Allocation Study

Attachments: [20121011 RUC Presentation Item 110665](#)
[20121120-RUC Presentation Item #110665](#)
[20130624 RUC Presentation Item 110665](#)
[FINAL GRU Electric Rate Study.Baker Tilly](#)
[FINAL GRU Gas Rate Study.Baker Tilly](#)
[FINAL GRU Water Rate Study.Baker Tilly](#)
[FINAL GRU Wastewater Rate Study.Baker Tilly](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Hear a cost estimate from staff for updating the cost allocation study.*

Staff presented a cost estimate for having our cost of service study updated to include biomass. The committee agreed that it would be a good thing to do, but voted to defer it to FY2016 to allow the biomass plant to be online for a sufficient length of time to provide enough data for study. The committee also noted that the study had never been presented to the full commission and directed staff to present the study at a future commission meeting.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 10, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.