

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall Room 16

Regional Utilities Committee

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Present: Edward Braddy, Craig Lowe and Jack Donovan

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted. However, Item #061214 was moved ahead of Item #061213.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

070103. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2007 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for March 13, 2007 as circulated.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

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COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

060627. Energy Efficiency Update (NB)

At the June 12, 2007 the Regional Utilities Committee agreed to request the City Commission remove this item from the referral list.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee recommend to the City Commission that this item be removed from the outstanding referral list.*

This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.

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061213. Digital Cities Conference in Washington DC - Commissioner Braddy Referral Item (NB)

The Regional Utilities Committee heard a presentation from staff and recognized citizens who spoke to the matter.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Regional Utilities Committee directed staff to return to the next meeting with more information based on the discussion at the 6/12/07 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION *The RUC discuss options available to the City that could encourage digital infrastructure development.*

Discussed

061214. Photovoltaic Policies - Proposed Energy Neutral Neighborhood - Commissioner Craig Lowe Referral (NB)

The Regional Utilities Committee heard from staff and citizens that were recognized who spoke to the matter.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Regional Utilities Committee directed staff to return to the next meeting with more information based on the discussion at the 6/12/07 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Commission receive a report from staff reviewing the effects of photovoltaic generation on our electric system, our current interconnection standards and financial incentives (including dual versus net metering), and the results of a survey of the practices of other electric utilities in Florida, and take any action deemed appropriate.*

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT

The Regional Utilities Committee discussed the items on the outstanding referral list.

ACTION TAKEN:

At the meeting of June 12, 2007 the Regional Utilities Committee agreed to request the City Commission remove the following items from the outstanding referral list: 1. #050457 - Streetlights and Electric Rates; 2) #050850 - Wastewater Service to the City of Archer; and 3) #060674 - Digital Downtown. The Streetlights and Electric Rates referral can be discussed at some point in the future in relation to the budget. The RUC has not received any further communication from the City of Archer regarding its wastewater service request. If a future request is received it can be referred to the RUC at that time. The Digital Downtown item has been discussed by the RUC. Any other outstanding issues regarding this item can be rolled into the Digital Cities referral item #061213.

CITIZEN COMMENT

OUTSTANDING REFERRALS

050457 **Streetlights and Electric Rates**

050850 **Wastewater Service to the City of Archer**

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051194 **GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee receive a presentation on the performance of our two long term wholesale power contracts and the factors determining whether or not to extend or renew them.*

Backup for Item #051194 GRU Wholesale Sales.pdf

060274. **Digital Downtown Referral**

060294. **General Fund Transfer from GRU**

060775. **Impact of Tiered Rates on People With Low Income Levels**

070035. **GEAC Recommendation for Carbon Footprint Assessment Tool (NB)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Regional Utilities Committee discuss funding for a carbon footprint assessment tool.*

NEW BUSINESS

The Regional Utilities Committee meetings will now be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2007.

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.