

# **Regional Utilities Committee**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 8, 2009**

**3:30 PM**

**CITY HALL AUDITORIUM**

*Commissioner Lauren Poe, Chair  
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, Member  
Commissioner Craig Lowe, Member*

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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Present: Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe and Lauren Poe

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****090464. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2009 (B)**

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for September 10, 2009 as circulated.*

**This matter was Approved as Recommended. The motion carried.**

**RUC CURRENT ACTION ITEMS****090168. Efficacy and Safety of Fluoridating Our Public Water Supply (B)**

*The Regional Utilities Committee received additional citizen input and GRU staff comment regarding the fluoridation of the City of Gainesville's water supply.*

***MOTION:***

*Commissioner Lowe made the motion to continue the current policy regarding fluoridation of the water supply. Mayor Hanrahan seconded the motion. Commissioner Poe added to the motion that the item be removed from the RUC referral list. The motion carried.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Regional Utilities Committee continue the discussion concerning fluoridation of the City of Gainesville's water supply and take the action it deems appropriate.*

**This matter was Approved, as shown above. The motion carried.**

**090405. Utility Permits in Relation to Senate Bill 360 (NB)**

*The Regional Utilities Committee heard a presentation by David Richardson on a proposed policy related to SB 360. Mr. Richardson explained that the proposed policy would allow for the application of two (2) - one (1) year extensions to a currently active Utility Construction Permit.*

*Commissioner Lowe brought up the issue of a sunset date and if this policy adequately provides consideration for a project that is ready to go but does not have the utility construction permit versus a project that could receive an automatic extension but is not able to move forward.*

*David Richardson responded that there is not a sunset date right now but it is*

*something that could be reviewed at the end of the time period and if it is found to be reasonable and beneficial to all involved it would be considered. He also explained that the one year review period gives us the ability to opt out if there is another development that might otherwise be precluded.*

*Kimberly Hall, Director of Public Policy for the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce was recognized and spoke to the matter.*

*The RUC agreed to send the recommendation to the City Commission with the intent of receiving any additional feedback from the community between the RUC meeting and during the City Commission meeting.*

**MOTION:**

*The Mayor made the motion to accept and move forward to the City Commission staff's recommendation regarding adopting the policy for Utility Construction Permit Extensions. Commissioner Lowe seconded and Commissioner Poe concurred. The motion carried.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee discuss the issue of utility permit extensions in relation to SB 360 and take the action it deems appropriate.*

**This matter was Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried.**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**OUTSTANDING REFERRALS**

**090465. Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)**

*Commissioner Poe brought up the issue of what to schedule for the next meeting. Commissioner Lowe inquired about referral item #080696 - Broadband Internet in Older Neighborhoods. Mr. Hunzinger advised that we would put that item on the November agenda.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee review the Outstanding Referral Status Report dated October 8, 2009.*

**Discussed**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*The next meeting is November 12, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.*