

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**August 27, 2009**

**3:00 PM**

**CITY HALL ROOM 16**

## **Regional Utilities Committee**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****090196. Regional Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2009 (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee approve the minutes for the May 13, 2009 meeting as circulated.*

RUC Meeting Minutes May 13 2009.pdf

**RUC CURRENT ACTION ITEMS****080421.****Evaluation of Rates for Reclaimed Water - Discussion of Proposed Changes to GRU's Reclaimed Water Policy (B)**

*Explanation: On May 13, 2009 staff presented the proposed reclaimed water master plan and changes to GRU's reclaimed water extension policy. The proposed policy changes will increase the expansion of reclaimed water service over a broader area. Broader expansion of the reclaimed water system will help to off-set potable water demands for irrigation and other non-potable uses, provide beneficial aquifer recharge, and provide environmentally sustainable wastewater disposal.*

*Staff will provide follow-up discussion on the following items, as requested by RUC members during the May 13 meeting:*

- 1. Potential reclaimed water service to the Ironwood Golf Course and surrounding areas;*
- 2. Phasing of increases to water/wastewater connection charges;*
- 3. Impact of increasing reclaimed water usage charges; and*
- 4. Comparison of GRU reclaimed water usage charges to those of other utilities.*

*Fiscal Note: The proposed reclaimed water expansion is projected to cost approximately \$45 million over the next 20 years. Staff is proposing to fund this primarily through reclaimed water usage charges and by increasing wastewater connection charges.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee (RUC) receive a presentation from staff, and recommend that City Commission approve proposed changes to GRU's reclaimed water extension policy.*

**Legislative History**

9/18/08	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
5/13/09	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

RUC Presentation re Reclaimed Water 5 13 09.pdf  
RUC Presentation re 080421 August 27 2009.pdf

**080078.****New Vision for GRU (NB)**

*Explanation: On June 9, 2008 the City Commission referred the issue of establishing a new vision for GRU to the Regional Utilities Committee. This issue was discussed at length by the full Commission, the GRU executive team and key members of the City Manager's executive team on January 29, 2009. From that meeting the information was developed for GRU staff to formulate plans to match the Commission's vision. One example of its implementation is the inclusion of "industrial symbiosis" to promote green industry at Deerhaven in the recent (and unanimously approved) zoning designation for the plant site. Staff therefore recommends that this item be removed from the referral list.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee recommend that the City Commission approve removing this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

6/9/08	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
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**070084.****City of Gainesville Energy Policy - Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee (GEAC) (NB)**

*Explanation: On July 9, 2007 the City Commission referred the issue of a City of Gainesville Energy Policy to the Regional Utilities Committee. Given the actions taken by the City Commission to promote energy efficiency and secure renewable power supplies, Richard Williams, Chair of the Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee reports that he is directing its attention toward an "energy dashboard" program. The purpose of the dashboard is to measure and benchmark energy efficiency in three sectors: 1) electricity production; 2) energy consumption in the community; and 3) energy consumption by City operations. Mr. Williams agrees with staff's recommendation that the Energy Policy issue should be removed from the referral list.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee recommend that the City Commission approve removing this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

5/14/07	City Commission	Approved as Recommended (7 - 0)
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7/9/07	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Regional Utilities Committee
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**051194****GRU Wholesale Sales of Electricity (NB)**

*Explanation: The City Commission referred this item to the Regional Utilities Committee on April 12, 2006. The issue of correctly managing the risk associated with wholesale sales was fully addressed by the full Commission prior to entering into a two year extension of the City of Alachua's wholesale contract in late 2008. Staff recommends that this item be removed from the referral list.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee recommend that the City Commission approve removing this item from the referral list.*

**Legislative History**

4/12/06	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Regional Utilities Committee
6/8/06	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	
8/14/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Deferred	
11/28/07	Regional Utilities Committee	Discussed	

Backup for Item #051194 GRU Wholesale Sales.pdf

**MEMBER COMMENT****CITIZEN COMMENT****OUTSTANDING REFERRALS****090198.****Regional Utilities Committee Outstanding Referral Status Report (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The Regional Utilities Committee review the Outstanding Referral Status Report dated July 30, 2009.*

RUC Outstanding Referrals status report August 27 09.pdf

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*The next RUC meeting is September 10, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

