

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**April 10, 2014**

**5:30 PM**

**City Commission Special Meeting**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **City Commission**

***Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)***

***Commissioner Lauren Poe (At Large)***

***Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)***

***Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls (District 1)***

***Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)***

***Commissioner Susan Bottcher (District 3)***

***Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Randy Wells (District 4)***

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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****AGENDA STATEMENT**

*"Citizens are encouraged to participate in City of Gainesville meetings. In general, speakers will be limited to 3 (three) minutes per agenda item. Additional time may be granted by the Mayor or by the City Commission as directed. The City of Gainesville encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers limit their comments to specific motions and direct their comments to the Chair. Signs or Props are not permitted in the meeting room. Citizens are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the Clerk of the Commission before meetings and/or during meetings for inclusion into the public record. Citizens may also provide input to individual commissioners via office visits, phone calls, letters and e-Mail, that will become public record. In some instances, i.e., Quasi-Judicial Hearings, these particular contacts may be prohibited.*

**ROLL CALL****GENERAL MANAGER FOR UTILITIES**[130541.](#)**Results of Staff efforts to discuss mitigation of Alachua County's challenge to the proposed Minimum Flows and Levels (MFL's) for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers (B)**

*Explanation: At the April 3, 2014 Gainesville City Commission meeting, GRU staff discussed the proposed MFL for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers, and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioner's vote to challenge the proposed MFL. GRU is in support of the rule proposed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). As a result of those discussions, the City Commission directed GRU staff to do three things: 1) meet with Alachua County staff and others to see if an approach can be developed to avoid opposing each other in the administrative hearing; 2) prepare any documents necessary to intervene in the administrative hearing to support the proposed MFL rule should the City Commission deem it necessary; and 3) schedule a Special City Commission meeting on April 10 at 5:00 PM to hear the results of staff's discussions and determine whether to intervene in the administrative hearing.*

*Fiscal Note: The cost to legally intervene is estimated to be around \$95,000 or less. Adequate funding is allocated in the capital budget. The impact of a rule challenge on GRU's rates depends on the outcome and is unknown at this time. However, based on preliminary estimates of costs to comply with the originally proposed rule, the costs could be in the tens of millions of dollars.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission hear the results of staff's discussions and determine whether to intervene in*

*the administrative hearing.*

Legislative History

12/5/13	City Commission	Withdrawn
1/21/14	City Commission	Discussed
4/3/14	City Commission	Approved, as shown above

[130541 ppt 20131205](#)

[130541 DWSP presentation bartol gainesville Part 2.20140121pdf.pdf](#)

[130541 MFLs CCom Workshop Jan 21 Part 1 Overview 20140121.pdf](#)

[130541 MFLs CCom Workshop Jan 21 Part 4 - Rick Hutton.pdf](#)

[130541 Letter to County Mgr 20140410](#)

[130541 Supplemental Regulatory Measures 20140410](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**