

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

July 21, 2015

10:00 AM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

***Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)
Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)
Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Craig Carter (District 3)
Commissioner 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**[150157.](#)**GRU FY16 Budget (B)**

Explanation: Continue GRU budget discussions that began on July 13, 2015.

Fiscal Note: Various rate proposals presented will meet revenue requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission continue budget discussions and take action as appropriate.

[150157 GRU 2016 Budget Ballot 20150721](#)

[150157 GRU 2106 Budget Presentation II - Revised 20150721](#)

CITY MANAGER[150153.](#)**General Government Budget (NB)**

Explanation: Continue General Government budget discussions that began on July 14, 2015.

Fiscal Note: A balanced budget is proposed.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission continue budget discussions and take action as appropriate.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

[150069.](#)**FIRE ASSESSMENT - PRELIMINARY RATE RESOLUTION (B)**

A resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to the provision and funding of fire services, facilities and programs in the City of Gainesville; providing for the imposition and computation of fire services special assessments; providing for legislative determinations of special benefit and fair apportionment; describing the method of assessing fire services assessed costs against assessed property located within the City of Gainesville; establishing the estimated assessment rate for fire assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; providing for hardship assistance; providing for method of collection; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; providing for application of assessment proceeds; providing for severability; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: On June 9, 2008, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 070623 which establishes the authority to implement a Fire Services Special Assessment each year if the Commission chooses to do so.

The Preliminary Rate Resolution, if adopted, would establish a maximum assessment rate for the Fire Services Special Assessment and provide for notice to affected property owners of the proposed rates. The Preliminary Rate Resolution also provides for notice of a public hearing on the Annual Rate Resolution to be held on the date as set forth in the Resolution.

In adopting the Preliminary Rate Resolution the Commission will have to determine the Preliminary Rate to be sent in the notice to affected property owners. The City Manager has recommended the rate stay the same for FY 2015-16, that being \$78.00 per Fire Protection Unit, which is approximately 43% of the assessable costs to provide fire services. If the Commission decides to change that rate, the change will be made in the Preliminary Rate Resolution. (See page 5 of the Resolution). The Preliminary Rate can be anywhere from 100% of the assessable costs to provide fire services, or less. It must be noted, however, that while the Preliminary Rate can change at the final hearing, it cannot be increased, but can only be adjusted downward. In other words, if the Commission establishes the Preliminary Rate at \$78.00 per Fire Protection Unit and notices that as the Preliminary Rate, at the Final Hearing the \$78.00 Assessment can decrease, but it cannot go above \$78.00.

In adopting the Preliminary Rate Resolution, the Commission will have to set the date for a public hearing. The City Manager has recommended that date be September 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm (see page 7 of the Resolution). If the Commission decides to change that date, changes will be made to the Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) establish a Preliminary

Rate of \$78.00 per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit for the Fire Services Special Assessment; 2) set the public hearing on the Annual Rate Resolution at 6:00 pm (or as soon thereafter as may be heard) on September 10, 2015; and 3) adopt the proposed Preliminary Rate Resolution.

[150069_Fire Services Preliminary Rate Resolution_20150721.pdf](#)

[150066.](#)

ESTABLISH A PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 (B)

Resolution No. 150066

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to the levy of general municipal purpose ad valorem taxes for the 2015-2016 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016; establishing a proposed millage rate; setting a public hearing; providing for notice to the Alachua County Property Appraiser; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: Section 200.065, of the Florida Statutes, requires the City Commission to advise the Property Appraiser of its rolled-back millage rate, its proposed millage rate, and of the time, date, and place at which a public hearing will be held to consider the proposed millage rate and the proposed tentative budget.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

[150066_Proposed Millage Rate_20150721.pdf](#)

ADJOURNMENT