

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

July 18, 2017

1:30 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Budd (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**AGENDA STATEMENT**

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ROLL CALL[170182.](#)**GRU's Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget (B)**

Explanation: Staff will continue the presentation of GRU's proposed budget for FY18. By the time of this meeting, staff will have made the second presentation of the proposed budget to the Utility Advisory Board on July 12, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission direct the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise an ordinance to adopt the recommended rates, fees and charges for Electric, Water, Wastewater and Gas.

Legislative History

7/13/17 City Commission Discussed

[170182 Communications FY18 Budget Increase 20170713](#)

[170182 Zero increase in Electric options 20170713](#)

[170182 FY18 Electric Rate Options 20170718](#)

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED[170096.](#)**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, 2017; 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 change for FY 2017-18 from \$78.00 per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit to \$101.00 per Net Factored Fire Protection Unit. This new rate will fund approximately 50% 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 decreased. In other words, if the Commission establishes the Preliminary Rate at \$101.00 per Fire Protection Unit and notices that as the Preliminary Rate, at the Final Hearing the \$101.00 Assessment can decrease, but it cannot go above \$101.00.

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 7, 2017 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 \$101.00 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 7, 2017; and 3) adopt the proposed Preliminary Rate Resolution.

[170096_Fire Assessment Resolution_20170718.pdf](#)

[170215.](#)

ESTABLISH A PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 (B)

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 2017-2018 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018; 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.

[170215_Resolution-Proposed Millage Rate_20170718.pdf](#)

[170214.](#)

PROPOSED TENTATIVE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AND OPERATING PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 (B)

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida; relating to its General Government Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018; approving the proposed tentative General Financial and Operating Plan; and providing an immediate effective date.

Explanation: The proposed tentative General Government Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as set forth in the Proposed Financial and Operating Plan - Budget by Funds is hereby submitted for approval and further consideration at a public hearing to be established in conjunction with the approval of a proposed millage rate to fund said budget.

A balanced Proposed Tentative General Government Budget is submitted for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed resolution.

[170214A Resolution-Proposed General Government 20170718.pdf](#)

[170214B Exhibit A 20170718.pdf](#)

[170214C City Manager Budget Message FY18-19 20170718.pdf](#)

[170214D FY18-19 FINAL BUDGET IN BRIEF 20170718.pdf](#)

ADJOURNMENT