

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

November 8, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

*Mary Alford
Michael Selvester
David Denslow
Wendell Porter
Wes Wheeler
Barry Jacobson*

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**[180509.](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the October 11, 2018 UAB Meeting (B)

Explanation: Staff has drafted the minutes of the UAB's October 11, 2018 meeting and present them today for approval.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018, UAB meeting as drafted.

[180509 UAB 10-11-18 Meeting Minutes 20181108](#)

[180528.](#)**Financial Modeling Services (B)**

Explanation: For a number of years GRU has utilized internally developed models to construct financial forecasts and assist in rate development. During the FY19 budget process 70 different model runs were generated to address various rate structure questions and issues, a process which required significant staff time and effort.

A spin-off of GRU's financial advisor Public Financial Management, Inc. has developed modeling software that provides the ability to consider many scenarios, as well as their associated branches and sequels that are typically requested as part of the budget process. It takes into account variables such as demand, rates across customer classes, operating revenue, capital forecasts, and financing alternatives. The model provides real-time analysis including:

- Rate-setting across multiple customer classes, what-ifs and analysis*
- Volume/demand sensitivities*
- Capital projects, magnitude and timing*
- Operating initiatives, programs and projects*
- Financing options and alternatives*
- Real-time credit benchmarking against rating agency methodologies*

Fiscal Note: The contract calls for a one-time implementation fee of \$75,000 and annual fees of \$75,000.

RECOMMENDATION

The Utility Advisory Board recommend that the City Commission approve the agreement with PFM Solution LLC for provision of financial modeling platform services.

[180528 Whitebirch Financial Modeling contract 20181108](#)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CITIZEN COMMENT

STATE OF THE UTILITY

[180473.](#)

GRU Operational Update for the Month of October 2018 (B)

Explanation: Staff has provided operational statistics and project updates for the month of October 2018.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION Receive report.

[180473 Ops Update for October 2018 - All Depts 20181108](#)

OLD BUSINESS

[180258.](#)

UAB Work Plan (B)

Explanation: Among the code revisions made in Ordinance Number 170808, which was approved by the City Commission on second reading at their August 2, 2018, regular meeting, is the requirement that the UAB draft a yearly work plan for approval by the City Commission. The board discussed the issue at their August 9, 2018, regular meeting and concluded that creation of an energy policy for the City should be a top priority. They discussed models of energy policies from various other public utilities across the U.S. at their August 28, 2018, workshop and agreed that the next step is to write their work plan so that it lays out those areas they want to study for the energy policy.

The work plan was discussed again at the Board's September 25, 2018 workshop and their October 11, 2018 regular meeting. They determined that the work plan would consist of drafting an energy policy for the City of Gainesville and that each member would work on various parts of the policy. The Board continued the discussion at their October 23, 2018, workshop and each member chose sections of the plan that they would like to work on.

The plan was presented to the City Commission at the October 30, 2018, joint special meeting and the Commission agreed to the plan as drafted without objection.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

Continue discussion of work plan and take any action deemed appropriate.

[180258 UAB Work Plan Draft 20181011](#)

[180258 UAB Workplan - w-Assignments 20181108](#)

NEW BUSINESS

[180505.](#)

Outcome of Referendum Vote (NB)

Explanation: Discuss the outcome of the vote on the referendum regarding GRU governance and any implications for the UAB.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the outcome of the November 6, 2018, vote on the GRU referendum and take any action deemed appropriate.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

December 13, 2018

ADJOURNMENT