

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda

November 15, 2021

5:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

Wendell Porter (Member)

Wes Wheeler (Member)

Barry Jacobson (Member)

Carla Lewis (Member)

Theresa Spurling-Wood (Non-Voting Member)

Tim Rockwell (Member)

Don Davis (Non-Voting Member)

Fletcher Crowe (Member)

Jason Fults (Member)

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****CONSENT AGENDA**

[210649.](#) **Minutes of the UAB October 14, 2021 Meeting and the UAB November 6, 2021 Workshop (B)**

Explanation: Staff has prepared minutes for the UAB's October 14, 2021 regular meeting and their November 6, 2021 public workshop.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION *Approve minutes as drafted.*

[210649 UAB 10.14.21 Meeting Minutes 20211115](#)

[210649 UAB 11.6.21 Workshop Minutes 20211115](#)

[210643.](#) **Gainesville Regional Utilities Seeking Security Force Contract with Excelsior Defense Inc. (NB)**

Explanation: On December 30th, 2019 GRU entered into a four year contract with Miller Private LLC. for security force services. In the interest of both parties, on October 19th, 2021 GRU and Miller Private LLC. executed an "Agreement to Terminate". Miller Private LLC. initiated the request to terminate in August of 2021 due to management, staffing, and financial hardships being experienced in their business model. GRU seeks a contractor with the ability to produce higher performance related to regulatory compliance and overall tenets of a security force service. Whereas the original contract was slated to end December 31st, 2024, the contract will now end December 30th, 2021.

The City of Gainesville (General Government) currently has a contract with Excelsior Defense Inc. ("Excelsior"), to provide security force services. The Excelsior contract permits the city to add services to the contract by the use of a "Task Assignment". GRU would like to submit a task assignment to the existing Excelsior contract to add security services to GRU. Because the increase in the Excelsior contract exceeds 10% of the original contract price, the city commission must approve the task assignment. This task assignment will not increase the budgeted amount for security services for GRU.

Fiscal Note: GRU has funds budgeted in its FY22 for security force services. There will be no increase in budgeted security force services by approving GRU to utilize the contract between City of Gainesville and Excelsior Defense Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the General Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute an amendment to the contract to include GRU security services with Excelsior Defense Inc., subject to the City Attorney's approval as to form and legality. This will allow GRU time to formally and appropriately procure security force services.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**CITIZEN COMMENT****STATE OF THE UTILITY**[210646.](#)**GRU Operational Update for the Month of October 2021 (B)**

Explanation: Staff has prepared a statistical and informational report of GRU's operations for the month of October 2021.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report.

[210646 GRU Ops Update 2021 October 20211115](#)

OLD BUSINESS[210206.](#)**Update on Natural Gas Rebate Policies (B)**

Explanation: Following a request from the UAB in their April 27, 2021 joint meeting with the City Commission, the Commission directed staff to review GRU's policy on providing gas rebates and determine what impact stopping those rebates would have on revenue. Staff returned with a presentation on the fiscal impact of gas rebates at the July 27, 2021 joint UAB/City Commission meeting and the UAB asked for additional information. Staff returns today with a more in-depth presentation.

Fiscal Note: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Hear a presentation from staff.

[210206 Natural Gas Rebate Program 20210727](#)

[210206 Nat Gas Rebate Policy Presentation 20211115](#)

NEW BUSINESS

[210650.](#)**GRU Proposed FY2023 Budget Calendar (B)**

Explanation: Each year, staff presents information regarding GRU's budget for the next fiscal year in order to assist the UAB and the City Commission with their decision making on GRU's final budget submission. Staff has followed the same pattern of presentation for the UAB that they follow for the City Commission for the sake of consistency. For the FY2023 budget cycle, the City Commission has voted to have a series of workshops throughout the year, at which staff will present information on various elements of the utility's operations and budgeting needs. The Commission voted to have two of those workshops jointly with the UAB and left it up to staff to choose the dates of those joint workshops. Staff has chosen Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Monday, May 16, 2022 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. for the joint meetings.

Staff now needs to settle on dates for delivering the remaining budget information to the UAB and recommends that the Board consider the following options:

- 1) Use the Board's regular meeting time, which would add approximately 2 hours to each meeting, depending on the number of other agenda items;*
- 2) Use the standing monthly workshop time, or;*
- 3) Schedule a third monthly UAB meeting for the budget workshops.*

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the UAB choose one of the options listed above for workshops to receive information on GRU's proposed FY2023 budget.

MEMBER COMMENT**CITIZEN COMMENT****NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Workshop - November 23, 2021
Regular Meeting - December 8, 2021*

ADJOURNMENT