

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Meeting Agenda**

**December 9, 2021**

**6:30 PM**

**Modified Agenda**

**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****ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA****210715. Minutes of the November 15, 2021 UAB Meeting (B)**

*Explanation: Staff has prepared minutes from the November 15, 2021 UAB meeting and present them now for approval.*

*Fiscal Note: None.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *Approve as drafted.*

[210715 UAB 11-15-21 Mtg Minutes 20211209](#)

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****CITIZEN COMMENT****STATE OF THE UTILITY****210716. GRU Operational Update for the Month of November 2021 (B)**

*Explanation: Staff has prepared a report of statistical and other data from the utility's operations in the month of November 2021.*

*Fiscal Note: None.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *Receive report.*

[210716 GRU Ops Update Nov 2021 All Depts 20211209](#)

**OLD BUSINESS****210650. GRU Proposed FY2023 Budget Calendar (B)**

*Explanation: At the UAB's November 15, 2021 meeting, staff presented a draft calendar for a series of budget workshops, in which staff will provide information about various parts of GRU's annual budget and the processes staff undertakes in managing GRU's financial system. The workshops are designed to educate and prepare the UAB for the end of the budget season when staff will present a proposed budget for FY23 and*

request the UAB to make a recommendation to the City Commission. The UAB discussed possible workshop dates for staff's consideration and staff returns today to ask for final approval of the budget calendar.

*Fiscal Note: None.*

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the FY23 budget calendar as drafted.

[210650 Draft UAB FY23 Budget Calendar Revised 20211209](#)

## NEW BUSINESS

[210717.](#)

### Water/Wastewater Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program

*Explanation: The purpose of the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) program is to reduce sewer system overflows, reduce the amount of oil and grease discharged to the wastewater collection system, reduce maintenance costs of the wastewater collection system and improve operation of the wastewater collection system.*

*The presence of FOG in the wastewater collection system leads to blockages in the pipes that result in sanitary sewer (wastewater) overflows. Over the past 5 years, over half of the SSOs in GRU's service area were due to the improper disposal of residential grease and toiletries. Contrastingly, during that time, there have been no SSOs from commercial FOG, due to the effectiveness of GRU's Commercial FOG Program.*

*In accordance with Section 27-180.2 of Gainesville's Code of Ordinance, GRU operates a Commercial FOG program that requires all food service establishments (FSEs) in the service area to submit a Grease Interceptor permit application to GRU. GRU reviews these permits and determines if a grease interceptor is needed for the establishment. The capacity and pump out frequency of the grease interceptor is determined by GRU; however, it is the responsibility of the FSE to own, operate and maintain the interceptor. FSEs (or their grease haulers) are required to submit proof of maintenance (cleaning logs or pump out verification) to GRU. GRU has two environmental inspectors that monitor commercial FOG compliance and a Program Coordinator that administers program operations and enforcement actions. Enforcement actions begin with education to our customers but escalate to compliance letters and fines for FSEs with continued violations.*

*The FOG Program monitors and inspects more than 650 FSEs that discharge to GRU's wastewater collection system. FSEs include restaurants, hospitals, schools and other businesses/institutions with commercial kitchens.*

*Regular activities within the FOG Program include:*

- Inspecting and enforcement of the FOG program including assessment of facilities, ensuring compliance with the City's sanitary*

sewer use and regulations, equipment, frequency in which traps are cleaned out, facility follow up, die testing and camera surveillance

- Informing and educating customers of FOG prevention and cleanup at FSEs and households
- Data entry into the FOG system regarding inspections, notices, correspondences, etc.

*Fiscal Note: Informational item only - there are no changes to the program or financial impacts.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*UAB hear staff presentation and staff will be available to answer questions as needed.*

[210717\\_FOGPresentation\\_Wastewater\\_20211209](#)

[210719.](#)

**Possible Utility Incentive Programs (B)**

*Explanation: In response to requests from the Commission and UAB, staff has begun to explore a possible slate of utility incentives. Staff will present an update on those efforts so that the Board is kept apprised of staff's work and has an opportunity to ask questions.*

*Fiscal Note: None at this time.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Hear a presentation from staff.*

[210719\\_Possible\\_Rebates\\_Incentives\\_Pres\\_20211209](#)

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Workshop - 12/28/21*

*Regular Meeting - 1/13/21*

**ADJOURNMENT**