

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda

January 13, 2022

6:30 PM

Modified Agenda

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

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****[210809.](#) Minutes of the December 9, 2021 UAB Meeting (B)**

Explanation: Staff has prepared minutes of the UAB's December 9, 2021 meeting.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION *Approve minutes as drafted.*

[210809_UAB_12.9.21_Mtg_Minutes_20220113](#)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**CITIZEN COMMENT****STATE OF THE UTILITY****[210810.](#) GRU Operational Update for the Month of December 2021 (B)**

Explanation: Staff has prepared a report of statistical and other data for GRU's operations in the month of December 2021.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION *Receive report.*

[210810_GRU_Dec_2021_Ops_Update_All_Depts_20220113](#)

OLD BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS****[210811.](#) Reusable Fuels Presentation (B)**

Explanation: The City of Gainesville has a goal of attaining Zero Waste by 2040. As part of reaching this goal, the City's Strategic Plan includes "Consider the Use of Waste-to-Energy to address difficult to recover materials and waste streams." Public Works and GRU staff have been meeting to investigate synergies and discuss possible collaboration on recoverable

and reusable fuels. This informational presentation is being delivered to the UAB prior to being presented to the City Commission's Zero Waste Subcommittee, which will be scheduled at a future date.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION The UAB receive a presentation from Public Works and GRU staff.

[810811 Reusable Fuels 20220113](#)

[210812.](#)

Transferring the Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Real Property Asset, Boulware Springs Park and Historic Water Works, to the City of Gainesville's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Division (NB)

Explanation: The Boulware Springs Historic Water Works, a pump house and spring, began supplying drinking water to the City of Gainesville in 1898. In 1905, Gainesville's plentiful water supply was used to entice the University of Florida to locate here. The spring was abandoned in 1948 upon completion of a water treatment plant. The building was added to the US National Register of Historic Places in 1985 and was last renovated in 1990. Boulware Springs, Gainesville's only artesian spring, produces approximately 194,000 gallons of water a day, which flows into Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park. The building was available to the public as an event rental space for many years, but has fallen into a state of disrepair and the boardwalk and building have been closed for public safety since 2020. The Boulware Springs Historic Water Works is located within Boulware Springs Nature Park at 3300 SE 15th Street, parcel ID 16244-000-000.

Wild Spaces & Public Places, a program funded by a half cent sales tax being collected from 2017 through 2024, received direction from the City Commission on March 4, 2021 to begin a renovation project encompassing both Boulware Springs Nature Park and the Boulware Springs Historic Water Works.

The City has agreed to take over the maintenance and operation of the water works building, spring and associated grounds. Upon completion of the renovation project the City will provide public access to Boulware Springs Historic Water Works as a rentable space for meetings, retreats, weddings, etc.

The real property targeted for transfer is a 30.3 acre area located in Alachua County Tax Parcel No. 16244-000-000, located at 3300 SE 15th Street and known as "Boulware Springs Park and Historic Water Works". Existing site improvements include a masonry spring house (the "Water Works Building"), a masonry single-family residence (the "Caretaker House") and a covered pavilion with picnic tables and parking lot.

Fiscal Note: This is a no fee transfer from GRU to Parks, Recreation and Cultural

Affairs Department (PRCA). PRCA will need to budget funds to operate and maintain the facilities. Wild Spaces & Public Places program will fund improvements at the site.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the transfer of the Boulware Springs property & structures and the operation & maintenance of the structures and grounds in perpetuity from GRU to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department.

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

*Budget Workshop - January 25, 2022
Regular Meeting - February 10, 2022*

ADJOURNMENT