

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

February 10, 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**[210906.](#)**UAB Meeting Minutes (B)**

Explanation: Staff has prepared minutes from the UAB's January 13, 2022 regular meeting and their January 25, 2022 workshop. In addition, during the calendar year 2020 at the height of the pandemic, there were several meetings that had to be cancelled for various reasons. In the midst of all of that, staff overlooked the minutes from the February 25, 2020 and October 27, 2020 meetings and did not bring them to the board for approval. Those minutes are attached today for board approval.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022, January 25, 2022, February 25, 2020 and October 27, 2020 meetings.

[210906 UAB 1-25-22 Workshop Minutes 20220210](#)

[210906 UAB 02-25-20 Meeting Minutes 20220210](#)

[210906 UAB 10-27-20 Meeting Minutes 20220210](#)

[210906 UAB 1-13-22 Meeting Minutes 20220210](#)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**CITIZEN COMMENT****STATE OF THE UTILITY**[210907.](#)**GRU Operational Update for the Month of January 2022 (B)**

Explanation: Staff has prepared a report of statistical and other data from the operation of the utility in the month of January 2022.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report.

[210907 GRU January Ops Update 20220210](#)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS[200620.](#)**Selection of Progressive Design-Build Firm for the Groundwater Recharge Wetland Project (B)**

Explanation: GRU plans to create a groundwater recharge wetland. The project is being constructed with cost share funding from the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The project will receive reclaimed water from the Kanapaha Water Reclamation Facility and recharge the Floridan aquifer with high-quality, low-nutrient water. The project will provide an environmental benefit by supporting flows at the Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and area springs. The project is part of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan and is integral to our water resource management plan. In addition to the environmental benefits, the project will provide cost-effective, long-term beneficial reuse of reclaimed water to meet GRU future needs as our community grows. Alachua County is partnering with GRU to manage public access to the wetland after it is constructed and plans to add improved parking, restroom facilities and a playground in the future as funding becomes available.

Schedule

The property for the wetland was purchased in January 2021 with 50 percent cost share funding from FDEP. FDEP has committed cost share dollars for the design and permitting of the project. GRU expects FDEP will allocate cost share funds for the construction phase of the project. The design, permitting, and construction of the project is expected to be complete in calendar year 2025 contingent upon both State and local funding.

Solicitation

The solicitation for a Request for Statement of Qualifications for Progressive Design-Builders was posted on September 28, 2021. On December 2, 2021, four progressive design-build proposals were received. GRU staff conducted a two-phase evaluation of the prospective design-build teams. The Phase 1 evaluation was held in a public meeting on December 16, 2021, where three firms were selected to advance. The Phase 2 evaluation was held in a public meeting on January 12, 2022 following presentations and interviews with the three firms. The firms were ranked as follows:

- 1. Wharton-Smith, Inc.*
- 2. Jacobs Project Management Company*
- 3. Phillips & Jordan, Inc.*

In accordance with the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), staff is recommending initiating contract negotiations with the top-ranked firm. If staff is unable to negotiate an acceptable contract with the top-ranked firm, it may negotiate with the next firm in order of ranking.

This item will be presented to the UAB on February 10, 2022.

Attachments:

- 1.) UAB/Commission Presentation
- 2.) Notice of Intent to Award

Fiscal Note: *The property acquisition was completed in January 2021 and cost approximately \$2M, of which FDEP paid 50 percent (\$976,808). The permitting, design and construction of the wetland project is estimated to cost \$8 to \$10 million. FDEP is a funding partner for the project. FDEP has committed funds to pay for 50 percent of the design and permitting of the project up to \$523,192. GRU expects FDEP will allocate cost share funding for the construction and start-up of the project. The costs to design and construct the project are included in the GRU Capital Project Budget and Capital Forecast. GRU will also pursue additional funding opportunities.*

The request for approval to negotiate is requested with a contract value not to exceed \$10 million over the next 3 to 5 years. The timing of the contract expenses will be funded in accordance with the budget approvals on a fiscal year basis. The design, permitting, and construction of the project is expected to be complete by calendar year 2025, contingent upon both State and local funding.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission:

- 1) approve the ranking of design-build firms for the progressive design build for the Ground- Water Recharge Wetland Project;*
- 2) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to initiate contract negotiations with the design-build firms in order of rank in accordance with the CCNA; and*
- 3) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute a contract, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for the total project cost not to exceed \$10 million in accordance with the annually approved budget.*

[200620 GRU Groundwater Recharge Wetland Pres 20220210](#)

[200620 Notice of Intended Award 20220210](#)

210903.

Solar Photovoltaic Amendment One - Milestone Extension (B)

Explanation: *On July 16, 2021, the City Commission authorized the General Manager or his designee to execute a Power Purchase Agreement and other agreements as required for 50 MW of solar power for a term of 20 years with Florida Solar 6, LLC. The contract contained deadlines for the completion of certain milestones and a date for commencement of commercial operation, as well as a requirement that Florida Solar 6 select*

a site for the project. The company has run into permitting challenges with its original intended site and will be pursuing an alternate site for the facility.

This delay has resulted in the need to reset and repeat approximately 12-18 months of pre-permitting and permitting activities for the new site, and the need to defer the initial commercial operation date of the project and supporting interim milestone dates. Thus, the contract is being amended to support the changes. No financial or other changes are being made to the agreement.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the Interim General Manager or his designee to execute a contract extension to extend the commercial operation date and other interim milestone dates and other agreements as required, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

[210903 GRU Solar 6 First Amendment to PPA 20220210](#)

[210903 GRU-Origis REPPA 4.27.2020 \(NRF Redacted\) 20220210](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 22, 2022

ADJOURNMENT