

RUC OUTSTANDING REFERRALS DETAIL REPORT

1. #130812 GRU Electric Wholesale Sales Strategy

At the March 20, 2014 City Commission meeting, staff gave a presentation on the wholesale electric contract they had recently negotiated with Winter Park. The question arose as to why commission approval was not sought before the contract was signed. Commissioner Chase referred a discussion on the process of wholesale contracts and how it interacts with authorization from the commission and public meetings. To date, this item has not been discussed in committee.

2. 130755 Electric Utility Market Restructuring

At its March 6, 2014 meeting, the Commission heard a presentation from Darin Cook on electric utility market restructuring and how it might benefit GRU. Mr. Cook asked the Commission to support the idea of restructuring at the State level and perhaps include it in our legislative agenda. The issue was referred to the RUC for discussion. To date, this item has not been discussed in committee. Staff will need to contact Mr. Cook at the appropriate time to schedule this discussion.

3. 130957 - Energy Supply Planning (Energy 2020)

At the May 1, 2014, commission meeting, Commissioner Chase referred the issue of energy supply planning to the RUC. He asked that the committee discuss broad issues around future power needs, including the impact of solar, fuel cells and other emerging technologies on our distribution system, how we forecast growth, issues around generation, transmission and distribution and related issues. The item was discussed in committee at the September 11, 2014 meeting and presented to the full Commission on 6/4/15. Staff is working on various aspects of Power 2020 and will bring the item back to the RUC once all aspects of the study are completed, projected to be near the end of the calendar year.

4. #140194 Capacity Rate

At the July 14, 2014, Commission meeting, Commissioner Poe referred the issue of developing a reserved capacity rate to the RUC for discussion. Discussed at 5/14/15 meeting and included for consideration in the FY16 budget presented to the Commission in July 2015. An update was given at the 7/9/15 RUC meeting for the benefit of the two new Commission members and a proposal was made for a dual capacity rate and a stand-by (reserved capacity) rate. There was no conversation about removing this item from the RUC and no reason given for leaving it in committee.

5. #140951 Wastewater Winter Max Billing

At the May 7, 2015, City Commission meeting, staff gave a presentation on the updated Cost of Service Study. As part of that item, staff recommended that the method we currently use for billing wastewater usage, referred to as winter max billing, be referred to the RUC for discussion of possible alternate methods of billing for that usage.

6. #140384 GRU Governance

This item has been discussed in several City Commission meetings, Commission workshops, and the Committee of the Whole since the beginning of FY15. It is also one of the City's strategic initiatives, assigned to the GM-Utilities and the City Attorney. On 7/2/15, the Attorney's office presented a draft governance model as requested by the City Commission at a previous meeting and the Commission referred the draft model to the RUC.

#130669 – Strategic Initiatives in RUC

Four of the City's strategic initiatives (SI) have been referred to the RUC and put on the outstanding referral list under separate legislative file numbers. At its January 16, 2014 meeting, the City Commission agreed that the RUC can combine the initiatives under one legislative file number and consider them as a whole. The SI's are:

6.2 - Monitor Progress of the Clean-Up of Cabot/Koppers Superfund Site
(Legistar Item #130507) (Discussed in RUC 1/14/09, 6/8/11, 8/13/12)

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in December, 2007 at the Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan on February 25, 2008.

Desired Outcome: It is the objective of the City of Gainesville for the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site to be remediated to standards safe for residential uses and in a manner that will ensure that air, ground water, drinking water supply, and soil of Gainesville are protected.

7.1 - Protect the Quality of Drinking Water in Gainesville
(Legistar Item #120724)

Same background & objective as 6.2 (above.)

7.2 - Improve the Energy Efficiency of Low Income Homes Through
Weatherization.
(Legistar Item #130512)

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in February, 2009 at a Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan on October 1, 2009.

Desired Outcome: Reduce energy use in low-income homes which could lead to a reduction in the amount that low-income GRU customers spend on energy bills.

8.2 - Develop New GRU Governance & Oversight Model, with
Implementation Plan
(Legistar #140445) (Also assigned to Committee of the Whole)

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in June, 2014 at a Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan in October, 2014.

Desired Outcome: Governance models have been evaluated for consideration by the City Commission. At the last strategic planning workshop in June 2015, the Commission voted to remove this item from the plan effective October 1, 2015; however, it is an active referral in the RUC (noted above).