

# City of Gainesville

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



## **Minutes**

**June 15, 2016**

**1:00 PM**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **Utility Advisory Board**

*Annie Orlando  
Darin Cook  
David Denslow  
Robert Walpole  
Mary Alford  
Sandra Campbell  
Michael Selvester*

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**CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****[160061.](#) Utility Advisory Board May 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes (B)**

**Attachments:** [160061 UAB 5-18-16 Draft Meeting Minutes 20160615 Amended](#)

*The minutes were approved with amendments.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *Staff recommends that the board approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016 meeting as drafted.*

**STATE OF THE UTILITY****[160127.](#) Chief Change Officer Update (B)**

**Attachments:** [160127 CCO Update 20160615](#)

*Chief Change Officer Michelle Lambert gave a presentation to update the board on GRU's continuous improvement efforts, introduce them to the initiatives in GRU's change portfolio and report on how GRU's change initiatives are aligned with the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Committee. A board member asked how GRUs base pay compares to Duke Energy and Ms. Lambert responded that she would have to collect that data and bring it back to the board at another meeting.*

*Citizen Jim Konish spoke on the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *Hear a presentation from Chief Change Officer Michelle Lambert.*

**NEW BUSINESS****[160125.](#) Economic Generation Planning (B)**

**Attachments:** [160127 EconomicGenerationPlanning 20160616](#)

*Administrative & Fuels Operations Director Eric Walters gave an informational presentation on GRU's process for economic generation planning and dispatch. Member Denslow asked what is the peak demand rate for the Alachua County School Board and staff responded that they would get that figure and report it to the board at a later date. Dr. Denslow stated that he would like the board to dive deeper into demand charges and efficiency at a future meeting.*

*Citizen Jim Konish spoke on the matter.*

**RECOMMENDATION***The Board hear a presentation from staff.*[160126.](#)**Water/Wastewater Connection Charges (B)****Attachments:**     [160126 WWW Connection Charges.20160615.docx](#)

*Chief Water/Wastewater Officer Tony Cunningham and Supervising Engineer Rick Hutton gave a presentation on GRU's water and wastewater connection charges, discussing how staff sets the rate for connection fees, some of GRU's policies, discussion of the Connect Free program, and the connection surcharge. The Board asked for additional information on Connect Free and GRU's reclaimed water system, which staff agreed to send to them at a later date.*

*Board member Sandy Campbell made a motion that the Board review the information about the Connect Free Program and make a recommendation to the City Commission, with a focus on an alternate way to fund the program than the connection surcharge. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Chair Cook asked that along with this item at the next meeting, the board also discuss whether surcharge fees collected since October 2015 should be returned to customers.*

**RECOMMENDATION***The Board hear a presentation from staff.*[160085.](#)**Utility Advisory Board Vision Statement (NB)**

*Due to time constraints, this item was tabled and will be discussed at a future meeting.*

**RECOMMENDATION***The Utility Advisory Board discuss and develop a vision statement.***MEMBER COMMENT**

*Chair Cook stated that he was going before the City Commission at their June 16th meeting to ask for approval to change the ordinance that governs the board to allow for 4 absences rather than 2.*

*Vice-Chair Orlando asked about the status of the arbitration with GREC and why it hasn't been on the board's agenda. She also asked about the pending lawsuit being brought against the city by John Stanton. Attorney McNeill explained that legal issues were taken before the City Commission by the City Attorney's office and would not be brought before the board. She gave some detail about the process and some deadlines and hearing dates.*

[160090.](#)**Member David Denslow - General Manager's First Year in Office (NB)**

*The board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Bielarski and staff's work during his first year of employment.*

**RECOMMENDATION***Discuss.***CITIZEN COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*June 29, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.*