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City of Gainesville

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Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

August 15, 2018

1:30 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)

Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)

Commissioner Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:33 PM**AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

Present 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

Absent 1 - Commissioner Warren

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Poe, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Warren

DISCUSSION ITEM180170.**Reconsideration of GRU's FY19 Rates (B)**

Ed Bielarski gave an introduction.

Claudia Rasnick made a presentation.

Motion by Mayor Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Ward: 1) 0% rate increase; 2) 2% employee raises; 3) No new ERP this year; 4) \$2.7 million for FMIS ERP O&M this year; 5) No new FTE's at GRU; 6) \$460,000 for one year by using GG undesignated reserves; 7) Transfer of reserves between utilities as prescribed by staff in option 8; and 8) \$40,000 increase in broadband feasibility study increment in both GG and GRU budgets. Motion failed 2-4. Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Arreola voting yes. Chris Quinn spoke to the motion. Chris Lover spoke to the matter.

Nathan Skop, Jim Konish, Jeffrey Shapiro, Debbie Martinez, Ray Washington, Jess Larsen, Kenya Ellis, James Thompson, Darlene Pifalo, David Denslow, Annie Orlando, Kali Blount, Walter Williard, Nancy Daren and Wilbur Holloway spoke to the matter.

Motion by Commission Arreola: Option 9. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Ward: 1) Option 9 with the addition of a broadband feasibility study. Motion failed 3-3. Commissioner Johnson, Mayor Poe and Commissioner Simmons in dissent. Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Darlene Pifalo, Annie Orlando, Wilbur Holloway, Jo Beaty and Kenya Ellis spoke to the matter.

Motion by Commissioner Simmons: 1) 0% rate increase; 2) One year delay of ERP; 3) 2% pay increase in pay; 4) No new FTE's; 5) 1 million total rewards; 6) Reduction in the GFT (1.3 million reduction); and 7) 2.7 ERP in FY 19, \$5.4 million forward. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commission Ward: Option 9 with a feasibility study. Motion failed 3-3. Commissioner Johnson, Mayor Poe and Commissioner Simmons in dissent. Nathan Skop, Debbie Martinez, Dave Denslow and Jo Beaty spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss FY19 GRU rates, and direct the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise an ordinance to adopt the recommended rates, fees and charges for the Electric, Water, Wastewater and Gas systems.

Discussed

ADJOURNMENT - 4:35 PM