Item #190730 12/12/19

# **City of Gainesville**

City Hall 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32601



# <u>Minutes</u>

November 14, 2019 5:30 PM

**City Hall Auditorium** 

# **Utility Advisory Board**

Mary Alford (Member) Michael Selvester (Member) Wendell Porter (Member) Wes Wheeler (Member) Barry Jacobson (Member) Carla Miles (Member) Theresa Spurling-Wood (Non-Voting Member) Tim Rockwell (Member) Don Davis (Non-Voting Member)

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# CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Members Porter, Selvester, Alford, Wheeler, Jacobson, Miles and Davis

Absent: Members Rockwell and Spurling-Wood

# ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

190603.Minutes of the September 24, 2019 UAB Workshop, October 10, 2019 UABRegular Meeting and October 16, 2019 Workshop (B)

| <u>Attachments:</u> | <u>190603_UAB_9-24-19_Workshop_Minutes_20191114</u>  |
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|                     | 190603 UAB 10-10-19 Meeting Minutes 20191114         |
|                     | <u>190603_UAB 10-16-19_Workshop_Minutes_20191114</u> |

**<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>** Approve the three sets of minutes as drafted.

Member Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Member Porter, to adopt all items on the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-1, with Member Rockwell absent.

# 190617.Contract Award to Vertex Data Utility Services, LLC for Bill Payment and<br/>Presentment Services (B)

This item is a request to approve the recommended award and execute a contract with Vertex Data Utility Services, LLC for Utility Bill printing, mail, electronic presentment, payment processing, and customer self-service.

Attachments: 190617 Billing Bid Tab 20191114

**RECOMMENDATION** The City Commission authorize the GRU General Manager or designee to execute a contract with Vertex Data Utility Services, LLC, for Bill Payment and Presentment Services, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

On November 14, 2019, the UAB approved this on their consent agenda in a 6-0 vote, with Member Rockwell absent.

Member Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Member Porter, to adopt all items on the consent agenda. The motion passed 6-1, with Member Rockwell absent.

# ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Member Jacobson made a motion, seconded by Member Wheeler, to adopt the regular agenda with the following modification:

Add a presentation from staff on solar and put it before old business. The motion passed 6-1, with Member Rockwell absent.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Citizen Donald Shepherd spoke.

#### STATE OF THE UTILITY

## **190604.** GRU Operational Update for the Month of October 2019 (B)

Attachments: 190604 Ops Update October 2019 All Depts 20191205

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> Receive report.

Report received.

Following receipt of operational update, staff gave solar presentation that the Board voted to add.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

| <u>180258.</u> | Utility Advisory Board's Draft Energy Policy for the City of Gainesville (B) |   |  |
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|                | <u>Attachments:</u>  | 180258 Miles 4.1-4.3 Energy Policy Draft 20190711           |  |
|                |  | 180258_Selvester_7-17-19_Econ_Dev_Draft_20190723            |  |
|                |  | 180258 Utility and Energy Policy Draft - ROCKWELL 20190808  |  |
|                |  | 180258_Utility_Energy_Policy_Draft_Econ_Dev_DAVIS_20190808  |  |
|                |  | 180258 Utility Energy Policy Draft PORTER 20190808          |  |
|                |  | 180258_Utility_Energy_Policy_Draft_WHEELER_20190808         |  |
|                |  | 180258 Utility Energy Policy Draft SELVESTER 20190808       |  |
|                |  | 180258_Utility_Energy_Policy_Draft_Spurling-Wood_20190808   |  |
|                |  | 180258 Utility Energy Policy Draft Financing DAVIS 20190808 |  |
|                |  | <u>190098_Alford_8-26-19_Draft_HVAC_Design_20190827_</u>    |  |
|                |  | <u>190098_Selvester_8-23-19_Master_Draft_20190827_</u>      |  |
|                |  | <u>180258_Master_Draft_Energy + Util_Policy_20190919</u>    |  |
|                |  | 180258_Util_Energy_Policy_Draft_Wheeler_20190919            |  |
|                |  | 180258 4.4-Util Energy Policy Draft Davis 20190919          |  |
|                |  | 180258_Util_Energy_Policy_Draft_WheelerRockwell20190930     |  |
|                | <u>RECOMMENDATI</u>  | ON Discuss and take any action deemed appropriate.          |  |

The board discussed the feedback given by the City Commission at the October

22, 2019 joint workshop. No action was taken.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## MEMBER COMMENT

Since it was her last meeting before resigning, Member Alford spoke about her time on the board and thanked everyone.

Staff reminded the board that the next standing monthly workshop was scheduled for two days before Thanksgiving and the board voted to cancel the workshop.

## CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Donald Shepherd spoke.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

December 12, 2019

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.