

List of Comments by City Commission in April 27, 2021 Joint Meeting w/UAB
(as paraphrased by UAB Chair Wes Wheeler)

1. We need substantial, but achievable, measurable timeline goals for obtaining 100% renewable by 2045.
2. We need a fair conversation on removing fossil gas rebates.
3. Demand-side management will hopefully improve through the rental housing ordinance.
4. Time of Use goals are important, but understand that it likely will be several years before these can be implemented.
5. Focus on near-term federal funding opportunities to pay for renewable energy and energy efficiency / demand-side management.
6. General Government needs to assist GRU customers who can't afford utility costs, including both conservation and payment assistance.
7. EV's may not be an immediate significant presence locally, now, but they are coming, soon, and we need to plan for that transition.
8. Make sure that EV home charger installers are technical qualified.
9. Plan now to move away from fossil fuel consumption.
10. We need to change the way we think about all aspects of energy consumption.
11. Technology is constantly changing and perhaps we should wait until changes are more cost-effective
12. The Commission, Board and UAB are all focused on risk mitigation in difficult financial circumstances.
13. The next IRP should be a different process than one we have used in the past.
14. The federal government needs to establish consistent, universal cost standards for environmental impacts.
15. In looking at what we should do, we must consider first what we can do.
16. Elements to consider for community discussion include:
 - a. Time of Use rate study should start with community involvement.
 - b. Solar question is difficult, but we have the flexibility to implement solar as technology improves.
 - c. EV cars may not be a significant priority now.
 - d. The City remains committed to hosting a discussion with Duke and UF on GRU servicing the UF service area.
 - e. We may want the market to set the transition from fossil gas to electrical consumption, rather than rebates.
 - f. Infill and other general government policies, and then conservation / demand side management, will have more impact on carbon reduction than renewable energy use.