

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes - Final

Thursday, August 30, 2012

3:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Room 016, City Hall

Economic Development/University Community Com

*Commissioner Todd Chase, Chair
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member
Commissioner Randy Wells, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

3:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Hawkins, Wells, and Chase

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ex Officio Members and Staff:

- * *Dr. Bernard Machen, President
University of Florida
Designee: Ed Poppell, Vice President of the University of Florida*
- * *Brent Christensen, CEO
Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce*
- * *Dr. Jackson Sasser, President
Santa Fe College
Designee alternate: Dug Jones J.D., Assistant VP for Economic
Development, Center for Innovation & Economic Development*
- * *President
University of Florida Faculty Senate*
- * *Student Government President*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Economic Development University/Community Committee Special Meeting agenda for August 30, 2012 was approved as circulated.

Adopted

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

120295.

Sybac Solar, LLC Issue (B)

The Economic Development University/Community Committee heard an overview of this item from Erik Bredfeldt, Director of Planning & Development Services. The Committee heard a presentation from Anthony Conner, Project Development Director, Sybac Solar, LLC.

This item was brought forward by Commissioner Todd Chase and referred to the Economic Development University/Community Committee at the August 16, 2012 City Commission Meeting.

Erik Bredfeldt thanked the Economic Development University/Community Committee for the prompt schedule of this Special Meeting to address this matter as this proposal is on an accelerated timeline based upon compliance with Gainesville Regional Utilities Solar Feed in Tariff deadlines. A proposal from Sybac Solar, LLC seeks acquisition of property at the City's Airport Industrial Park for the purposes of development a solar field array encompassing approximately 6 acres. This proposal raises some issues regarding the highest and best use of the Airport Industrial Park

property in light of other community economic development considerations.

After the Committee heard input from staff and citizens on the matter, the following motion was moved by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Wells. The Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: The Economic Development University/Community Committee recommended that this Committee not recommend to Erik Bredfeldt that he sell the Airport Industrial Park property to Sybac Solar, LLC.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economic Development University Community Committee hear a presentation from Staff, and direct Staff to take appropriate action.

Approved by Consensus

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

REFERRALS

Legistar Titles:

080483 -- Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to formalize relationships with other community partners, especially UF and SFC, in regards to the downtown area and the innovation zone

080466 -- Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to continue to position the City to take advantage of innovation economy and identify plan for innovation zone near University

100758 -- Strategic Initiative 2.9 - Economic Development and Redevelopment

100759 -- EDUCC Information II

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT

4:55 p.m.