

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes

May 28, 2019

5:30 PM

GRU Administration Building, 301 SE 4th Avenue

Utility Advisory Board

*Mary Alford
Michael Selvester
Wendell Porter
Wes Wheeler
Barry Jacobson
Carla Miles
Theresa Spurling-Wood
Tim Rockwell
Don Davis*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33.

ROLL CALL

Present - Carla Miles, Michael Selvester, Barry Jacobson, Wendell Porter, Don Davis, Wes Wheeler, Theresa Spurling-Wood (entered the meeting at 5:40), Mary Alford (entered the meeting at 7:00).

Absent - Tim Rockwell.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as drafted.

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

[190015.](#)

GRU Budget - Status Update and Final Rate Review (B)

Attachments: [190115 Final Budget Presentation Revised 20190528](#)
[190115 GRU Rates Presentation 20190528](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The UAB advise the City Commission to adopt the staff recommendation of a reduction in the GFT of \$3 million with an Electric System rate increase of 5% in FY20.*

Staff gave presentations on Baseline Budget Rate Review and Rates.

Member Porter made a motion, seconded by Member Alford, to recommend the alternative recommendation. Member Wheeler requested that the maker amend the motion to recommend that whatever GFT reduction they (the Commission) adopt, they adopt the concomitant rate increase. Member Porter accepted the amendment but Member Alford did not second. The Board then voted on the original motion and it failed by a vote of 1-5, with members Alford, Wheeler, Jacobson, Selvester and Miles in dissent and Member Rockwell absent.

Member Wheeler then made a motion that the board recommend to the City Commission that they adopt a rate increase that matches whichever GFT reduction they choose, adjusted for total rewards. Member Jacobson seconded and the motion passed 4-2, with members Selvester and Miles in dissent and Member Rockwell absent.

Member Wheeler made another motion, seconded by Member Jacobson, that

in adopting rates, the City Commission recognize that a flat GFT may have a negative rating impact and recognize the need to address customer infrastructure. The motion passed 4-2, with members Selvester and Miles in dissent and Member Rockwell absent.

CITIZEN COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Alford stated that she would be away for six weeks starting on June 10th.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Workshop - 5/30/19
Regular Meeting - June 13, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.