

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

February 11, 2021

6:30 PM

Modified Agenda

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

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)

Fletcher Crowe (Member)

Jason Fults (Member)

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present in person - Members Crowe, Miles, Wheeler and Fults

Present virtually - Members Porter, Jacobson and Rockwell. Member Rockwell could not vote because he didn't submit an extraordinary circumstances affidavit.

Absent - Members Spurling-Wood and Davis

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

200814.

Minutes of the 1-12-21 UAB Meeting and the 1-26-21 UAB Workshop (B)

Attachments: [200814 UAB 1-12-21 Meeting Minutes 20210211](#)
 [200814 UAB 1-26-21 Workshop Minutes 20210211](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve as drafted.*

The minutes of the 1-21-21 UAB meeting were adopted as drafted.

The minutes of the 1-26-21 UAB workshop were adopted with the following modification on a motion from member Wheeler:

Chair Porter, and members Wheeler, Jacobson, Fults and Crowe each expressed concerns with the need for the utility to focus less on burning gas and more on renewable energy, specifically solar, and demand management, specifically conservation, in the City's next Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Member Wheeler mentioned the potential significant revenues from electric vehicles. Chair Porter mentioned that we need to continue focusing on making UF an electric customer. All members expressed an interest in the Advisory Board being more actively involved in the drafting of the next IRP. Chair Porter had prepared and presented written notes for the meeting. Members Wheeler and Fults volunteered to also write up their notes and member Crowe volunteered to collect and edit the notes into a single document for our next workshop. The written notes from Chair Porter, and members Fults and Wheeler are attached as backup to these minutes.

Member Wheeler asked about the status of the Board's long-delayed energy resource policy plan? Staff assured Board members that "they are working on it."

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as drafted by unanimous vote.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

200815. GRU Operational Update for the Month of January 2021 (B)

Attachments: [200815 GRU Ops Update Jan2021 All Depts 20210211](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive report.*

Report received.

OLD BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS****200812. Resolution Authorizing Extension of the Existing Credit Facility with respect to GRU's Taxable Commercial Paper Program (B)**

Attachments: [200812 CP Series D Resolution 20210211](#)
[200812 Resolution Final 20210218.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Utility Advisory Board recommend that the City Commission approve 1) the resolution authorizing an extension of the existing credit facility with State Street Bank for GRU's taxable commercial paper program, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and 2) the form of the amendment to the Credit Agreement for the credit facility and fee letter.*

Member Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Member Miles, to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation. The motion passed 6-0, with Member Rockwell absent.

Citizen Donald Shepherd commented.

200813. Resolution Authorizing Extension of the Existing Liquidity Agreement with respect to GRU Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds 2007 Series A (B)

Attachments: [200813 2007A SBPA Resolution 20210211](#)
[200813 Resolution Final 20210218.pdf](#)

RECOMMENDATION *The Utility Advisory Board recommend that the City Commission approve 1) the resolution authorizing an extension of the existing liquidity facility with State Street Bank for Variable Rate Utilities System Revenue Bonds 2007 Series A, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and 2) the form of the amendment to the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement for the liquidity facility and fee letter.*

Member Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Member Miles, to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation. The motion passed 6-0, with Member Rockwell absent.

[180942.](#)**GRU Service Area Maps and Extension Policies (B)**

Attachments: [180942 GRU Policies Providing Services Beyond Service Area 2019042](#)
[180942 GRU Utilities Service Area 20210121](#)
[180942 Reclaimed Service Area 20210121](#)
[180942 Sewer Service Area 20210121](#)
[180942 Water Service Area 20210121](#)
[180942 Electric Service Area 20210121](#)
[180942 Gas Service Area 20210121](#)
[180942_Service_Area_Presentation_20210211](#)
[180942_Service_Area_Presentation_20210218](#)

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) *City Commission receive and evaluate the GRU Service Area Maps.*
- 2) *Require any development that extends Water and Wastewater services beyond the Alachua County Urban Cluster Line to receive approval from the City Commission prior to receiving a Utility Construction Permit.*

Member Miles made a motion, seconded by Member Jacobson, to advise the city commission to approve the staff recommendation. The motion passed 6-0, with Member Rockwell absent.

MEMBER COMMENT**NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 23, 2021 - Workshop
March 11, 2021 - Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.