

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Final**

November 15, 2021

5:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium

## **Utility Advisory Board**

*Wendell Porter (Member)*

*Wes Wheeler (Member)*

*Barry Jacobson (Member)*

*Carla Lewis (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: 5:34****ROLL CALL**

Present: Members Crowe, Wheeler, Rockwell, Jacobson, Fults, Davis  
Absent: Members Porter, Lewis, Spurling-Wood

**CONSENT AGENDA**

[210649.](#) **Minutes of the UAB October 14, 2021 Meeting and the UAB November 6, 2021 Workshop (B)**

**Attachments:**     [210649 UAB 10.14.21 Meeting Minutes 20211115](#)  
                              [210649 UAB 11.6.21 Workshop Minutes 20211115](#)

Approved on consent agenda with the following modification to the November 6th Minutes:

Add the names of the UAB members who were in attendance (Porter, Wheeler, Fults, Lewis (Chaired meeting)

**RECOMMENDATION**     *Approve minutes as drafted.*

[210643.](#) **Gainesville Regional Utilities Seeking Security Force Contract with Excelsior Defense Inc. (NB)**

Approved on consent.

**RECOMMENDATION**     *Authorize the General Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute an amendment to the contract to include GRU security services with Excelsior Defense Inc., subject to the City Attorney's approval as to form and legality. This will allow GRU time to formally and appropriately procure security force services.*

*On 11/15/21, the UAB voted 5-0 (with members Porter and Lewis absent) to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation.*

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Adopted with the following modification: Hear new business before old business.

**Adopted**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**STATE OF THE UTILITY****210646. GRU Operational Update for the Month of October 2021 (B)**

**Attachments:** [210646 GRU Ops Update 2021 October 20211115](#)

*Tom Brown gave an update.*

*Citizen Nancy Deren spoke on the item.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *Receive report.*

**OLD BUSINESS****210206. Update on Natural Gas Rebate Policies (B)**

**Attachments:** [210206\\_Natural\\_Gas\\_Rebate\\_Program\\_20210727](#)  
[210206\\_Nat\\_Gas\\_Rebate\\_Policy\\_Presentation\\_20211115](#)  
[210206\\_UAB\\_Presentation\\_Gas\\_v\\_Electric\\_20220125](#)

*Presentation heard.*

*Citizens Nancy Deren and Janice Geary spoke on the item.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *Hear a presentation from staff.*

**NEW BUSINESS****210650. GRU Proposed FY2023 Budget Calendar (B)**

**Attachments:** [210650 Draft UAB FY23 Budget Calendar Revised 20211209](#)

*The Board discussed this item and gave input. Staff will take the Board's recommendations into consideration and present another calendar for approval on December 9, 2021.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *Staff recommends that the UAB choose one of the options listed above for workshops to receive information on GRU's proposed FY2023 budget.*

**MEMBER COMMENT**

*Member Fults expressed his thoughts that the energy policy public engagement meeting went well.*

*Member Rockwell expressed that he would like staff to present a*

*legitimate plan for how GRU plans to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2045.*

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*By mutual agreement, the board agreed to cancel the November 23, 2021 workshop due to its proximity to the Thanksgiving holiday.*

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:27 p.m.**