

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

April 14, 2022

6:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

Barry Jacobson (Member)

Carla Lewis (Member)

Theresa Spurling-Wood (Non-Voting Member)

Tim Rockwell (Member)

Fletcher Crowe (Member)

Jason Fults (Member)

Daniel Morse (Non-Voting Member)

Charles Covey (Member)

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CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All members were present except Member Lewis.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS

Adopted

[211095.](#) Minutes of the UAB's March 10, 2022 Regular Meeting and March 22, 2022 Workshop (B)

Attachments: [211095_UAB_3-10-22_Meeting_Minutes_20220414](#)
[211095_UAB_3-22-22_Workshop_Minutes_20220414](#)

The minutes were approved with the following modification: Member Spurling-Wood was marked absent at the March 10th meeting, but she was actually present.

RECOMMENDATION *Approve minutes as drafted.*

Approved as Amended

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizen Nathan Skop spoke.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

[211094.](#) GRU Operational Update for the Month of March 2022 (B)

Attachments: [211094_GRU_March2022_Ops_Update_20220414](#)

Report received.

RECOMMENDATION *Receive report.*

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

[211096.](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the 2022 Series B Bonds to Refund All Outstanding 2007 Series A and 2008 Series B Bonds and to Terminate Certain Interest Rate Swaps Currently Hedging the 2007A and 2008B Bonds (B)

Attachments: [211096 Resolution 2022 Series B 20220414](#)
[211096 2022 Series B Bonds Presentation 20220414.](#)
[211096 Resolution Final 20210421](#)

Approved unanimously. Citizen Nancy Deren spoke on the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

The Utility Advisory Board recommend that the City Commission approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of the 2022 Series B bonds to refund outstanding 2007 Series A bonds and 2008 Series B bonds, and to terminate certain interest rate swaps hedging these bonds, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Adopted (Resolution)

[211097.](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the \$50 Million Taxable Line of Credit with Truist Bank (B)

Attachments: [211097 Resolution Truist LOC Extension 20220414](#)
[211097 Resolution Final 20220421](#)

Approved unanimously. Citizen Nancy Deren spoke on the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

The Utility Advisory Board recommend that the City Commission approve the Supplemental Subordinated Utilities System Revenue Bond Resolution and thereby approve the extension of the \$50 million taxable line of credit with Truist Bank, approve the form of the Purchase Contract, and authorize the execution and delivery of certain amendments in connection therewith, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Adopted (Resolution)

[211098.](#)

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Variable Rate Subordinated Utilities System Revenue Bonds, 2022 Series A and 2022 Series B (Federally Taxable) in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000,000 and Authorizing a Credit Agreement with Respect Thereto (B)

Attachments: [211098 Resolution US Bank Revolving LOC 20220414 Revised](#)
[211098 US Bank Revolving LOC Presentation 20220414](#)
[211098 Resolution Final 20220421](#)

Approved unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION

The Utility Advisory Board recommend that the City

Commission approve 1) the resolution authorizing the issuance of Variable Rate Subordinated Utilities System Revenue Bonds, 2022 Series A and 2022 Series B (Federally Taxable) and 2) the execution of a credit agreement thereto, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Adopted (Resolution)

211100.

Updates to Lighting Program within the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27 and Appendix A (B)

Attachments: [211100 Lighting and Pole Rate Presentation 20220214.](#)

Board members had questions regarding the presentation that staff could not answer without additional research. The board agreed to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation as well as recommending that the Commission ask for additional information.

Member Rockwell made the motion below, seconded by Member Fults. Citizen Nancy Deren spoke on the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission 1) receive a presentation from staff; and 2) authorize the City Attorney to draft and the City Clerk to advertise revisions to Chapter 27 and Appendix A of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances for an anticipated October 1, 2022 effective date.

Motion: The City Commission receive a presentation from staff and authorize the City Attorney to draft and the City Clerk to advertise revisions to Chapter 27 and Appendix A of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances, for an anticipated October 1, 2022 effective date. Also, staff should add the following additional information to the presentation before giving it to the commission: comparison to other utilities where possible; a few examples of how the new rates will affect various classes of customers; and a better breakdown of the methodology for how the increases are being calculated.

The motion passed unanimously.

210812.

Transferring Management of the Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) Boulware Springs Historic Water Works Facility to General Government (GG) (B)

Attachments: [210812 GRU GG Boulware MOU Presentation 20220414](#)
[210812 Final Boulware Springs MOU 20220414](#)
[210812 FY 2023 GG Increment Form Boulware Springs 20220414](#)

Member Rockwell made a motion, seconded by Member Crowe, to advise the City Commission to approve the staff recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Citizen Nancy Deren spoke on the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the MOU which transfers the operation & maintenance of the Boulware Springs Historic Water Works facility structures and grounds in perpetuity from GRU to GG.

Approved as Recommended

[211009.](#)

UAB Work Plan (B)

Attachments: [211009 UAB Work Plan Matrix 20220609](#)

Member Fults made a motion, seconded by Member Crowe, to invite Michelle and the community folks working on environmental justice from Archer to come and have a conversation with the UAB about environmental justice and siting facilities specifically. The motion passed unanimously. Staff will add the request to the UAB's work plan template so the board can prioritize when they want to hear it.

RECOMMENDATION

Continue with work started at March 22nd workshop to review the outstanding topics on the matrix, define clear objectives for each one and determine the order of priority.

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Citizen Nancy Deren spoke.

NEXT MEETING DATE: 4/26/22 Workshop; 5/12/22 Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: 9:05 p.m.