

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
COUNCIL WORK SESSION FROM
CITY HALL
MAY 26, 2009
6:01 P.M.**

1. Welcome/Roll Call

Present: Lowell Hyatt, Linda Kirk Campbell, Chris Luna, Billy Thompson,
Tony Torres, Gary Pickens, and Lee Alewine

Absent: None

Staff Present: Ray Schwertner and René Dowl

2. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2009

Chairman Hyatt asked for changes or revisions to the April 28, 2009, minutes. No changes or revisions were requested.

--Motion by Mr. Alewine to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Ms. Linda Campbell. Motion unanimously passed.

3. Consideration of Excusing Absences for UAB Members

Mr. Luna's absence from the April 28, 2009, meeting was considered.

--Ms. Campbell made a motion to approve Mr. Luna's excuse for absence. Motion was seconded by Mr. Alewine. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Role of UAB

At the suggestion of Chairman Hyatt this item was placed under moved for later discussion.

5. Committee Reports

UAB Self-Assessment Tool

The Board agreed to accept and utilize the current version of the UAB Self-Assessment Tool and Accomplishments. The first assessment would take place in August 2009 to coincide with expiring terms for members Gary Pickens and Tony Torres.

--Action: Members are to complete their UAB Self-Assessment Tool and Accomplishments in July for the August meeting and return to the Board secretary for compilation of results. The results will be presented to the Board at the August meeting.

--Action: Messer's Pickens and Luna will prepare a status report of the Board's accomplishments for the Mayor and City Council.

UAB By-Laws

--Action: Mr. Pickens will contact Mr. Dempsey, City Attorney, regarding approval of the By-Laws and report to the Board at the June meeting.

6. Potential UAB Tasks

Messer's Torres and Thompson provided the following items as potential tasks for the UAB:

- Comparison of GP&L fuel factor to other TMPA member cities
Comparison of savings for auto read meters versus manual reading of meters (Labor, Transportation & Other Expenses)
- GP&L O&M Budget
- GP&L Budget
- GP&L Performance Indicators
- Discuss how UAB submits or channels suggestions/recommendations to GP&L Staff and City Council
- Discuss energy conservation strategies using emerging technologies.
- Discuss benefits of city owned electric utility.
- New Energy Act
- Need for a City sales tax on GP&L sales tax on GP&L services
- Break even point for GP&L in determining KWH rates
- Spin off GP&L into independent entity
- GP&L rates compared to other Texas MOU's
- Power supply structures
- Regulatory & compliance
- Nodal markets
- Hedging policy
- Marketing in wholesale markets

7. Role of the UAB (formerly Item #4)

Considerable discussion occurred concerning how the UAB can best perform its role as an advisory Board to the Council. The Board agreed with Mr. Schwertner that he bring to the June meeting a list of five (5) critical issues facing GP&L. That list and the list of Potential UAB tasks developed by Messer's Torres and Thompson will be used to clarify UAB's role and potential tasks.

8. UAB member's attendance at Council Executive Sessions relating to GP&L

The Board Discussed whether or not the Council should be asked about the possibility of Board members attending Council executive sessions relating to GP&L. The members agreed the Council will not be asked about that possibility. The members also agreed that Mr. Thompson will monitor and then inform Board members of postings relating to open Council meetings and work sessions in which items relating to GP&L will be considered. That information will enable individual Board members to monitor such meetings and work sessions as they deem appropriate.

9. Future Briefings

GP&L Operations & Maintenance Plans
Long Term Transmission Plan
5 to 10 Key issues facing GP&L to be determined by GP&L Staff
Tour of electric generation plant

--Action: Mr. Schwertner will arrange an electric generation plant tour for the Board within the next two (2) to four (4) weeks. The Board has requested the tour be conducted on Saturday if possible.

10. Citizen's Comments

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hyatt at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

E. René Dowl, Secretary

Lowell Hyatt, Chairman