

City of Fort Lauderdale
 Utility Advisory Committee – SPECIAL MEETING
 Tuesday, January 23, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.
 100 North Andrews Ave., 8th Floor Conference Room
 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Board Member	Attendance	2007 Cumulative Attendance		Total
		Present	Absent	
Bunney Brenneman, Chair	P	1	0	1
Terri Murru, Vice Chair	P	1	0	1
Richard Barrett	P	1	0	1
Bob Caine	P	1	0	1
L. Thomas Chancey	P	1	0	1
Bob Cole	P	1	0	1
Caldwell Cooper	P	1	0	1
Joe Holland	P	1	0	1
Dr. Magdalene Lewis	P	1	0	1
Bernie Petreccia	P	1	0	1
Fred Stresau	P	1	0	1
Clare Vickery	P	1	0	1
Dr. Geri Udell	P	1	0	1
Nathaniel Wilkerson	P	1	0	1
Vacant Seat				
City Representatives				
City Commissioner Christine Teel				

Peter Partington, City Engineer
 Bob Dunckel, Asst. City Attorney
 Jonda K. Joseph, City Clerk
 Mona Laventure, Recording Secretary

Guests
 Lynn Shatas, FPL

I. Call to Order

Chair Bunney Brenneman called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Ms. Laventure then called roll and noted attendance.

III.

- Minutes of July 25, 2006

The following changes were noted:

Mr. Holland has not been absent from any meetings – correct cumulative attendance to present 7 absent 0.

Dr. Udell – cumulative attendance should be present 1, absent 0 (with cumulative attendance count starting from the July meeting).

Add footnote on July minutes that Dr. Udell had been appointed to the Board, but had not attended due to her not having received proper notification of the meetings.

Mr. Underwood (under New Business) asked in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th paragraphs the first sentence was a misinterpretation of a joke he made and does not need to be in the minutes re: poles, lines, and trees.

The first sentence should read: “Mr. Underwood explained that this proposal addressed the local distributions and networks for electricity, telephone, internet access, and cable services in Fort Lauderdale.”

Where it says, “He felt there was an opportunity for the City to create and own ‘the utility’” – he did not say that. He said “own the underground utility distribution system.”

Take out “rented to competing multiple service providers” – he was saying that multiple entities would need to use the lines.

The last sentence “this should impact favorably on ...” – he said “should remove the need for tree clearing.”

Next paragraph, 3rd sentence, “He explained that by normal estimates...” – it should be “monopoly profits ranged from about ten to twenty percent.”

Last sentence – “The City will simply have to service the interest ...on the bond” should be “the income from renting utility distribution systems to service providers would serve as the interest and capital on the bond.”

On the next page, sentence continued onto the next page – should be “consumers paying for but not owning the underground distribution system.”

There should be no references to “owning the utility.”

Motion made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Stresau to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2006 meeting, with the above changes. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- Minutes of August 22, 2006 Meeting

The following changes were noted:

Adjust Mr. Holland and Dr. Udell attendance.

Mr. Chancey-page 6, first paragraph, "Mr. Chancey spoke of a past situation where he had purchased trees along I-95.....Riverside Park" should read: "Mr. Chancey spoke of a past situation where he had been given trees....."

Second sentence: "Residents had placed these trees" should read: "He had placed these trees two feet inside the residents' properties away from the right-of-way."

Dr. Lewis – show she was present for the meeting. 6 present; absent 2.

Motion made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Vice Chair Murru to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2006 meeting, with the above changes. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- Minutes of September 26, 2006 Meeting

The following changes were noted:

Dr. Lewis' attendance should be 2 absent and 7 present.

Dr. Udell's attendance, need to adjust per above.

Page 8, the last paragraph, "Mr. Holland asked if the City could advise the homeowner of problematic trees..." change to: "Mr. Holland asked if the City could advise the homeowners of problematic trees. It was stated that it was up to the homeowner to meet the City's codes."

Page 7, first paragraph: "Ms. Woods advised" should be "Mr. Holland advised...vacuum sewers."

Page 7, "Terri Murru disagreed" change to "agreed to disagree."

Page 9, "Mr. Chancey stated that the issue of contractors damaging trees..." should state: "FPL contractors" instead of just contractors.

Page 10, very bottom line, it says “solar electric mode,” and should say “solar electric technology.” “Mr. Underwood advised he had reviewed detailed research of universities.”

Page 11, “To build transmission lines...to through interstate connections” – change to “provide interstate connections.”

The paragraph referencing “...Florida was currently operated in a restricted environment” is not connected with the solar technology paragraph. It should be a separate paragraph as it had to do with a discussion regarding improving the transmission lines in Florida, not solar power.

Fourth paragraph from the top, “Mr. Underwood was trying to explain that his proposal was...” should be “underground utility distribution systems” and then “rent these...” last page should say, “funded by rental income from service providers.”

Page 12, change “county” to “country.”

Mr. Underwood said he “was not sure if it was being done anywhere based on....”

Motion made by Mr. Caine, seconded by Vice Chair Murru, to approve the minutes of the August September 26, 2006 meeting with above changes. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Next Meeting – Immediately Following at 6:30 p.m.

V. Adjourn

Thereupon, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.