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To: Darrin Cook, Lauren Poe and Others - **6**March 12:55 pm
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Title - What Data to make accessible for the next City/UAB Joint Meeting

For the next City / UAB joint meeting . It would be helpful if the UAB would request Devonia's Replacement to place all Public Documents and Commissioner E-mails related to the GREC / GRU discussion organized in one place. Also include in this and Categorize Chronologically, MOUs NDAs. Belarski's - Blue Print to a Buyout - . etc. Gather the documents in one place for the benefit of any UAB members, the Commissioners, City Staff, who may want to know
(I would think that there would be at least 3 of the UAB members who would find this information useful or valuable to have available for them to see and reference during this and future joint City meetings .)
And of Course we might even include Citizen Involvement.
(We see where leaving the public out got us - last time with GREC, - but have we learned) .

Now maybe there is some belief the public "Has no Right to know",
until it is a rather complete deal , and just needs a " yay or nay "
(As in the ***pre-emptive $750 Million Offer/Suggestion****, already documented)*

The G'ville Sun may not always report accurately or Completely (***as some Commissioners have recently suggested***). But they did have the wherewithal or "Good Sense" to make a FOIA request, to document an existing MOU, That otherwise the public would not have known even existed. (*Sound familiar*)

And even on Tuesday some Commissioners didn't even knew existed.
(A $750 Million Dollar - **Pseudo Offer** - *i.e. Starting point for negotiation*
So The G'ville Sun -- Does Do - Some Good.
(*Even though they sometimes get some things wrong)*

But when listening to the City Commission it often sounds like everyone is working on a separate or disparate set of data . People like Nathan Skop, Ray Washington, Myself, and many others, get cut off, when trying to organize discussion on relevant matters, (**1**. Purchase Price,
2. Cost of Capital and Total (life time) interest payments / Finance Charges
3. Almost doubling underlying City/GRU Debt from $983 Million to $1.6 Billion ,
4. Property Insurance and other Risks of additional amounts, (non warranty product disruptions
5. Additional Pension and other likely worker costs, (*Worker's comp etc.)*

So called Savings of $25 Million out of the $72 Million Fixed GREC knowable costs is very **optimistic,** Once Taxes, Property insurance, a skeleton set of workers manning the plant , and other incidental costs - are included in the $25 Million savings.
(Even though the plant will never be Economically or Environmentally beneficial.)
But, unfortunately may have to Remain on Standby In order to meet the 1603 Grant requirement to pay off or Waive repayment of the $116 Million 1603 Grant which was purported to pay 30% of actual construction costs A portion of this Federal Grant has already been paid out - in tax offsets or cash to Mr. Gordon.

I would think that there would be at least 3 people on the UAB Board who would think that it would be Helpful, if all the Publicly known or knowable - Public records are recorded in one simple place. for easy comparison and quantifiable figures

IF the City and UAB are going to have a joint meeting,
Organizing the information to be discussed is a good first place to start. Readily available information (Foe Each Speaker) , would seem to be helpful , so that everyone has access to the same information aiding point/counterpoint comparison especially for monetary figures or estimates.

The City Commission , is not organized to encourage citizen discussion , It has no history of Involvement or Engagement in efficient decision making discussions much less on topics like whose going to pay the $750 Million Dollars, And quickly diverts attention to discussion on how "TRANSPARENT' they can be . Which to them - just means
When I know it - Then you'll know it.
"There I've said it , and I've Said it On The Record, and I'll say it again On The Record, and I'll keep saying on the record" - Does that sound at all familiar to anyone

And further to try to convince everyone of our new devotion to TRANSPARENCY we will try a couple of things.

1, "**EDUCATION**" for the Citizenry - Road Shows, Workshops, etc

A. Never mind you've been swindled, Let's get on with paying for it.
Let's talk about how much paying $750 Million Dollar - will save you

B. Focus **mainly** on the Benefits we will getting. "**How Great for Everyone**"
A. We' will be making / saving $25 Million Dollars **(Just for You**)
(Less $6 Million in un accounted insurance costs, and maybe other undisclosed costs
B. Forget the long term costs Interest cost about $544 Million over 30 years
plus the payback of the principal of $750 Million that's
$500 + $750 Million = $1.25 Billion Dollars to be paid over the next 30 years.

C. Out of an average $160 electric bill which has about $53 Dollars due to the Biomass Payments
(We pay $72 Million each year to keep the Biomass plant idle and not working)

D. Praise Us - please - Once we make this courageous $750 million dollar offer
Your bill if you are an electric user of $160 a month your bill will go down anywhere from $13 to $17 dollars. Maybe a little less - if you use less the $160 a month.

E. **Wow, Praise Us, Look How Much we will SAVE YOU,**
$13 a month - **Won't that be great**. THAT"S a DOUBLE DIGIT savings (**JUST FOR YOU).**
Isn't that wonderful, What a zesty performance. Now let's Move on , Accept it , Sit down, and shut up.
We've been swindled, We accept it , It's easier for us - to pay off the
$1.2 Billion Dollars - Then it is to stand up, Call it - what it is. And Find out
1. Who got swindled and By how much
2. Who benefited from the swindle.

Call me crazy, But I don't like to being swindled , -
And there may be Others living or who work in the City - That don't like being swindled, either .
IT's just wrong, - And we Shouldn't Pay $750 Million Dollars as a reward .

What I would like the UAB to do - Before they have the Joint City /UAB meeting is develop for it's own members, and

the City Commission (if they chose to look through it).

An organized list of all recent E-mails and some historical documents relating to this discussion.

This organization of information would not only increase "TRANSPARENCY"
But might make the meeting more helpful and productive if everyone had access to the same relevant information.
Making information not only transparent but also **useful** . And more readily accessible.

Ask for an electronic catalog (listing) in reverse Chronological Order (newest to oldest) of all public documents (Commissioner E-mails, MOU's , NDA's, Contracts, Amendments, Etc (*from what ever source.)*

TRANSPARENCY is more than just a word, that Politicians have started to use recently

The purpose of TRANPARENCY should be to encourage Citizen Engagement.
Not just to show whatever, you might otherwise like to hide., as in previous Commissions
IF it's purpose isn't to increase relevant knowledge - TRANSPARENCY has relatively little value.

IF Citizen Engagement is thought a benefit to municipal decision making, Then there is another thing that would help with this.
Have Darrin be the Chair or Co-Chair of joint meetings until GREC is Resolved.

I have been to a number of UAB meetings, and it has been my experience that Darrin Cook is much better able to run a solution oriented meeting than Mr. Poe.
Much like the past County Commission meetings when Mr. Pinkosan was Chair, Darrin encourages Public Involvement by allowing knowledgeable people to complete their presentations before being cut off.

UAB often has dialogue, and even sometimes questions are answered, or even cross evidence offered . Darrin can keep the UAB members from wondering off in a monologue that wastes a lot of Meeting Time. Less time spent, more useful exchange of information. This should be a goal of all, or at least most City Meetings. Sometimes you need qualified knowledgeable opinion, to get to a good solution

This is not a denigration of Mr. Poe, he is doing the best he can. He just may not have the experience that others have - who have had to deal with their own money, and know what paying back $750 Million Dollars means, especially , when paying for nothing of any value. That doesn't seem to occur to Mr. Poe

Rather we move forward just trying to sell the citizens a pre ordained Price we have offered. Is an equitable distribution of COST of this large mistake on the citizens of Gainesville ,

MOve Forward, FOrget it, We've been swindled out of over a Billion Dollars, and should be Happy and GLad. we are paying for a 27 year Swindle of over a $Billion Dollars , by paying for it with a $750 Million Bond swindle today .

Somebody is Paying $750 Million Dollars for NOTHING.