

July 30, 2013 - Regular Meeting  
Agenda Item #7

Subject

Confirm Appointment of Utilities Director

Briefings

All

Approved in Open Session 7/30/13  
Manatee Board of County Commissioners

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator

Action Requested

Confirm appointment of Charles "Mike" Gore as Utilities Director with an effective date of July 30, 2013.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Florida Statutes, Chapter 125.74(k) and Manatee County Code, Sections 2-2-23(a)(12) and 3-2-1(c)

Background Discussion

Mike Gore, a Manatee County native, began his career with Manatee County in April, 1984. With 29 years of experience with this government, Mike has a strong understanding of the Utilities Department from both the water distribution and the solid waste perspectives. Mike served in positions ranging from Distribution Technician, Construction Technician, and Equipment Operator, to Utilities Maintenance Supervisor and Landfill Superintendent.

Mike has served as the Solid Waste Division Manager for Utilities since July, 2009. He has overseen the county's two solid waste franchise agreements worth \$20 million annually, ensuring the safety of the landfill and working with regulatory agencies to assure regulatory compliance for this asset. His almost fifteen years at the landfill have provided him with a deep understanding and appreciation of the solid waste business.

Mike initiated the Landfill Gas to Electricity Tier III project which is expected to save the Utility an estimated \$650,000 annually.

Mike spent the first half of his career in the water distribution side of the Utility, and has a strong operational knowledge of the distribution system.

Mike is a visionary leader and has developed a strong team of supporters both within the Utility system and throughout the county. He has a reputation for decreasing operating costs, improving efficiencies, generating

capital and maintaining high morale among his staff.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

Budgeted expense in Utility Department annual operating budget

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A