

What's New in Granicus: October 2, 2015

Hosted Updates

Hosted services are automatically updated on the night of the release (October 2). You do not need to perform any specific actions to receive these updates.

Peak

With this release we are introducing Peak Agenda Management: the simplest, fastest, most supported, most usable agenda management software in the industry. Peak is designed to help government organizations take control of and simplify their agenda preparation process. This intuitive, browser-based application is beautifully designed to fit the specific needs of municipal clerks and officials, using technology unmatched in the government space. Some of the features contributing to Peak's ease of use are autopopulation of fields, cross-platform support, drag-and-drop editing, sequential or concurrent approval phases, and simple agenda packet creation. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to add enhancements and new features to Peak, including in-app chat support. [See a Peak demo](#) and check back for more updates in our next release.

The Universal File Converter (UFC) is a document conversion service used to support PDF generation in Peak. This service will integrate with the application to take documents in any standard Microsoft Office format and convert the document to a high-quality PDF. This feature is relevant to agenda item attachments and is essential for creating agenda packets in Peak. We are introducing the UFC for Peak, and it will eventually be integrated with our other products as well.

The Document Generation Service is a centralized service for Peak that allows an Administrator or Agenda Coordinator to create and download an agenda report based on a user-defined template, which can be printed, published, or posted as needed. The service takes data from the application via the predefined template and creates a Word document or PDF. This Word reporting platform is initially being rolled out for Peak and will eventually be available with our other products as well. Report generation is accomplished by navigating to the Agenda view, clicking on the Download menu option, and selecting the file type of your choosing: Word or PDF.

Boards & Commissions

Security Improvements

We have made more than twenty-five changes in Boards & Commissions to address potential security risks in the application. These updates are a result of a static analysis of our code base.

Appointee's board membership correctly displays in Packet Creator search

This new feature in Boards and Commissions allows you to view which board an appointee belongs to when adding a member to a packet using the packet creator. Prior to this feature, if a board member belonged to multiple boards, their names would appear multiple times—there was no way to tell which board a member belonged to.

Encoder

Captioning from a live stream with SDI encoders is improved. Captions are now streamed and recorded correctly; previously, captions were intermittently dropped or garbled under certain conditions.

Legistar

An issue in Legistar, in which votes for add-on items were not saving correctly, has been fixed. You can now record votes for add-on items, and they will save correctly.