



**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
March 9, 2015**

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Gary Hardacre
Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr.
Commissioner Robert Wilford
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown

City Manager Traci Cain
City Attorney Marian Rush

The City Commission will conduct a
Regular City Commission Meeting
At 6:30 PM
to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: March 9, 2015

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers, City Hall

CITIZENS PRESENT: Sadie Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Barbara Boyd, Meghan Christy, Rose Christy, Lula Dickson, Diana Felver, Sandra Rezac, Robert Sharp, and Ron Whitesides.

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Marcus Collins, Alan Henderson, Diane Morgan, Chad Scott, and Cap Wilson

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CITY COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Mayor Gib Coerper.

INVOCATION

Led by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Robert Wilford moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Vice Mayor Gary Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr., moved to approve reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation Sunshine Week

Deputy City Clerk Alan Henderson introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

(Please Limit to 3 Minutes.Any citizen who is unable to speak at this time will have an opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Appointment to Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF)

Grants Specialist Diane Morgan introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Commissioner Wilford moved to accept the CATF recommendation to appoint one member (Sandy Rezac) to fill the remainder of the term of office ending April 30, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Sandra (Sandy) Rezac thanked the commissioners for their consideration.

Commissioner Wilford said he knows Ms. Rezac because she actively attends the Turkey Creek Homeowners' Association meetings. He said he is impressed with her background and he thinks she would be a fine addition to the Citizen Advisory Task Force.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

B. North Central Florida Regional Planning Council - February Report

Mayor Coerper introduced the item and Commissioner Wilford provided the report.

Mayor Coerper thanked Commissioner Wilford for the report.

Vice Mayor Hardacre asked to confirm that the meeting was being recorded.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

(Presentations, other than the applicant, please limit to **3 Minutes**)

A. Ordinance 15-04 to Amend/Enhance Customer Renewable Energy Generation

City Attorney Marian Rush provided the first reading of Ordinance 15-04 by title only.

Compliance and Risk Management Director Cap Wilson introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for comments or questions.

Commissioner Wilford inquired why such a demand was initially in the ordinance when the insurance required was not available.

Compliance and Risk Management Director said it was liability coverage in case the privately owned equipment caused damage to the City grid. He said however, that there is no such coverage available for the smaller residential equipment.

Commissioner Wilford said that he thought the statement should simply be removed altogether or add the words "if available".

City Manager Traci Cain said that businesses would continue to be required to carry the insurance as stated, but since it is not available for residential customers this was the reason for the change.

Mayor Coerper asked if there were any residential customers participating.

Compliance and Risk Management Director said there was one residential customer whose application was held up at the moment because of the statement requiring the insurance.

Vice Mayor Hardacre moved to adopt Ordinance 15-04 on this first reading and schedule second reading for March 23, 2015; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution 15-06 Accepting the CAFR and Management Letter for the Fiscal year ending September 30, 2014

City Attorney Rush read the proposed Resolution 15-06 by title only.

Finance Director Marcian Brown introduced the item.

Purvis Gray and Company's Ron Whitesides and Barbara Boyd presented the results of the 2013-2014 fiscal year audit.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Mayor Coerper said he wanted to thank all the staff.

Commissioner Boukari said he was happy with the report and wished to thank the auditors and the staff for helping maintain a financially healthy community.

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Resolution 15-06 accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management Letter for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2014 and authorize the Mayor's signature; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Robert Sharp said he needed some help on 158th Place with constant drama and illegal activities. He said he calls City staff and that Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari helps him but it is bad with people who do not even live there coming into the area to gamble and sell drugs and he needs help.

Lula Dickson said she also lives on 158th Place. She said she has also called for help and felt like she was not taken seriously. She said she spoke at the Senior Resources Advisory Board about the problem but never heard from anyone from the Alachua Police Department. She said the problems on the street are such she cannot sit on her front porch. She said she does not know what else to do.

Sadie Anderson and Sarah Anderson with Girl Scout Troop 783 asked the City Commission to help them with their latest public service project with American Sewing Guild to produce sanitary supplies for girls in undeveloped countries. Sadie Anderson said to produce their Days for Girls International Sewing Kits the troop needs donations of fabric as well as people for marking, cutting, sewing, trimming, and ironing. The Sew-a-Thon will be held at Santa Fe College Perry Center on March 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Diana Felver said she was grateful to the City Commission for having proclaimed March as Women's History Month at the last City Commission meeting. She said she wanted to thank the Deputy City Clerk's office for the vision of personalizing the month with a City Hall exhibit of notable women of Alachua and for asking her to help coordinate with the Alachua Historical Society and the Women's Club for suitable subjects and materials. She asked the commissioners and staff and those present to take the time to look at the exhibit materials around the Commission Chamber and be impressed with the women in their City's history.

(Please Limit to 3 Minutes.Any citizen who did not speak during the Citizen Comments period at the beginning of the meeting may do so at this time.)

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Traci Cain said she wanted to thank staff for the work that went into the Alachua Women in History exhibit. She said she agreed that anyone who had not walked around to view the exhibit needed to do so because it was very interesting.

She said she also wanted to thank all the staff whose hard work was responsible for such an excellent audit.

She said Vice Mayor Hardacre was the only person to qualify for Seat 5 in the coming election, but that Commissioner Shirley Green Brown and Linda Lundy had qualified for Seat 4 so the election will take place on April 14.

She said the Great American Clean Up has been scheduled for Saturday, April 11. She said everyone will meet at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall for breakfast supplied by Christ Central Alachua before moving onto work areas at 8:30 a.m. She said the work should last for about 3 hours.

City Attorney Rush said she wanted to congratulate the City on the unmodified audit rating as that is the highest rating possible. She said it is a testament to the hard work and transparency practiced by staff and the City in conducting business.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Boukari said he wanted to thank the residents of 158th Place who came to address the City Commission with their concerns for the area where they live. He said he has seen the littering on the streets. He said people do not think about it being where someone lives but that his experience working with the Great American Clean Up has taught him that you can fill a trash bag on just a little strip of street.

He thanked the members of Girl Scout Troop 783 for coming to the meeting and providing the information about the Sew-a-Thon. He said the baseball/softball jamboree is Saturday, March 14 at 8:00 a.m. at the Hal Brady Recreation Complex and that he will be the emcee for the event.

He thanked staff and those responsible for showcasing the women of distinction from the City of Alachua's past and pointed out that City Manager Cain is part of the exhibit as the first woman City Manager.

Commissioner Wilford thanked the Girl Scouts for coming out. He asked if the Alachua Cares program is on the utility bill.

City Manager Cain said it has been, but she does not know if it is recurring and she will have to check. She said it could be put on again or kept on all the time, but she said she knows it is on the website. She said the City does make monthly contributions to the program.

Commissioner Wilford said it was a good program run by Christ Central Alachua and it helps out people who are less fortunate with their utility bill. He said when it started two years ago it was tax deductible. Commissioner Boukari said when he paid his utility bill, he was asked if he would like to contribute to Alachua Cares.

Commissioner Wilford congratulated Sue Ann Ennis who was named as Alachua Elementary's Teacher of the Year.

He said he appreciates the monthly reports submitted by staff. He said they are very comprehensive and informative. He extended his compliments to staff on another great audit.

He said he was sorry to be missing the Jamboree on Saturday but he has a niece being baptized.

Commissioner Brown congratulated staff on a great audit. She said the display of Alachua women in the Women in History exhibit is awesome.

She thanked Mr. Sharp and Ms. Dickson for coming and sharing their concerns and said the commissioners will see what they can do to help.

She thanked the Girl Scouts for coming and said she would see about getting the Alachua Women's Club involved to help them. She said the Health Fair is scheduled for May 16.

Vice Mayor Hardacre thanked the Girl Scouts for coming and complimented them on the great job they are doing on their current project. He said he hoped they did well this past weekend on their garage sale. He said the Lions' Club is a keen supporter of the Girl Scouts.

He also said the Lions' Club had just approved a \$2000 donation for the Alachua Elementary School to purchase 5 iPads for the library's Accelerated Reader program.

He said the City of Alachua will have two grants going before the next Suwannee River Water Management District governing board, which will be meeting tomorrow. He said their evaluation committee has recommended approval of the grants.

Mayor Coerper thanked the staff for the great audit. He said staff makes the City look good producing work that results in that kind of an audit evaluation.

He thanked the Girl Scouts for coming. He said they make a difference in the community and he hopes they are passing that legacy on to the younger girls coming behind them.

He told the 158th Place residents their concerns will be looked into.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Boukari moved to adjourn; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Approval of January 26, 2015 City Commission Workshop Minutes
- B. Approval of January 26, 2015 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor