



Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
June 22, 2015

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

City Manager Traci Cain
City Attorney Marian Rush

The City Commission will conduct
Regular City Commission Meeting
At 6:30 PM
To address the items below

Meeting Date: June 22, 2015

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

CITIZENS ATTENDING: Andrew Coffey, Bob Page, Carol Thomas, R.D. Wallace, Ernest Wigglesworth

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Marcian Brown, Joel DeCoursey, Jr., Adam Hall, Chad Scott, Melanie Anne Westmoreland, Cap Wilson, Kathy Winburn

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

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 Commissioner Gary Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Joel DeCoursey, Jr. Day Proclamation

Deputy Chief Chad Scott introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

Chief Joel DeCoursey, Jr., thanked the commissioners.

B. Fiscal Analysis for the Periods Ended April 30 and May 31, 2015

Assistant Finance Director Robert Bonetti introduced the item and provided the staff report.

C. 16th Annual July 4th Celebration Update

Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari introduced the item and provided the staff report.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE

(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)

Robert Wallace of Chestnut Hill Tree Farm provided an update on Senate Bill 1030 and Chestnut Hill Tree Farms application with the State. He asked the City to remove the moratorium so it can provide a letter of support for his application due to the State on July 8, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Resolution 15-17: Planning & Zoning Board Membership Appointment

Planning and Community Development Director Kathy Winburn introduced the new City Planner, AICP certified Adam Hall.

Planning and Community Development Director Winburn introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Board candidate Bob Page introduced himself to the commissioners.

Deputy City Clerk Alan Henderson provided ballots and conducted election for the appointment by the City Commission.

Planning and Community Development Director Winburn announced the results with Fred Hilton being appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board.

City Attorney Marian Rush provided reading of Resolution 15-17 by title only.

Vice Mayor Boukari moved to appoint Fred Hilton to the Planning & Zoning Board (PZB) and adopt Resolution 15-17; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mayor Coerper and the commissioners thanked Mr. Page for the work he has done on the Planning and Zoning Board as well as other volunteer work serving the citizens of Alachua.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

- A. Ordinance 15-06, Second Reading; REZONING: One 51 Place Apartments - a Request by C. David Coffey, P.A., Agent, on Behalf of Alachua Development, LLC, Owner, for a Site Specific Amendment to the Official Zoning Atlas from Residential Multiple Family – 8 to Residential Multiple Family – 15 on +/-12.12 acres, a portion of Tax Parcel No. 03863-002-001 (Quasi- Judicial Hearing)**

City Attorney Rush advised that this is a quasi-judicial proceeding.

City Attorney Rush provided the second reading of Ordinance 15-06 by title only.

Mayor Coerper announced that anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in.

Deputy City Clerk Henderson administered the oath for testimony.

Principal Planner Justin Tabor provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for comments or questions.

Vice Mayor Boukari moved that based upon the competent substantial evidence presented at this hearing, the presentation before this Commission, and Staff's recommendation, this Commission finds the application for a Site Specific Amendment to the Official Zoning Atlas to be consistent with the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan and in compliance with the Land Development Regulation and approves Ordinance 15-06 on second and final reading; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

- B. Ordinance 15-07, First Reading; Amending Code Section 4-4 to Permit Use of Alcoholic Beverages on Swick House Property When Rented**

City Attorney Rush provided the first reading of Ordinance 15-07 by title only.

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

Mayor Coerper asked commissioners for comment or questions.

Commissioner Wilford asked about organizations that offered a cash bar at their events.

Compliance and Risk Management Director Wilson said that under the ordinance no alcohol could be sold so no cash-bar. He pointed out that organizers could sell tickets for their fundraising that could be used at the bar.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to approve Ordinance 15-07 on first reading and schedule second and final reading for July 13, 2015; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

C. Ordinance 15-08, First Reading; Extension of Ordinance 15-02 Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensing Organizations/Facilities

City Attorney Rush provided first reading of Ordinance 15-08 by title only.

Planning and Community Development Director Kathy Winburn provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

The commissioners discussed the reason for the extension of the moratorium and expressed their concerns that the moratorium could inhibit or prevent Mr. Wallace from moving forward with submitting his application to the State.

City Attorney Rush explained the extension was to give herself and staff time to review all the ordinances, orders, and opinions resulting from the passage of the bill and the approval of the rules. She said their intent was to make sure they created a strong ordinance for the City before submitting anything to the Commission for its consideration.

Mr. Wallace confirmed that the moratorium would not prevent him from going ahead and filing his application with the state by the July 8 deadline. He said it would be months before they were ready to begin the process of developing the research facility on his lot in Progress Park when the City would have to be involved.

City Attorney Rush reminded the commissioners that they could end the moratorium before the six months if the City was ready to move ahead before that time.

Commissioner Boukari asked Mr. Wallace to clarify what approval from the County Sheriff he had obtained.

Mr. Wallace said she had signed off on his security plan for the facility.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to Approve Ordinance 15-08 on first reading, and to schedule second and final reading for July 13, 2015; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE

(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.)

There were no comments.

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Traci Cain said the sound system is scheduled to be installed this week. She reminded everyone that Chief DeCoursey's retirement party is Thursday, June 25, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Swick House.

City Attorney Rush said the conflict assessment meeting mandated by Florida Statute 164 was held today. She said City and County staff were present as well as some of the applicants, members of the media, and citizens. She provided a summary of the items discussed. She said the next FS 164 required meeting is set for July 15.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wilford thanked Chief DeCoursey for his service. He also requested that discussion of Section 2, Rule 21, of the Commissioners Rules and Procedures be placed on the agenda for a meeting next month. He said he would meet with City Manager Cain to provide the specifics of the item.

Vice Mayor Boukari said he wanted to thank the City of Newberry for putting the County's lawsuit against the City on its agenda for its own Joint City County Commission meeting. He said the support of the other municipalities in the county had been positive.

Mayor Coerper said that St. Luke's 100 Men in Black event recognized Mr. Steve Garrison and Pastor Mark Johns with its award for exemplary service in and for the community.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

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ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE

CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor