



Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes July 13, 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 a

Regular City Commission Meeting At 6:30 PM

to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: July 13, 2015

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

CITIZENS PRESENT: Tonell Bass, Nicholas Causey, Ronnie DeCoursey, Rhonda Duncan, Agaitha Durr, Charles Goston, Robin Gunter, Ernest Hale, Lashundra Hale, James Hughes, Annie Madison, Bill Rogers, Wilma Rogers, Burt Wetherington, Zac Zedalis

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Baldree, Adam Boukari, Marcus Collins, Joel DeCoursey, Jr., Vicki Floyd, Kellie Mahony, Chad Scott, Desiree Simmons, Julie Traud, Kathy Winburn, Kimberly Vermillion, Melanie Anne Westmoreland, Cap Wilson

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 former Chief Joel DeCoursey, Jr.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Gib Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Robert Wilford moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

Passed by unanimous consent.

APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

Commissioner Gary Hardacre 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. Chief Scott - Oath of Office Ceremony

Vice Mayor Boukari moved to waive the Commissioners Rules of Procedure to allow members of the public to comment in congratulations of the new chief; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Administrative Services Manager Tara Malone presented the item. She introduced former Chief DeCoursey and Judge Susanne Wilson Bullard to administer the oath of office to Chief Chad Scott as the new Alachua Police Department, Chief of Police.

Former Chief DeCoursey held the Bible and Judge Bullard administered the oath of office to Chief Chad D. Scott.

Chief Scott addressed the Commission giving his thanks for the vote of confidence from the City.

Several members of the surrounding communities spoke to congratulate Chief Scott.

Mayor Coerper thanked former Chief DeCoursey for his service to the City of Alachua, congratulating him on his retirement. He led the commissioners in congratulating Chief Scott.

City Manager Traci Cain expressed how grateful she was that the City had the caliber of staff to be able to promote from within the City and recognized the members of the police department present for the ceremony.

B. Alachua Elementary Citizen of the Year

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Melanie Westmoreland presented the item and introduced Jackson Bryan, Alachua Elementary Citizen of the Year.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation and presented the certificate to Jackson Bryan.

Youth Advisory Council Acting Chair Malcolm Dixon presented a laptop bag from SunState Federal Credit Union to Jackson Bryan.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE

There were no comments.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

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

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

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to approve Ordinance 15-07 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 15-08, Second Reading; Extension of Ordinance 15-02 Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensing Organizations/Facilities

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

Planning Director Kathy Winburn introduced the item and presented the staff report. Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Wilford clarified that if the City's questions about the law were resolved before the end of the six months, the moratorium could be removed.

Commissioner Wilford moved to approve Ordinance 15-08 on second reading; seconded by Vice Mayor Boukari.

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 Cain provided a summary of communications regarding the County's irrigation ordinance. She said the City has issues with this ordinance, but the County has it on their agenda for first reading tomorrow. She said she has meetings scheduled with the other city managers in the county to discuss their shared concerns. She asked the commissioners to

waive their Rules of Procedure and authorize her to attend the Alachua County Commission meeting and object to the ordinance on behalf of the City.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to waive the Commissioners Rules of Procedure; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Vice Mayor Boukari moved to direct the City Manager to attend the Alachua County Commission meeting and to register the City's objection with the proposed irrigation ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Mayor Coerper expressed his disappointment with the County government. He said this is the second time that the County has put forward an ordinance without any input or presentation for the nine municipalities within the County.

City Attorney Rush asked the commissioners to waive their Rules of Procedure to provide direction for her after her update on the Intergovernmental Conflict process.

Vice Mayor Boukari moved to waive the Commissioners Rules of Procedure; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Passed by unanimous consent.

City Attorney Rush updated the commissioners on the progress to date of moving through the Intergovernmental Conflict procedures. She said that operating within those rules, the County has sent a proposed agreement to have another joint City-County meeting, extending the date for the meeting from the present July 18 to August 18, 2015.

Vice Mayor Boukari asked for clarification on the required meetings.

City Attorney Rush said that the entities can continue to meet until mediation and that this joint City-County meeting could be skipped, moving straight to mediation on the same date, but that this direction would also require approval of a mediator, and making sure the chosen mediator was present for the preferred date.

Vice Mayor Boukari and Commissioner Wilford agreed that they thought more discussion between the City Commission and the County Commission would just be a repeat of what was said at the last Joint City-County meeting held on May 11 and would end with the decision being to move on to mediation. They said they thought the City should move straight to mediation on August 18.

Commissioner Wilford moved that instead of agreeing to the County's request to reschedule the joint meeting for August 18 that the City request that the matter move to direct mediation on August 18; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Alachua County Commissioner Ken Cornell asked that the commissioners vote down this motion and instead move to reschedule the meeting to allow the City and County commissioners to meet again.

City Attorney Rush clarified that staffs from the City and the County can continue to meet whether the decision is to have the meeting as another City-County Commission meeting or as mediation meeting.

Assistant Manager Adam Boukari provided a synopsis of the meetings held thus far between the staffs of the City and the County. He said so far the meetings have been positive. He clarified that at the mediation it would still be the commissioners from the City and the County meeting with the mediator just as they would be at a joint commission meeting.

City Attorney Rush provided the information on the mediators that the County had suggested, stating that both were well qualified.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Commissioner Wilford moved to recommend using attorney Carlos Alvarez as mediator unless there is a conflict; seconded by Vice Mayor Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Vice Mayor Boukari said that he was glad the two staffs were working well together and said he wished the County had taken that approach before starting all of this, and he hoped they would take this approach going forward in the future.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wilford expressed his concerns that the City and County are at a very critical time in their relationship. He said he was very proud of City staff and he said he is hopeful that they can come to some kind of agreement with County staff that will prevent these kinds of conflicts going forward.

He thanked Commissioner Cornell for coming.

Commissioner Hardacre said he would be attending the Suwannee River Water Management District meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Brown thanked the citizens and dignitaries who attended the ceremonies this evening and extended her congratulations to Chief Scott. She said the kids had a wonderful time at the Mike Peterson Youth Football Camp and thanked him for providing such a camp for the youth.

She said she attended a scholarship dinner with the Goins Hall, Masonic Lodge 94 where she, Vice Mayor Boukari, and Chief DeCoursey were recognized for their community service.

Commissioner Boukari congratulated Pastor Curtis's son for the scholarship he won at Goins Hall and he said the Mason's had a beautiful facility and were doing great things in the community.

He thanked former Chief DeCoursey for his past service, and congratulated Chief Scott on his promotion.

Mayor Coerper congratulated Chief Scott and thanked the work of staff. He thanked the IT department for the new audio equipment.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

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ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA

Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor