



Regular City Commission Meeting

Minutes

September 14, 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: September 14, 2015

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

CITIZENS PRESENT: Diana Carlson, Kay Hall

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Marcus Collins, Jennifer Jorge, Tara Malone, Damon Messina, Diane Morgan, Jesse Sandusky, Casandra Sanjurjo, Melanie Anne Westmoreland

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 Robert Wilford.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. 2015 Constitution Week Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Melanie Anne Westmoreland introduced the item.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper presented the proclamation to Daughters of the American Revolution Historian Kay Hall.

City Attorney Marian Rush and Commissioner Wilford commented on the importance of the Constitution at all levels of government.

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.)

There were no comments.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Appointment to Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF)

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to accept the CATF recommendation to appoint Dietra Howard to the term of office ending April 30, 2018; seconded by Vice Mayor Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

A. Resolution 15-22 Relating to the Levy of General City Purpose Ad Valorem Taxes for the 2015 Tax Year and Resolution 15-23 Relating to its Budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year

Finance Director Robert Bonetti introduced the item.

Mayor Coerper convened the public hearing.

City Attorney Rush provided an overview of the Truth-in-Millage Legislation.

City Manager Traci Cain provided an explanation of the General City proposed and rolled back millage rates.

Finance Director Bonetti presented the City of Alachua Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Budget and provided an overview of the budget.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no comments.

City Manager Cain announced the City of Alachua Commission has determined that a proposed millage rate of 5.9900 mills is necessary to fund the Proposed General City Budget. She said the proposed millage rate represents an increase of 8.34% from the rolled-back rate of 5.5290 mills.

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 15-22 by title only.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no comments.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to adopt Resolution 15-22; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 15-23 by title only.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Boukari expressed his appreciation for the work done by the City Manager and Staff to put together the budget. He said he thinks the City is in a good place.

Vice Mayor Boukari moved to adopt Resolution 15-23; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper and Commissioner Wilford remarked that the budget work starts as early as February and they appreciate the hard work it takes every year.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

B. Resolution 15-24 TK Stormwater Basin Maintenance Assessment Annual Rate Resolution

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 15-24 by title only.

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Wilford moved to adopt Resolution 15-24; 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

A. Classification of Chief of Police to Florida Retirement System Senior Management Service Class

Human Resources Manager Casandra Sanjurjo introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Wilford asked about FRS classifications.

Commissioner Wilford moved to approve classifying Chief of Police to Senior Management Service Class; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

B. Operation & Maintenance Agreement for Electric Substation

Public Services Director Marcus Collins introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Boukari moved to approve the Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the City's Electric Substation, and to direct the City Manager as the duly authorized officer or agent for the City to execute the Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

C. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - JAG Countywide Funds for Alachua County, Florida

Administrative Service Manager Tara Malone introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Boukari moved to authorize the Mayor to execute application on behalf of the City of Alachua; to direct staff to submit said application for funding assistance to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (Office of Criminal Justice Grants); and should the request for

funding assistance be granted to the agency, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Certificate of Acceptance of Subgrant Award on behalf of the City of Alachua; and to direct staff to remit said Certificate of Acceptance to FDLE; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

D. City Strategic Plan - FY 2016

Assistant City Manager Boukari introduced the item. He introduced Project Manager Jennifer Jorge.

Project Manager Jorge provided the staff report. Assistant City Manager Boukari provided the wrap-up on the report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

The commissioners engaged in discussion about the strategic planning process. They discussed how pleased they are to have the plan as well as how inclusive and open the planning process was. They were also pleased that the intention with the plan is for it to be reviewed, revised as needed, and approved on an annual basis.

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2016; seconded by Vice Mayor Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

City Manager Cain said how proud she was of the document and how much she appreciated the efforts of Staff in its creation.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

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 Attorney Rush asked for the Commission to waive its rules and procedures so she could be provided with directions in the lawsuit with the County.

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

City Attorney Rush asked the Commission to approve herself, City Manager Cain, Assistant City Manager Boukari, and Planning and Community Development Director Kathy Winburn to attend the October 7th mediation in the lawsuits with the County. She asked the Commission to direct them to attend with the

authority to make a recommendation to the Commission on any opportunity for a fair settlement that might be reached during that mediation.

Commissioner Brown moved to send City Attorney Rush, City Manager Cain, Assistant City Manager Boukari, and Planning and Community Development Director Kathy Winburn to the October 7th County lawsuit mediation with the authority to make a recommendation to the Commission on any opportunity for a fair settlement that might be reached during that mediation; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Vice Mayor Boukari commented on how impressed he is with the Senior Sentinel newsletter produced by the City of Alachua. He said he has just read the latest issue and he was very impressed with the obvious effort that went into making it helpful to the seniors in the community.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. August 10, 2015 Budget Workshop Minutes
- B. August 24, 2015 Budget Workshop Minutes
- C. August 24, 2015 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor