



Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
October 12, 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: October 12, 2015

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

CITIZENS PRESENT: Lauren Belgrade, Valde Fortner, Alan Hitchcock, Cathy Hitchcock, Jennifer Hornsby, Evan Hurtst, Nyron Jenkins, Valerie McMahon, William McMahon, Megan Salzman, Madelyn Smith

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Marcus Collins, Harry Dillard, Jesse Sandusky, Chad Scott, 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 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 Ben Boukari, Jr.

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 Commissioner Gary Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Irby Elementary Art Student Appreciation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Melanie Anne Westmoreland introduced the item. She introduced W.W. Irby Elementary art teacher Lauren Belgrade.

Ms. Belgrade, W.W. Irby Elementary Principal Valde Fortner, and Mayor Coerper presented the certificates of appreciation to those students present.

Certificates were presented for student artists Caleb Freeman, Emalina Arias, Madelyn Smith, Mariani Andino, Paige Salzman, Chase Hurst, Autumn Neel, Deasia Fleming, Charles Halbrook, Kolt McMahon, Janariah DeCoursey, Corbin Wood, Maren Hornsby, Zachary Avonda, and Kyler Kinney.

B. Manufacturing Month Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Westmoreland introduced the item.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

C. Florida City Government Week Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Westmoreland introduced the item.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

D. Fiscal Analysis Report for the Period Ended August 31, 2015

Finance Director Robert Bonetti introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no comments.

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

A. Ordinance 15-12, First Reading; Amending portions of Chapter 38 Article III of the Code of Ordinances

City Attorney Marian Rush provided the first reading of Ordinance 15-12 by title only.

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Boukari moved to approve Ordinance 15-12 on First Reading and schedule Second and Final Reading for October 26, 2015; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Alachua County Request of City's Position Relating to Proposed Nov. 2016 ballot Referendum Language Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

The commissioners discussed the ballot language. They said they were very uncomfortable with most of the language. They said it gave the County oversight into City projects and recreation programs. They said the City had provided the County with lists of projects to be eligible for funding before, but that the City had never agreed to surrender to the County the right to approve or disapprove the projects on the list, or to any oversight in funding or executing of those projects.

The commissioners discussed the motivations and purpose of the ballot initiative. City Attorney Rush agreed that the writing of the sample ballot/ballot language the County used in the poll was unclear.

They said the whole initiative needed more discussion and expressed their disapproval that the cities had been instructed they only had until October 30 to provide the County with any feedback, and that the County had limited the feedback it requested from the City to its sampled ballot language.

City Manager Traci Cain said Staff would compose a letter for the Mayor's signature for transmitting to the County the commissioners concerns about the proposed ballot initiative and would bring the item back for discussion at the next meeting.

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

There were no comments.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Brown said how exciting the ribbon cutting and grand opening of Publix was. She also extended her appreciation to Staff for all the work done for the City.

Commission Wilford wished City Manager Cain best wishes on her trip to Savannah next week. He also said how pleased he is with the support the City and City Staff always show for Breast Cancer Awareness with the Alachua Goes Pink campaign.

Commissioner Hardacre said he will be at the Suwannee River Water Management District meeting in Live Oak on Tuesday. He also said that he was very happy with the Publix grand opening. He noted that the parking was overflow by the late afternoon.

Vice Mayor Boukari said how pleased he is with the consistent growth and improvements to quality of life in the City. He also attended the Publix ribbon cutting as well as the White Cane Walk on Saturday. He said how successful he thought both events were, and he said that moving the White Cane event to the Swick House proved a good idea. He said he heard only positive comments.

Mayor Coerper said he enjoyed the treat of celebrating 50 years of Gatorade with the Gator alumni at Emerson Hall for the game. He also said how successful the White Cane Walk event was. He said that the comments about the Swick House were very positive. He said he appreciated the demonstration by the Supervisor of Elections of the new voting machines for the blind and the visually impaired.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A.** September 28, 2015 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor