



**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
March 14, 2016**

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

City Manager Traci L. Gresham
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 14, 2016

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

CITIZENS PRESENT: Dick Bridges, Jane Bridges, Katy Evans, Linda Hewlett, Gina Hawkins, Kareem Spratling, Rich Walker, Jim Yakubsin.

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Diane Morgan, 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 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 Brown.

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. One Mill for Schools November County Ballot Initiative - Perry McGriff, Jackie Johnson

This item was not covered as the presenters were not present.

B. Keep Alachua County Beautiful – Gina Hawkins

The item was introduced and presented by Gina Hawkins with Keep Alachua County Beautiful.

The commissioners thanked Ms. Hawkins for coming and engaged in a discussion regarding the coordination of the organization with the County, tipping fees, and grant opportunities.

C. North Central Florida Model Railroad Club – Jim Yakubsi

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Melanie Anne Westmoreland introduced Jim Yakubsin. Mr. Yakubsin provided the presentation.

D. Proclamation Sunshine Week

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Westmoreland introduced the item and provided the presentation.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

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.)

Linda Hewlett and Katy Evans from Relay for Life asked for support for the season's fundraising activities. Ms. Hewlett said the Relay for Life event is May 13 at the High Springs Civic Center. She said City Manager Executive Assistant Kimberly Vermillion is the City of Alachua Relay for Life team captain. Ms. Evans described the different businesses and ways to participate in the fundraising event.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CITYANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution 16-05 Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget

City Attorney Marian Rush read Resolution 16-05 by title only.

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

He said this resolution is to correct a clerical error resulting in the use of a duplicate resolution number. This resolution was initially passed January 11, 2016.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Wilford moved to adopt Resolution 16-05; seconded by Commissioner Gary Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

B. Resolution 16-06 and Resolution 16-07 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the Series 2016 Capital Improvement Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2016)

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 16-06 by title only.

Finance Director Bonetti introduced the item and provided the staff report. He introduced Bond & Disclosure Counsel Kareem Spratling. Mr. Spratling introduced himself to the commissioners and said he was available for any questions.

Vice Mayor Boukari moved to adopt Resolution 16-06; 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 16-07 by title only.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to adopt Resolution 16-07; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Vice Mayor Boukari thanked staff for all of the work they have been doing in addition to the work on this bond issue. He said their work makes the City more efficient.

Mayor Coerper said he was very excited by all that is going on, and appreciates the hard work of staff.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

C. Resolution 16-09 Update to Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) for Alachua County and Participating Jurisdictions

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 16-09 by title only.

Grants Specialist Diane Morgan introduced the item and provided the staff report. Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Boukari moved to adopt Resolution 16-09; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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

(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 Gresham said she wished to thank staff for all of the work on the bonds issue as well as for the work involved in getting the bids out for the ops center and for the first phase of Project Legacy.

She said agreement has been reached with GRU on power rates. She said it would go to the Gainesville City Commission and she expected it would be on the agenda to be brought before the City of Alachua commissioners at the March 28 City Commission meeting.

City Attorney Rush advised that the last appeal in the Heritage Oaks versus City of Alachua has been decided in the City's favor without a written opinion. She said any further action that could be taken would be very limited because of the lack of written opinion. She said she was very pleased with the decision.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Brown thanked City Attorney Rush for the report and for the work concluding the litigation with such favorable results for the City.

She reminded everyone that the Health Fair is May 21st with the walk beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the Health Fair beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Wilford added his thanks to City Attorney Rush. He said he attended the Women's Day celebration at St Luke AME church and enjoyed the speaker as well as all the people he got to talk to at the event.

Commissioner Hardacre said he wanted to thank the City Attorney and staff for all the hard work with the litigation and the many important items that have been coming before the commission.

Vice Mayor Boukari said he remembered the initial verdict against the City and he thanked City Attorney Rush for the work she had accomplished in turning the case around for the benefit of the City as well as for future development by cities in the future.

Mayor Coerper said it was a long road and he was happy with the final outcome.

City Attorney Rush reminded the commissioners the Bond certificate needed to be signed with the adjournment of the meeting.

Mayor Coerper said he had a good time being a judge with Police Chief Chad Scott, Commissioner Brown, and Parks & Recreation Director Damon Messina at Mebane Middle School's talent show Friday night.

He said the kickoff for Santa Fe Babe Ruth Baseball was Saturday morning with the organization celebrating its 30th year.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Gresham, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor