



**Joint City-County Commission Meeting
Minutes
July 11, 2016**

Mayor Gib Coerper

Vice Mayor Robert Wilford

Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr.

Commissioner Shirley Green Brown

Commissioner Gary Hardacre

Chair Robert Hutchinson

Vice Chair Ken Cornell

Commissioner Mike Byerly

Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV

Commissioner Lee Pinkoson

City Manager Traci L. Gresham

City Attorney Marian Rush

The City Commission will conduct a

**Joint City- County Commission Meeting
At 6:30 PM**

to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: July 11, 2016

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

CITIZENS PRESENT: Emma Banner, Everett Banner, Holly Banner, Raina Barnett, Chris Bird, Bill Copeland, Mildred Copeland, Lynn Dhelinger, Breleigh Ford, Jermaine Ford, Ramon Gavarrete, Kelly Harris, Jim Harriott, Tammy Harriott, Jeannette Hinsdale, Jen Jablonski, Madolyn Jablonski, Rick Jablonski, Brian Mallard, Kaitlyn Mallard, Mary Mallard, Brian Mott, Julianna Mott, Charlie Norman, Natalia Norman, Bill Northcutt, Addison Parker, Robin Parker, Steven Parker, Jeremy Payne, Kelly Payne, Makenna Payne, Faith Schmidt, Brad Steele, Vivian Thompson, David Wisener, Ross Woodbridge

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Damon Messina, Melanie Anne Westmoreland, Cap Wilson, Kathy Winburn

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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

Mayor Gib Coerper and County Chair Robert Hutchinson opened the meeting.

Chair Hutchinson said that County Commissioner Charles Chestnut and County Vice Chair Ken Cornell were not present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

County Commissioner Mike Byerly moved to approve the agenda; seconded by County Commissioner Lee Pinkoson.

Passed by unanimous consent.

WELCOME

Mayor Coerper welcomed the Santa Fe Babe Ruth League T-Ball team and their adult supporters and parents to the meeting.

Santa Fe Babe Ruth Softball Program representative Scott Mallard greeted the Commission and said he hoped the City would be supporting the girls in their goal to attend the Babe Ruth Softball World Series. He said the girls have a 30-2 record and have been invited to participate, but are still about \$3500 short of the team goal. Mayor Coerper advised him to speak to the City Manager, and Vice Mayor Robert Wilford told him to also make sure the City Manager had the information so the commissioners could make individual donations as well.

I. AGENDA

A. Fire Services

Alachua County Fire Chief Bill Northcutt introduced the item and provided the County staff report.

Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari provided the City staff report.

The commissioners discussed the fire assessment timeline and budget considerations for funding of fiscal year 2017 as well as the City's fire services agreement with the County.

B. County Stormwater Manual

Alachua County Environmental Protection Director Chris Bird introduced the item and provided the County staff report.

The commissioners discussed the lack of involvement of the Saint Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD),

the lack of a stormwater assessment, the lack of local data, the lack of a cost-basis analysis, the lack of buy-in and engagement of the professional engineers; the additional levels of regulation, the training of local engineers, performance standards and measurements, implementing enforcement, and State pre-emptions regarding water issues.

County Chair Robert Hutchinson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Assistant City Manager Boukari provided the City staff report.

The commissioners discussed the unknowns of how this would impact municipal governments planning and development processes, seeking outside expertise on the issue, and other ways to address the stormwater concerns. Assistant City Manager Boukari said he thought it was important that any attempts at solutions should involve all of the municipal and county governments in the region that contribute to the problem and are stakeholders in the resolution.

County Chair Robert Hutchinson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

C. Roads

The County had no staff report but Alachua County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete was available to answer questions.

Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr., asked what funding and projects the County had presently allocated for resurfacing its roads within the City of Alachua. Mr. Gavarrete said he could not answer the question, but that a roads presentation would be made for the County Commission at its next meeting.

The commissioners engaged in discussion about the County roads management, the failure of taxing initiatives for roads at the polls, and the negative perception held by the citizens of the county of the County's reputation and credibility in this regard.

County Commissioner Byerly maintained that the County's credibility is not in question, and said the road initiatives fail with voters because roads are not yet considered a priority by a majority of the voters.

County Chair Hutchinson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

D. I-75 Relief Process/Suncoast Parkway Extension

Alachua County Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hayes provided the County staff report.

The commissioners discussed Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) studies, potential new corridors for I-75 relief, local county responses so far, and bond and toll road funding potential. The commissioners also discussed the amount of public input involved in the process if the Federal monies are involved, how much time is left for municipalities to submit input, and the environmental concerns in what is an environmentally sensitive area.

County Chair Hutchinson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

II. COMMISSION GENERAL AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Vice Mayor Wilford said he has a lot of trouble hearing the County Commission meetings when they are held in a smaller room the County sometimes uses.

Commissioner Boukari thanked the County Commissioners for coming. He said he would like to see the areas that divide brought to the forefront and dealt with so that more attention could go to those areas of shared goals, and where agreement is present between the City and the County.

County Chair Hutchinson said he agreed.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

(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.)

IV. ADJOURN

County Chair Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

City Commission Meeting

INVOCATION

Mayor Coerper reopened the meeting.

Mayor Coerper announced Commissioner Shirley Green Brown was not present.

Invocation led by Alachua Police Department (APD) Chief Chad Scott.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

Commissioner Gary Hardacre moved to approve the reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.

Passed by unanimous consent.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(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.)

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Report

Vice Mayor Wilford provided a brief summary of the highlights of the March 24, April 28, and May 26, 2016 NCFRPC meetings.

Mayor Coerper thanked Vice Mayor Wilford for his attendance at the meetings.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

A. Ordinance 16-07; First Reading; A Request by Craig Brashier, AICP, of Causseaux, Hewett and Walpole, Inc., to amend Table 7.2-1 of the City's Land Development Regulations

City Attorney Marian Rush provided the first reading of Ordinance 16-07 by title only.

Planning & Community Development Director Kathy Winburn introduced the item and provided the staff report. She introduced CHW Certified Planner Craig Brashier for the applicant. Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions and comments.

Vice Mayor Wilford moved that based upon the presentation before this Commission and Staff's recommendation, the City Commission finds the application to be consistent with the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan and approves Ordinance 16-07 on first reading, and schedules the second and final reading for July 25, 2016; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-0 on roll call vote; Commissioner Brown absent.

B. Ordinance 16-08; Second Reading, Voluntary Annexation by Phillip Craig Moore; Tax Parcel Number 02951-001-000

Mayor Coerper announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing.

City Attorney Rush provided the second reading of Ordinance 16-08 by title only.

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Melanie Westmoreland administered the oath to Planning and Community Development Director Winburn. Planning and Community Development Director Winburn introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Boukari moved to adopt Ordinance 16-08 upon second and final reading; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Westmoreland administered the oath to Alachua resident Mildred Copeland.

Ms. Copeland spoke in support of the motion, but said she had questions about the map shown in Exhibit B. She engaged in discussion with the commissioners and Planning and Community Development Director Winburn about a portion of the land she owns in the map of the land being annexed.

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Westmoreland administered the oath to applicant CHW Planner Craig Brashier.

CHW Planner Brashier explained the map did not affect the title or property rights of the individual owners. He said the map was created from the legal description used by the Alachua County Property Appraiser's office to identify the boundaries of the area being annexed into the City. He said the map illustrates the area being annexed inclusive of all the affected land and makes no claims or changes to any private property owners, property boundaries, or rights of owners.

City Attorney Rush confirmed the City is not making any determination as to ownership of the property by bringing this property into the City of Alachua.

CHW Planner Brashier said that if this small piece of the affected parcel was part of a larger private parcel previously annexed or already part of the City limits that this annexation action should clear up or resolve any potential confusion or errors on the affected section for the property owner.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-0 on roll call vote; Commissioner Brown absent.

C. Ordinance 16-09; Second Reading, Amending and Restating in Total the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 - Administration, Article III - Officers and Employees, Division 2 - Personnel Policies and Procedures

City Manager Traci Gresham explained that Ordinance 16-09 was passed on first reading on June 13, 2016, but staff has asked that it be tabled to assure Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) contract advertising and notice requirements.

Vice Mayor Wilford moved to table Ordinance 16-09 for second and final reading until July 25, 2016, to ensure notice requirements are met; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-0 on roll call vote; Commissioner Brown absent.

D. Ordinance 16-12, First Reading; Amending Code Section 38 - Utilities Electric Service

City Attorney Rush provided the first reading of Ordinance 16-12 by title only.

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Gary Hardacre moved to approve Ordinance 16-12 on first reading and schedule second and final reading on July 25, 2016; seconded by Vice Mayor Wilford.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-0 on roll call vote; Commissioner Brown absent.

IX. AGENDA ITEMS

A. CRA Market Study and Economic Development Implementation Plan

Planning & Community Development Director Winburn introduced the item and provided the staff report. She introduced Lynn Dehlinger of Redevelopment Management Associates (RMA) to present the assessment and market plan.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

The commissioners commented on their excitement about the project and how moving forward with the downtown redevelopment was something the City had been working on for a long time. They thanked City staff and the RMA staff for the work. Mayor Coerper said the CRA Market Study would be available on the City website.

X. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(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.)

XI. COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Rush gave a brief update on the TAP Communications bankruptcy proceeding since the conversion from a Chapter 11 bankruptcy to a Chapter 7. She said the City had filed a claim in the Chapter 11 case, so she is going to file a claim in the Chapter 7 case. She said the City's is an

unsecured claim, but there is a buyer for some of the company's assets, and that without filing the claim there is no chance of any recovery.

XII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Boukari said he would like more information about the FDOT I-75 project. He said he thought the City needed to take a position on it, and he does not feel familiar enough with it to have a position or to talk to residents about it.

Vice Mayor Wilford recognized Raceway for an article he read that said they had a program to give one-cent a gallon to Santa Fe High School's sports programs. Mayor Coerper pointed out they have a Santa Fe Pump.

Vice Mayor Wilford said staff did a great job at the 4th of July celebration, and he said he really appreciated how good the medians looked. He also said he appreciated the laundry list of recommendations in the CRA Market Study and that such a list made it easier to move ahead one step at a time.

Mayor Coerper thanked staff and RMA for the work done on the Market Study and for the 4th of July celebration. He said he also wanted to thank Mike Peterson, graduate of Santa Fe High School, for the way he comes back to his hometown to give back through the City's sports program.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. April 11, 2016 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- B. April 25, 2016 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- C. May 9, 2016 Joint Board Of Canvassers and City Commission Meeting Minutes
- D. May 9, 2016 City Commission Workshop
- E. May 23, 2016 City Commission Meeting Minute

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Gresham, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor