



**Regular City Commission Meeting  
Minutes  
July 25, 2016**

**Mayor Gib Coerper**  
**Vice Mayor Robert Wilford**  
Commissioner Gary Hardacre  
Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr.  
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:** July 25, 2016

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

**CITIZENS ATTENDING:** Rebecca Bolan, Alison Stettner, Sunsera Dalton, Ross Woodbridge, Brian Russell, Craig Brashier

**STAFF PRESENT:** Robert Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Jesse Sandusky, Chad Scott, Esperanza Smith, Rodolfo Valladares, Kathy Winburn, 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 Vice Mayor Robert Wilford.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Led by Mayor Coerper.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr., moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Vice Mayor Wilford.  
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 Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

Passed by unanimous consent.

## **I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. FDOT I-75 Relief Study Presentation**

Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari introduced the new City of Alachua Public Services Director Rodolfo Valladares.

Public Services Director Valladares greeted the City Commission. He said he is grateful for the opportunity to continue in public service with the City of Alachua.

Assistant City Manager Boukari introduced the item and FDOT Planning Manager Alison Stettner.

Ms. Stettner provided the presentation and engaged in discussion with the commissioners regarding the short, medium, and long-term transportation planning projects and goals.

### **B. 2016 National Night Out Proclamation**

Alachua Police Department (APD) Chief Chad Scott introduced the item.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

### **C. Fiscal Analysis Reports for the Periods Ended May 31 and June 30, 2016**

Finance and Administrative Services Director Robert Bonetti introduced the item and provided the staff report. The commissioners engaged in discussion on Heritage Oaks funding accounts and project completion.

## **II. 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.)

## **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CITYANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A. North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Report - June 23, 2016**

Vice Mayor Wilford provided a brief summary of the highlights of the meeting and submitted his notes for the record.

## **IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

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

### **A. Ordinance 16-07, Second 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 second reading of Ordinance 16-07 by title only.

Planning and Community Development Director Kathy Winburn introduced the item and provided the staff report. She said CHW Certified Planner Craig Brashier was present for any further questions.

**Commissioner Boukari 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 adopts Ordinance 16-07 on second reading; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**B. 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 Attorney Rush provided the second reading of Ordinance 16-09 by title only.**

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

The commissioners engaged in discussion about probation, calendar versus fiscal year usage, and reasons for the update of the Personnel Policies and Procedures manual.

**Commissioner Hardacre moved to approve Ordinance 16-09 on second and final reading; seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**C. Ordinance 16-12, Second Reading; Amending Code Section 38 - Utilities Electric Service**

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

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

**Commissioner Hardacre moved to adopt Ordinance 16-12 on second and final reading; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**D. Ordinance 16-15, First Reading; Amending Code Section 38 - Utility Rates Water & Wastewater**

**City Attorney Rush provided the first reading for Ordinance 16-15 by title only.**

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

The commissioners engaged in discussion regarding customer response to the lower electric power costs, staff engagement, overall utility costs of residential and commercial customers, and what a great job staff had done with the new GRU wholesale power contract.

**Commissioner Boukari moved to approve Ordinance 16-15 on first reading and schedule second and final reading for August 8, 2016; seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**V. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Resolution 16-16 TK Basin Preliminary Rate Resolution**

**City Attorney Rush provided the reading of Resolution 16-16 by title only.**

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

The commissioners discussed the annual maintenance and the time table of the improvements to the basin included in the donation agreement.

**Commissioner Boukari moved to adopt Resolution 16-16; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**B. Resolution 16-17 Establishing the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Proposed Millage Rate and Rolled Back Rate for the General Fund; Setting the Date for the First Public Hearing; Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to Transmit this Information to the Alachua County Property Appraiser; Providing an Effective Date.**

**City Attorney Rush provided the reading of Resolution 16-17 by title only.**

Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti introduced the item and provided the staff report.

**Vice Mayor Wilford moved to adopt Resolution 16-17; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**C. School Resource Officer Program Contract for 2016-2017 School Year**

APD Chief Scott introduced the item and provided the staff report.

The commissioners discussed the program, the City's funding share, the popularity and contributions of the officers in the schools as mentors, coaches, and adult friends, and the City's support of its local police officers.

**Vice Mayor Wilford moved to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the agreement between the School Board of Alachua County (SBAC) and City of Alachua for provision of School Resource Officer Program, and submit three signed originals to SBAC for approval; seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**D. Design Services Proposal by CHW for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements**

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

**Commissioner Boukari moved to approve the proposal with Causseaux, Hewett & Walpole, Inc., for the survey, design, permit and construction administration services for water and wastewater improvements in the amount of \$115,702; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**E. Correspondence with Alachua County Regarding Proposed Stormwater Manual**

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

The commissioners engaged in discussion about the burden on municipalities, County staff environmental engineering qualifications and expertise, cost benefit analysis, and County reasoning for the expense of a project that most of the regulating comes from the State in the first place.

City Attorney Rush recommended that in the letter being prepared by the County municipalities with their questions for the County, they should also include their concerns about the lack of a cost-benefit analysis and the other issues of concern. She should they should ask the County to explain those items that so far have been answered with inaccurate and unclear responses.

**Vice Mayor Wilford moved to authorize the City Manager to participate in the drafting of correspondence to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners regarding the proposed stormwater manual and authorize the Mayor's signature; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.**

## **VI. 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.)

## **VII. COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY**

City Manager Traci Gresham said the next Budget Workshop will be Monday, August 1, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. She reminded everyone National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2, 2016. She thanked the staff for a great job for all the work that had been done preparing for the meeting. She welcomed Public Services Director Valladares.

City Attorney Rush complimented Assistant City Manager Boukari on all the presentations he did for the meeting. She said she knew he was glad the Public Services Director position had been filled.

## **VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Hardacre said he read County Commissioner Ken Cornell's op-ed piece in the Gainesville newspaper. He said he was glad that at least one of the County commissioners seemed to know there was a problem with roads. He said he was not glad to see that Commissioner Cornell was talking about taking Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) money to address problems that were not CRA scope.

He said the Suwannee River Water Management District (SWRMD) has a new executive director named Noah Valenstein. He said the board has been engaging in some interesting discussions.

Commissioner Boukari said he thinks County Commissioner Cornell is talking about taking money out of the municipalities via the CRAs and he disapproves. He said the City spends \$21 per resident on roads compared to the County spending about \$8 per resident. He said the County should concentrate on doing the things it should be doing and less on those things that may or may not be part of its scope.

He said he attended the First Baptist Church on Sunday, and he was proud of the support the City residents showed in such public demonstrations of support for the Alachua Police Department. He relayed a story told at the event about APD and thanked APD Chief Scott and his officers for having such a good reputation in the community.

Vice Mayor Wilford said the minutes from the June 13 meeting were excellent. He said it had been a fairly contentious meeting, and he thought the minutes were well done. He said Commissioner Cornell ran the article on Facebook a week before it was in the paper. He said he had finished reading the Personnel manual and thought this was a great job as well.

He said he met with some members of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club out of Columbus, Georgia, when they stopped to eat in the City on their annual ride down to Tampa. He said they told him they stop

in Alachua on the ride every year. He also extended his compliments to Assistant City Manager Boukari and welcomed Public Services Director Valladares.

## **ADJOURN**

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. June 13, 2016 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

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Traci L. Gresham, City Manager/Clerk

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Gib Coerper, Mayor