



## Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes

October 13 2014

Mayor Gib Coerper  
Vice Mayor Gary Hardacre  
Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr.  
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 13 2014

**Meeting Location:** James A. Lewis Commission Chambers

CITIZENS PRESENT: Pat Bellis, Linda Dean, Diana Felver, Michael Fey, Julia Kelly, Kamal Latham, Gussie Lee, Roberto Ramirez, Bill Rogers, Wilma Rogers, Darryl Tompkins, Louis Washington  
STAFF PRESENT: Robert Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Roland Davis, Alan Henderson

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### CITY COMMISSION MEETING

#### 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**

**Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr., moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Vice Mayor Gary Hardacre.**

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

## **APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY**

**Commissioner Wilford moved to approve; seconded by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.**

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

### **I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Florida City Government Week Proclamation**

Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari introduced the item.

Mayor Coerper read the Florida City Government Week proclamation.

Mayor Coerper asked all City of Alachua advisory board members present to come forward. Being present Darryl Tompkins, Louis Washington, Diana Felver, Gussie Lee, Bill Rogers, and Julia Kelly were presented with City of Alachua lapel pins by Mayor Coerper on behalf of the City Commission and staff. The advisory board members each took a moment to express their appreciation for the work of the City Commission for their support and direction.

Assistant City Manager Boukari noted the committee assignments of each Board Member. and pointed out these citizens do very important work without compensation and restated City Staff's appreciation for them.

#### **B. Alachua Public Library Dog Gone Reading Program Proclamation**

Mayor Coerper introduced the item and read the Guy Noir Dog Gone Reading Program Proclamation.

Mayor Coerper invited Librarian Linda Dean, Guy Noir (therapy dog) and handler Pat Bellis to come to the podium to accept the proclamation. Ms. Dean and Ms. Bellis expressed their appreciation to the City for the recognition of the work of the therapy dogs and the library's therapy dog reading program.

#### **C. White Cane Safety Month Proclamation**

Mayor Coerper introduced the item and read the White Cane Safety Month and Day Proclamation.

#### **D. Moving Alachua County Forward Initiative**

Assistant City Manager Boukari introduced the item.

Alachua County Interim Assistant County Manager Michael Fey presented the county's presentation.

Commissioner Boukari asked where the funding will come from for the bus routes when the eight years of the surtax end under the current proposed initiative. Assistant County Manager Fey said that this would be taken under consideration at that time according to ridership numbers and interest of the citizens.

Mayor Coerper said he was pleased the benefits of this surtax would be significant to all nine municipalities in the county and not just the county and the city of Gainesville. Assistant County Manager Fey pointed out the apportioning of the surtax funds would meet all of the road needs of some

of the smaller municipalities.

Commissioner Hardacre said he was pleased with the potential this surtax provides the City of Alachua for complementing its own road improvement plans with the additional funding. Assistant County Manager Fey pointed out there are three county roads on the County's eight-year road improvement plan that will have direct impact on improving roads through the City.

Commissioner Wilford said he is pleased with the planning and forward thinking the County has put into the surtax initiative. He specifically appreciated the County's efforts to keep these funds strictly within the road and transportation improvement needs within the County and its municipalities.

#### E. Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Update

Vice President of Public Policy for the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Kamal Latham presented the report.

He said Chamber representatives met with Florida elected officials in Washington D.C. He said in an effort to increase economic development in the region the Chamber advocated an increase in Federal spending on research as well as targeted immigration reform.

He said at the state level the Chamber has encouraged the legislature to improve funding for Santa Fe College and to create sound water policy. He said that at the county level, the Chamber agrees that transportation is the priority need of the communities within the County. He said the Chamber sees the surtax as an area of common ground that speaks to the quality life in the community. He said the Chamber sees this initiative as fiscally sound and appropriate to meeting a legitimate need.

Assistant City Manager Boukari asked if the Chamber has done any research into the economic impact that will be generated out of the surtax funds as they go back into the community through the various contracts that could be awarded to carry out the various road projects. Mr. Latham said that just using a base multiplier the Chamber concludes the overall economic impact for the region will be between several hundred-million and a half-billion dollars.

Mayor Coerper expressed his appreciation for the work the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce does for all of the communities in Alachua County.

#### F. Public Power Week-October 5-11, 2014

Mayor Coerper read the Public Power Week proclamation.

Engineer Roland Davis thanked the City Commission for recognizing Public Power Week and the electric system workers. He said the employees who do this work are invaluable to the City. He made a point of noting the Public Services Department Electric Division has a total of 135 years experience. He thanked the City Commission for acknowledging with the proclamation the important contribution of the staff and the work they do.

#### G. Fiscal Analysis Report for Period Ended August 31, 2014

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

Mayor Coerper asked for comments or questions from the Commissioners.

There were no comments.

## II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE

There were no comments.

(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/CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

#### **A. Ordinance 15-01 Amending Code Section 2-962 Youth Advisory Council**

Mayor Coerper introduced the item.

**City Attorney Marian Rush provided the first reading of Ordinance 15-01 by title only.**

Assistant City Manager Boukari presented the staff report reflecting the recommendation of the Youth Advisory Council.

**Vice Mayor Hardacre moved to approve Ordinance 15-01 on first reading and schedule second and final reading for October 27, 2014; 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. Maintenance of Roadways-Interlocal Agreement with Alachua County**

Engineer Roland Davis introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked for comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Assistant City Manager Boukari stated this item is time sensitive as projects wait to go forward and the document must be delivered forthwith to the County to assure its placement on the County Commission's agenda for approval. He said further that the delivery deadline requires the City Attorney to advise pertaining to the language for the motion so it would allow him to sign the document in the absence of the City Manager as it must be delivered to the County before her return.

**Deferring to the suggestion of City Attorney Rush, Commissioner Boukari moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the Alachua County and the City of Alachua for maintenance of roadways and to authorize the Assistant City Manager to attest in lieu of the City Manager; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Vice Mayor Hardacre expressed his approval for the agreement as he said he believes this will allow for more timely action on needed roadwork within the City.

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

### **VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE**

There were no 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.)

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

Assistant City Manager Boukari advised the City Commission that staff will be developing a strategic plan for approval by the City Commission. He said this initiative was prompted by the discussions in the FY2015 budget workshops. He said the strategic plan will be annually updated and approved by the City Commission. He said the strategic plan will be ready for implementation in time for the budget process going forward from FY2016.

He reminded everyone that the ribbon cutting and groundbreaking for Hitchcock Baseball Park-Skinner Field as well as the ribbon cutting for the NW 142nd/150th project will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21st.

He said the City of Alachua had been awarded a \$700,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by the State of Florida to fund some of the roadway projects.

City Attorney Rush said the trainer coming for the planning training on Thursday was very good and she looked forward to the session.

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

Commissioner Wilford said how pleased he was at the turnout for the White Cane Walk. He also complimented Chief Joel DeCoursey, Jr., and the Alachua Police Department for the support of breast cancer research and said he really liked the pink cars again this October.

Commissioner Brown rose to express her respect and appreciation to the volunteers who serve and work so hard on the City's advisory boards.

Commissioner Boukari said the CDBG grant was huge and he was glad to see this money coming to the benefit of the City. He also said that he would like to get a picture of the City Commission with the Pink Wreath to distribute on the social networks as he thinks the municipal support in a cause like breast cancer research was important.

Vice Mayor Hardacre thanked City staff for the work with the agendas and the website and the meetings. He said he knows the citizens appreciate it. He also said the news about the \$700,000 CDBG grant was fantastic. He said this was going to go a long way towards solving the road problems in the City.

## **ADJOURN**

**Commissioner Boukari moved to adjourn; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.**

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. August 25, 2014 Budget Workshop Minutes
- B. August 25, 2014 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes
- C. September 8, 2014 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes
- D. September 22, 2014 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

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Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

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Gib Coerper, Mayor