



Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes

October 27 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 27 2014

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers

AMENDED -- CITIZENS PRESENT -- Russell Etling, Britton Jones, Scott Modesitt, Sharon Traud, Louis Washington -- STAFF PRESENT -- Marcian Brown, Daniel Chalker, Melanie Cosentino, Diana Felver, Tara Malone, Diane Morgan, Cap Wilson

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CITY COMMISSION MEETING

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 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 Brown moved to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. 352Arts Program

City of Gainesville, Interim Manager of Cultural Affairs Russell Etling presented a report on the cultural arts program 352Arts.

He said the program has received funding from the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs and research services from the University of Florida College of Design, Construction, and Planning.

He said using a process of focus groups and survey initiatives over the last few months the 352Arts program has been reaching out into the community and municipalities to set priorities over the next five to 10 years. He said the aim is to develop a road map to build a strong and robust cultural arts program throughout Alachua County for the benefit of residents and visitors. He said January 20, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm at the Senior Services Center in Gainesville in a charrette all of the data will be compiled and the priorities to move ahead will be established.

He said the end result for the 352Arts.org beyond the research phase will be a directory for local cultural arts exhibits, events, programs and artists. He invited the commissioners to visit the website to take part in the survey.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE

Team captain Diana Felver for Team Alachua in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraising campaign presented City of Alachua Police Department staff member Julie Traud with a token of appreciation for her efforts in the City's fundraising efforts during the Alachua Goes Pink fundraising campaign.

Ms. Traud thanked the City for allowing her the opportunity to serve the cause.

City Manager Traci Cain said she wanted everyone to know that Ms. Traud was a breast cancer survivor as well as a member of City of Alachua staff.

(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**)

V. AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Melanie Cosentino presented the staff report reflecting the recommendation of the Youth Advisory Council.

Commissioner Boukari moved to adopt Ordinance 15-01 on second and final reading; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Commissioner Robert Wilford said he wished to recognize and thank Commissioner Boukari for taking the initiative to see the Youth Advisory Council established. He said Commissioner Boukari had shown leadership in working for the youth and introducing civics as an important subject to them.

Mayor Coerper said the conference Commissioner Boukari took the youth on last year introducing them to the Florida League of Cities was beneficial to the youth.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

- B. Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award Agreement for Neighborhood Revitalization Road Repaving Project

Grants Specialist Diane Morgan introduced the item and presented the staff report.

She introduced Summit Professional Services representative Scott Modesitt to explain the next steps in the process with the signing of the Grant Award Agreement.

Mayor Coerper expressed his appreciation for the work done to achieve the grant.

Commissioner Wilford inquired about the internal control systems for monitoring the reporting requirements of the grant. Grants Specialist Morgan explained the storage and monitoring process she maintains on the grant. Mr. Modesitt said that the City will monitor but that Summit Professional Services also sets up a mirror of the files to monitor compliance as well.

Commissioner Wilford asked how the City conducts its due diligence to verify the certification and other employee/contractor requirements set forth in the grant agreement. Mr. Modesitt said that as well as internal review this process is monitored by the State of Florida certifying the contractors.

Vice Mayor Hardacre expressed his appreciation for Grants Specialist Diane Morgan and staff. He said this grant was needed to address the improvement of the City's roads.

Vice Mayor Hardacre moved to authorize the Mayor's signature to execute the FFY 2013 CDBG Grant Award Agreement for the Neighborhood Revitalization Road Repaving Project on behalf of the City; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

- C. Resolution 15-02 Amending the 2014-2015 Budget; Increasing the Appropriation in the FDOT Economic Development Transportation Project (EDTP) Grant Fund; Establishing the Capital Project Fund to be Entitled CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Fund

City Attorney Rush provided the reading of Resolution 15-02 by title only.

Finance Director Marcian Brown presented the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked for comments or questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Boukari moved to adopt Resolution 15-02 and authorize the Mayor's signature; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

D. Resolution 15-03 Amending the FY 2014-2015 Budget FFY 15 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Amendment

City Attorney Rush provided the reading of Resolution 15-03 by title only.

Human Resources Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked for comments or questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Brown moved to authorize the Mayor to execute grant documents and submit to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and adopt Resolution 15-03; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

E. MOU Corrective Measures - Heritage Oaks

Commissioner Wilford disclosed a personal relationship with Duration Builders as the contractor that built his house in 2007. He also disclosed a professional relationship established during his tenure as CEO for Central Florida Community Action Agency between 2010 and 2013.

City Attorney Rush presented the staff report.

She introduced Britton Jones of Duration Builders for comments. Mr. Jones thanked the City for its patience and diligence working with all the parties to bring this issue to resolution. City Manager Cain said she appreciated the efforts of Mr. Jones in helping to resolve the problems and that it had been a pleasure working with him.

City Attorney Rush recommended the Commission approve the MOU and authorize the City Manager to execute the contracts.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Corrective Measure - Heritage Oaks and authorize the City Manager to execute the contracts for corrective measures to be done pursuant to the MOU, and with payment for such contracts only to be paid for from the monies listed in the Heritage Oaks account on the books of the City; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Commissioner Wilford said he would also like to express his appreciation for the efforts of the Heritage Oaks homeowners association for its efforts in what had been a difficult process.

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.)

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Cain recognized Planning and Zoning Board member Louis Washington in the audience and reminded everyone of Trick or Treat on Main Street between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31. She wished Commissioner Boukari an early happy birthday.

City Attorney Rush advised that local cable provider Altitude Communications is substantially past due on monies owed to the City. She asked that the Commission waive its rules and instruct her to file a law suit to begin collections proceedings to recover the monies owed.

Commissioner Boukari moved to waive the rules; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

City Attorney Rush requested authority to file a lawsuit on behalf of the City of Alachua against Altitude Communications for \$23,489 and to be able to amend that lawsuit in January for any monies coming due in January.

Commissioner Boukari moved to grant City Attorney Rush authority to file a lawsuit on behalf of the City of Alachua against Altitude Communications for \$23, 489 and to be able to amend that lawsuit in January 2015 for any monies due to the City and not paid in January; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Commissioner Wilford asked for clarification on procedure, inquiring if a separate vote was required for waiving the rules. It was determined that a separate vote was required.

Motion to waive the rules of procedure passed by unanimous consent.

Motion to grant City Attorney Rush authority to file the lawsuit passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wilford expressed his compliments to Assistant Deputy City Clerk Cosentino for the work done on the minutes from the September 3 budget workshop. He said the citizens of Alachua should go to the website and read the many things the commissioners talked about in the budget process. He also said he found the Planning training last week very informative.

Commissioner Brown wished Commissioner Boukari a happy birthday.

Commissioner Boukari said he will be the MC at Trick or Treat on Main Street. He clarified that he does not judge the costume contest.

Vice Mayor Hardacre said the Lions Club will be giving away an iPad Air at Trick or Treat on Main Street.

Mayor Coerper pointed out every year more adults are coming to the event in costume and that it is a lot of fun for families.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Approval of Minutes September 3, 2014 Budget Workshop

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor