



Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes November 10, 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: November 10, 2014

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers

AMENDED `` CITIZENS PRESENT: Edith Blalack, Harold Blalack, Marcus Enfinger, Tamara Robbins.
STAFF PRESENT: Adam Boukari, Robert Bonetti, Marcian Brown, Marcus Collins, Diana Felter, Chad
Scott, Melanie Westmoreland

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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

Mayor Coerper excused himself from the meeting for a moment. Vice Mayor Gary Hardacre led the meeting in his absence.

Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr., moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Passed by unanimous consent.

APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

Commissioner Boukari moved to approve reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by Title only; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Eagle Scout Recognition - Marcus Enfinger

Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari introduced the item and provided the introduction for Eagle Scout Marcus Enfinger.

Vice Mayor Hardacre invited Mr. Enfinger and his family to approach the podium for the presentation of a plaque to recognize him on the achievement of his Eagle Scout designation and in a gesture of appreciation for the completion of his Eagle Scout project which provided and placed several benches in City of Alachua public parks.

Mr. Enfinger spoke briefly. Mayor Coerper presented him with the plaque.

B. Fiscal Analysis Report for Period Ended September 30, 2014

Vice Mayor Hardacre turned the meeting back over to Mayor Coerper.

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

Mayor Coerper commented on the number of auditors working. Assistant Finance Director Bonetti explained they were working under a short-week schedule with the Tuesday holiday.

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**)

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Purchase of Police Patrol Vehicles

Deputy Chief Chad Scott introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked for questions or comments from the Commissioners.

Mayor Coerper inquired about the colors of the vehicles. Deputy Chief Scott confirmed they would all

be delivered with white exterior and black interior.

Commissioner Boukari moved to authorize purchase of three (3) 2015 Dodge Chargers, as detailed in the sales quote provided by AutoNation for use as police patrol vehicles; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

- B. Resolution 15-04; End of Year Budget Adjustment - Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget

City Attorney Rush provided the reading of Resolution 15-04 by title only.

Finance Director Marcian Brown introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked for comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Vice Mayor Hardacre moved to adopt Resolution 15-04 and authorize the Mayor's signature; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

- C. Project Legacy Multipurpose Fields Plan

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

Mayor Coerper asked for comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Robert Wilford asked for confirmation that the funding sources for the continuing development of the property will include applicable and available grant money.

Assistant City Manager Boukari confirmed grants will be among the sources sought to continue the development of the fields.

Mayor Coerper expressed his support for the development of the fields. He said that such a large tract was still available so near the heart of town 105 years after incorporation was unbelievable. He said now the City has the opportunity with this project to make sure it is preserved for the use of future residents.

Commissioner Wilford moved to (1) direct staff to request an extension with Alachua County on the construction completion date for the multipurpose fields as provided for in an interlocal agreement with the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners; and (2) to provide additional direction to support the extension efforts; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Tamara Robbins stated her opposition to the continuation of Project Legacy. She said the money already spent on the property, using staff, and other factors of development should have been spent completing other projects.

She said Project Legacy should be abandoned and the fields left as a place where people could bring their dogs and other things. She predicted if developed the maintenance would be nothing but a burden

on the City.

Commissioner Boukari commented that Project Legacy is a key investment to the community and noted that prior to the present Commission the City had been seeking such a property. He said he thinks it is a benefit to the entire City to have this alternate use for a property that would have been homes. He said that Project Legacy would be a benefit to every resident of the City in some way or the other.

He expressed his strong support for the project and asked for staff to confirm that the property has already been purchased and to provide clarification on the funding spent to acquire the acreage including that \$200,000 was a private donation by members of community.

Assistant City Manager Boukari clarified that \$500,000 was designated for the property from the Tourist Development Taxes of Alachua County with the interlocal agreement committing the City to construct the fields; \$500,000 was from the Wild Spaces Public Places surtax monies; and the other \$200,000 necessary to acquire the property came from private funds.

Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE

Tamara Robbins said she did not vote for the Moving Alachua Forward road surtax because the City Commission had non-existent road projects listed and because it is heavy trucks from out of the state servicing the warehouse distribution centers that damage the county roads. She said the Commission should create a truck route and keep the trucks on the roads built to carry the heavy loads. She said the City should have an air-brake law, too.

(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 Cain welcomed new Public Services Director Marcus Collins to the City of Alachua staff.

She said the A.L. Mebane Alumni is having a ceremony on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. for the unveiling of a historical marker where the Alachua County Training Center was. She also noted that City Hall would be closed on Tuesday for Veterans Day.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Boukari commented that one of the most beautiful entrances to the City was 235-A. He stated perhaps the drivers of the trucks did not spend a lot of money in the community but the businesses they were serving certainly did.

Commissioner Wilford said he attended the Senior Resources Advisory Board meeting. He said the Board was down two members as one has relocated to Georgia and another has moved to serve on another City Board. He expressed his appreciation for all veterans and looked forward to the day to honor them. He welcomed Public Services Director Collins and wished him great success.

Commissioner Brown welcomed Public Services Director Collins to Alachua and to the City staff. She offered special commendation and best wishes to Eagle Scout Marcus Enfinger.

Vice Mayor Hardacre welcomed Public Services Director Collins and extended his thanks to all the veterans and currently serving members of the Armed Forces.

Mayor Coerper congratulated Marcus Enfinger and said the local Scout troop expects to see more of its Scouts achieve Eagle Scout later this year. He personally thanked the three members of the City Commission who served in the Armed Forces in recognition of Veteran's Day.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Boukari moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. October 13, 2014 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- B. October 27, 2014 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor