



## **Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes January 26, 2015**

**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:** January 26, 2015

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

**Citizens attending:** Amanda Payne, Jesse Sandusky

**Staff attending:** Rob Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Marcian K. Brown, Joel DeCoursey, Jr., Melanie Westmoreland, Cap Wilson

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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 Commissioner Shirley Green 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. Fiscal Analysis Report for Periods Ended November 30 and December 31, 2014**

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no comments.

#### **B. Proclamation Calling the Election**

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Melanie Westmoreland introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

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

**(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. Mutual Aid Agreement - City of Ocala, FL Police Department**

Chief Joel DeCoursey, Jr., introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

**Commissioner Boukari moved to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Ocala Police Department, and transmit to the City of Ocala, FL for consideration; seconded by Vice Mayor Gary Hardacre.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

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

B. Mutual Aid Agreement - City of High Springs, FL Police Department

Chief DeCoursey introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no comments.

**Commissioner Wilford moved to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of High Springs Police Department, and transmit to the City of High Springs, FL for consideration; seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

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

C. Fiscal Year 2015 Compensation Plan

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Wilford inquired why some positions are exempt when others are not in similar or considerable less salary ranges.

Assistant City Manager Boukari said there is other criteria that also must be met and each job description must be considered individually. He said as part of the study determining competitive wages the consultant also reviewed all the job descriptions to determine exempt and non-exempt status according to Fair Labor Standards Act.

Commissioner Brown asked about the different numbering for two water treatment plant apprentice positions.

Assistant City Manager Boukari explained the difference was water versus waste water.

**Commissioner Wilford moved to approve Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2015, with proposed revisions as presented; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

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

D. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - Florida JAG Direct Grant Application

Chief DeCoursey introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

**Commissioner Brown moved to authorize Mayor to execute application on behalf of the City of**

**Alachua, and direct staff to submit said application for funding assistance to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (Office of Criminal Justice Grants). Should the request for funding assistance be granted to the agency, also authorize the Mayor to execute the Certificate of Acceptance of Subgrant Award on behalf of the City of Alachua, and direct staff to remit said Certificate of Acceptance to FDLE; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Vice Mayor Hardacre asked for an explanation of the focus team units.

Chief DeCoursey said this was an acronym for the individuals designated to focus on any incident of criminal activity.

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

E. Transforming Greater Gainesville Financial Support

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Mayor Coerper said this team has proven themselves. He said working with them has been a learning experience not only for the City but also for himself personally. He said he appreciates that the City of Alachua is called upon to participate and that it is not just working for Gainesville.

Commissioner Wilford asked if the Alachua Chamber was on board with this initiative.

President of the Alachua Chamber of Commerce Amanda Payne said she was introducing the initiative to the Chamber Board tomorrow and intends to present it in a positive manner recommending approval. She said as a business owner she supports it, but until the vote tomorrow she cannot answer the commissioner's question.

Commissioner Wilford said he agrees with the Mayor that this is not just a group that focuses only on Gainesville. He asked if any other municipality has committed to this yet.

Assistant City Manager Boukari said he understands there is discussion but Alachua is the first to bring it to a Commission meeting. He said the group is accustomed to the City of Alachua taking the lead in economic development in the region.

Vice Mayor Hardacre said he thinks the City has done all it can do to promote and prepare for businesses to come to Alachua but the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce and Council for Economic Outreach has already proven itself bringing business here. He said he supports this because it will bring jobs to the City.

Commissioner Boukari said this organization has proven itself for growing opportunities. He said he was loosely quoting Chamber President Payne from another time when he said he believes this would be 'good for the community, good for citizens, and good for the region overall'. He said he supports this and he believes the organization would work for the City's benefit even if the Commission voted not to support them.

**Commissioner Brown moved to support Transforming Greater Gainesville initiative and authorize the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and each Commissioner to sign the letter of intent pledging the City's support; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**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 Traci Cain said the Youth Symposium would be on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Fe College CIED building and she understood some of the commissioners planned to attend.

City Attorney Marian Rush said coming from St Petersburg and Tampa she had experienced competition between the two areas that ended up costing them opportunities that Orlando was happy to take up. She said she thought the City working with the Transforming Greater Gainesville initiative for the benefit of the region was a good thing.

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

Commissioner Wilford said he attended the last Youth Advisory Council and was impressed they were operating from a full contingent now. He said changing the ordinance had already brought in a young man working on Eagle Scout who attends Gainesville High School. He complimented Joni Perkins the Chair of the YAC.

He said he hopes other commissioners will be able to attend the Youth Symposium tomorrow. He said the YAC was very excited about it and it had a good agenda planned with some great speakers. He said he appreciates Commissioner Boukari taking the lead to get the YAC started a few years ago.

Commissioner Brown said she went to the Martin Luther King event then went to Gainesville where she heard YAC Chair Joni Perkins speak. She said how proud she was of this young lady from Alachua.

Commissioner Boukari said he enjoyed the Martin Luther King event at the Hathcock Center. He said he's been to all of them and he thought this was the best yet. He thanked the staff and volunteers who put it together.

He also thanked Alachua Chamber President Amanda Payne for being present. He complimented the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and how the organization works to promote economic development for the whole region. He said it is a fantastic resource for the City.

Vice Mayor Hardacre wanted to thank Alachua County Superintendent of Schools Owen Roberts for holding the Alachua Community Forum on January 15 at the Alachua Woman's Club. He said it was well attended, very informative, and very complimentary of the community.

Mayor Coerper said he wanted to echo what the Vice Mayor said. He said that the Superintendent was on a tour of all the municipalities in the county. He also said he wanted to thank Vice Mayor Hardacre for his letter to the editor about the MLK celebration.

## **ADJOURN**

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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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