



**Regular City Commission Meeting  
Minutes  
October 24, 2016**

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**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

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The City Commission will conduct a  
**Regular City Commission Meeting**  
**At 6:30 PM**  
to address the item(s) below.

**Meeting Date:** October 24, 2016

**Meeting Location:** James A. Lewis Commission Chambers, City Hall  
CITIZENS PRESENT: Diana Carlson, Gwendolyn Day, Hannah Payne, Ross Woodbridge STAFF  
ATTENDING: Adam Boukari, Melanie Anne Westmoreland

**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**

Led by Vice Mayor Robert Wilford.

**INVOCATION**

Led by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Led by Vice Mayor Wilford.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Vice Mayor Wilford opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 4-0 on roll call vote.**

Vice Mayor Wilford announced Mayor Gib Coerper is out of town.

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

**Commissioner Brown moved to approve reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.**

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

### **I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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. Resolution 17-02 Amending Swick House Rental Schedule

**City Attorney Marian Rush read Resolution 17-02 by title only.**

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

Vice Mayor Wilford asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

**Commissioner Hardacre moved to adopt Resolution 17-02; seconded by Commissioner Brown.**

Vice Mayor Wilford opened the floor for comments. There were no comments.

**Passed 4-0 on roll call vote.**

B. Letter of Support Request - Tennis Facility

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

Vice Mayor Wilford asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

**Commissioner Hardacre moved to authorize the Mayor's signature to the letter regarding Scott Paschal's presentation; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.**

Vice Mayor Wilford moved to open the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

**Passed 4-0 on roll call vote.**

**VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Diana Carlson thanked the City for its continued support for the Downtown events. She said it is that support which helps the events to be such a success and to contribute to a wonderful fall season in the Good Life Community.

*(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 thanked Ms. Carlson for her comments and for her contributions in all her volunteer activities. He said it is the involvement of its citizens that makes Alachua such a great city.

He said Trick or Treat is Downtown on Main Street on Monday, October 31.

He said Friday, November 18 is the next Movie-in-the-Park. He said the movie will be Finding Dory. He said the last Movie-in-the-Park was such a success, he hopes everyone enjoys this one, too.

He said the CDGB project is about 90% complete, and the roadways look awesome, and they are much safer. He said thank you to the Alachua Police Department for the great job they have done keeping traffic flowing and citizens safe during the road work.

He said the City has learned of a Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) and Alachua County potential project to apply for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Funds meant for springs to acquire about 8 acres around Mill Creek and about 5 acres behind the same area for a stormwater management project in an area developed prior to current stormwater regulations. He said it was a good project.

He said the City requested involvement with the project. He said the City has been placed as part of the lead organization with SRWMD in the proposal to the EPA. He said it was submitted last Friday, but he said he does not know the timelines.

He said the troublesome part of the project is that the County had made no attempt to contact the City about this project to be conducted within City limits. He said the City has also discovered through a third-party that through its Alachua County Forever program the County is inquiring into purchasing the entire 383 acres around Mill Creek; including Mill Creek and Mill Creek Sink of which over 200 acres is already zoned for conservation.

He said that the County informed the City of High Springs with a letter asking for their support; yet the City of Alachua has heard nothing from the County on either project until the City reached out asking for information.

He said the City has gone through great lengths to protect that Sink in the urban core along 441, and the lack of communication from the County to advise of their actions or their plans for this important area in the City is

a matter of great concern.

City Attorney Rush gave an update on the Myers Brothers' DEP permit currently being processed. She said attorney David Theriaque has been retained. She said the filing deadline for a request for a hearing, or for an extension of time before having to request a hearing is Monday.

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

Commissioner Brown said she is very disturbed that the County does not reach out to the City. She said she wanted Staff to keep the Commission advised on these issues with County involvement. She thanked Assistant Manager Boukari for bringing these matters to the Commission's attention.

Commissioner Boukari thanked the Alachua Business League and the Chamber for the Fall Festival. He said it was a great show and a great event.

He said he thought the Car Show seemed to be very successful; especially for a first time event and he thinks it will be successful as an annual event. He said he thinks it will fit nicely in the direction provided by events like Fall Festival and Movies-in-the-Park to showcase Downtown and the City.

He said he was surprised by the news of the projects planned for around Mill Creek Sink, but is not surprised that the County did not make any attempt to reach out to the City. He said the City has always wanted a small educational park around the Sink, and it is the hypocrisy of the County that bothers him. He said he wanted to reach out to residents abutting the City limits and invite them to be annexed into the City.

Commissioner Hardacre said his primary concern was that another city was informed which makes it look deliberate that the City of Alachua was not. He said the SRWMD has always supported the idea of a small rest area type park in that area. He said that this means of little to no cooperation and communication from the County with the City is just normal operations for the County.

He said the November meeting of the SRWMD will be held in Alachua on November 8. He said the SRWMD and the St Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) share the concerns of the City about the water situation in the region.

Vice Mayor Wilford said these latest projects and the attempts to put them forward without City involvement is County retaliation for the law suits they filed. He said it saddened him to say that, and that it was a shame the County chooses to conduct business in this way, but Staff would just have to once again go through the processes to protect City lands for conservation from the County.

He said the City wants to work with the County, but that it is not helpful when County Commissioners are recorded making false statements for the record trying to create the impression in their meetings that the City of Alachua does not cooperate with the County; while trying to conduct business in the City without bothering to ask the City to participate, for input, or even to simply inform the City of their plans.

## **ADJOURN**

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

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. September 12, 2016 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- B. Purchase of Police Patrol Vehicles

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