



**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
June 12, 2017**

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Shirley Green Brown
Commissioner Gary Hardacre
Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr.
Commissioner Robert Wilford

City Manager Traci L. Gresham
City Attorney Marian Rush

The City Commission will conduct a
Regular City Commission Meeting
At 6:00 PM
to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: June 12, 2017

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

15100 NW 142nd Terrace Alachua, FL 32615
COMMUNITY PRESENT: Rudy Rothseiden, Douglas Hancock, Samuel Fernandez, Cindy Tompkins, Darryl Tompkins, Dick Bridges, Janet Bridges, Bryan Boukari
STAFF ATTENDING: Chelsea Bakaitis, Rob Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Jesse Sanduski, Chad Scott, Justin Tabor, Rodolfo Valladares, LeAnne Williams, Cap Wilson

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 Mayor Gib Coerper.

INVOCATION

Led by Commissioner Robert Wilford.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Wilford moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Vice Mayor Shirley Green Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent

APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Commissioner Gary Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comment.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Certificate of Appreciation to former Downtown Redevelopment Trust Board Members

Community and Redevelopment Agency Coordinator Chelsea Bakaitis introduced the presentation.

Mayor Coerper presented the Certificates of Appreciation.

City Manager Traci Gresham expressed her appreciation to the members.

City Attorney Marian Rush thanked Darryl Tompkins for his guidance.

Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr. mentioned the accomplishments of the board, and thanked the members.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments

Rudy Rothseiden spoke of his concern for 142nd Terr., stating that the stop signs were taken down for the storm water plan, and would like to see some of the signs replaced. He spoke of a sink hole that has opened up in front of Hitchcock's.

Samuel Fernandez spoke of a loud vehicle pacing the streets in the Montclair neighborhood during the day and night. He requested that the commission look for a way to deal with this problem.

(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 17-09; Second Reading: Authorizing Alachua County to Levy Special Assessments Within City Boundaries for Fire Protection Services and Inclusion in the Municipal Service Benefit Unit

City Attorney Marian Rush read Ordinance 17-09 by title only.

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

Mayor Coerper commented on the insurance rates going down for those in the area of the new station.

Commissioner Wilford asked about the county raising the rate.

Assistant City Manager Boukari explained the rates.

Commissioner Wilford asked about those who do not have City water.

Assistant City Manager Boukari stated that the current station has a tanker.

Commissioner Wilford asked for more specifics regarding the ownership of the current station and how that will work when it is turned over to the county.

Assistant City Manager Boukari answered the concerns.

Commissioner Boukari spoke on the options that have been considered in the past and what is available to the City now. He asked if our current station gives us assets for negotiating purposes.

Assistant City Manager Boukari affirmed Commissioner Boukari's comments.

Commissioner Boukari stated that it appears that the county has the Turkey Creek Station as the second station up for construction. He spoke of a time when a developer spoke of a potential fire station, but couldn't remember the specifics. He asked City Attorney Rush if she had any recollection of this conversation.

City Attorney Rush could not add to the comments. She stated that she has discussed with Assistant City Manager Boukari the option of the City finding a development site for the station to help expedite the process.

Commissioner Boukari stated that he would try to find the parcel number of the property in question. He then stated that, with the millage offset, this may be the best option for the City.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Gary Hardacre spoke of the City creating its own fire department, and how it wasn't feasible for a city the size of Alachua. He stated that he has a problem with turning over control to the county; however, it seems that this is the only real option for the City.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to adopt Ordinance 17-09 on second and final reading;

seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Ridy Rothseiden stated that the main concern is the safety of the citizens, but he is concerned about the cost to the individual homes owners.

Assistant City Manager Boukari addressed the concerns regarding the cost to the citizens.

Commissioner Wilford asked about those who don't pay property taxes right now, and what is going to happen with them under the assessments.

Assistant City Manager Boukari provided clarification.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Resolution 17-14 Amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget; Increasing the Tree Bank Fund Budget by \$30,523 to provide for unanticipated revenues and expenses related to the off-site mitigation resulting from the extension of Progress Boulevard.

City Attorney Marian Rush read Resolution 17-14 by title only.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Rob Bonetti introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no comments.

Commissioner Wilfred moved to adopt Resolution 17-14; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

- B. Interlocal Agreement Between the City of High Springs and the City of Alachua for Building Official Services

City Attorney Rush introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of High Springs for Building Official Services and authorize the City Manager and Mayor to sign; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Commissioner Hardacre expressed concern that the permit holders of Alachua may not be cared for in a timely manner. He stated that he was assured by staff that the citizens of Alachua would come first.

City Manager Gresham affirmed Commissioner Hardacre's statements, and added that Building

Official Bill Whitelock was confident that he could handle the extra work load.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

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

City Manager Gresham informed the commission and public of the following:

- The public is invited to the ribbon cutting for Legacy Park on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.
- On Wednesday, June 28, 2017, from 10:30 to 4:30, there will be a Strategic Planning Retreat for the commissioners.
- On Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. we will have a Residential Development and Lending Forum. There will be a panel and discussion regarding lending opportunities and how we can better facilitate this process in the city. This is part of the strategic initiatives for the city.

City Attorney Rush commented on an article in Alachua County Today regarding the Legacy Park Multipurpose Center, to be dedicated on Wednesday.

VIII.COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wilford spoke of the 100 Men in Black Service at Saint Luke AME Church. He stated that Horace Jenkins, a City of Alachua employee, received two awards, and Commissioner Hardacre was recognized for his work in the community. He then congratulated Virginia Johns for her reappointment to the Suwanee River Water Management District Board by the Governor. He then mentioned that he gets calls about 142nd Terr. and proposed some options for the problem.

Commissioner Hardacre stated that he will be attending the Suwanee River Water Management District meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, and would let Ms. Johns know that the commissioners are pleased with her re-appointment. He stated that he was honored by the 100 Men in Black, and was surprised by the recognition. He thanked the AME Church and Brother John Brown.

Commissioner Boukari expressed concern regarding the Citizen Comment portions of the meeting, and how it appears that the citizens are being ignored by the commissioners. He stated that he would like to see a time for response from the commissioners. He stated that there was a speed trailer placed at 142nd Terr. once, and it was found that the average speed was lower than the posted speed limit. He voiced his pleasure with Legacy Park, and how it brings sports and arts to the same location. He stated that he hopes to see many from the community at the dedication ceremony.

Vice Mayor Brown expressed appreciation to the citizens for coming forward with their concerns, and voiced agreement with Commissioner Boukari regarding having a time for response to the citizens. She thanked

everyone who came to the 100 Men in Black Service. She congratulated Horace Jenkins and Commissioner Hardacre for their recognition at the service. She mentioned that many people have complimented Legacy Park.

Mayor Coerper expressed his gratitude for Mr. Tompkins' service to the City. He stated that Legacy Park will be a benefit to all of the citizens.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

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ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Gresham, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor