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City Commission Workshop Minutes July 24, 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
City Commission Workshop
At 4:30 PM
to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: July 24, 2017

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers, City Hall
CITIZENS PRESENT: Donald Bullard, Charles Wallace STAFF ATTENDING: Chelsea Bakaitis, Rob Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Anne-Marie DiRocco, Alan Henderson, Tara Malone, Jesse Sanduski, Esperanza Smith, Rodolfo Valladares, Kathy Winburn, LeAnne Williams, Cap Wilson.

WORKSHOP 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Led by Mayor Gib Coerper.

II. AGENDA ITEM

A. Budget Workshop - Policy Directives and Utility Rates

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

Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr. questioned the rate increase for water/wastewater. Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti provided an explanation.

Commissioner Gary Hardacre requested clarification regarding the eight year model of increases. Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti provided clarification. Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari provided further clarification, sighting expenses that the City has absorbed over the years, rather than increasing the rates.

Commissioner Robert Wilford said that he would like for staff to place these explanations in the budget

so that the citizens will know why the increases are necessary.

Commissioner Boukari expressed his appreciation for the explanation.

Assistant City Manager Boukari went into detail as to the rates and the increases.

Vice Mayor Shirley Green Brown thanked Assistant City Manager Boukari for going into detail.

Commissioner Hardacre asked about the replacement of meters. Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti stated that we are looking into the change.

Commissioner Hardacre asked if we are still getting money from the reclaimed water program. Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti answered the question.

City Manager Traci Gresham stated that it depends on the month.

Mayor Coerper asked for an update as to when the outstanding loans are due. Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti provided the dates.

Commissioner Hardacre asked about the charges for the fire house and the changes that are coming in regards to the fire assessment rates with the County. Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti provided clarification. Assistant City Manager Boukari provided further clarification.

Commissioner Boukari asked who paid the fees last year and about our contract with the County. Assistant Manager Boukari discussed the contract.

Commissioner Wilford thanked Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti for the presentation.

Vice Mayor Brown asked if one hour was going to be enough time for the next meeting.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti stated that he believes so.

City Manager Gresham asked if there was a meeting before the Budget Workshop. Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti affirmed that there is one. City Manager Gresham suggested that we change the time to 4:30 P.M. on August 14, 2017 and August 28, 2017 so that we aren't stressed for time. Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti agreed that this would be beneficial.

III. ADJOURN

Mayor Coerper adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Gresham, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor