



Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes October 9, 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: October 9, 2017

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

CITIZENS PRESENT: Bill Johnson, Stuart Cullen, Ed Potts, Sayed Moukhtara, Douglas Hancock, Terri Burley
STAFF ATTENDING: Rob Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Pastor Mark Johns, Tara Malone, Lt. Charles Nahrwold, Bob Purdy, 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, with Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr. absent.

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Mark Johns.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Robert Wilford moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Gary Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent, 4-0.

APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

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

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comment.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent, 4-0.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. White Cane Safety Month Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams introduced the presentation.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation and presented it to the representative of the Lion's Club.

B. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams introduced the presentation.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

Commissioner Boukari joined the meeting.

C. Informational Presentation Regarding a Request of Release by Vero Beach from FMPA Power Project Contracts

Public Services Director Rodolfo Valladares introduced the presentation.

Assistant General Manager Mark McCain presented the presentation.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no comments.

D. Presentation Honoring the Alachua Police Department

Mayor Coerper introduced the presentation.

Bill Johnson was recognized as the creator of the Thin Blue Line Tattered Flag.

Alachua Police Department was recognized for their dedication and service.

II. 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 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

A. Resolution 18-01, Planning & Zoning Board Appointment

Principal Planner Justin Tabor presented the appointments.

Ed Potts and Anthony Wright came forward to address the Commission.

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Williams conducted the ballot process.

City Attorney Marian Rush read Resolution 18-01 by title only.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to 1) Appoint one (1) member to the Planning & Zoning Board and 2) Adopt Resolution 18-01, to be finalized to include the name Anthony Wright; seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

(Presentations, other than the applicant, please limit to 3 Minutes)

A. Tara Village Preliminary Plat: A request by Stuart Cullen, P.E., of George F. Young, Inc., applicant and agent for Tara Village, Inc., property owner, for consideration of the preliminary plat of Tara Village, which proposes the subdivision of a ±21.83 acre subject property into a total of 20 lots, with associated common areas and right-of-way. Tax Parcel Numbers 03974-004-000 and 03974-005-000 (Quasi-Judicial Hearing).

Principal Planner Tabor, after being sworn in, introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Stuart Cullen of George F. Young Inc. came forward to address the Commission.

Vice Mayor Brown moved based upon the competent substantial evidence presented at this hearing, the presentation before this Commission, and Staff's recommendation, this Commission finds the application to be consistent with the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan and in compliance with the Land Development Regulations and approves the Preliminary Plat

of Tara Village, seconded by Commissioner Boukari.

Commissioner Boukari requested clarification as to the concerns of the citizens at the neighborhood meeting that took place.

Mr. Cullen addressed the concerns.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

- B. Ordinance 18-01, First Reading: Land Development Regulations (LDR) Text Amendment - A request by the City of Alachua to amend the City's sign regulations (Legislative Hearing).

City Attorney Marian Rush read Ordinance 18-01 by title only.

Principal Planner Tabor introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Commissioner Robert Wilford asked if there were provision for obscenity in the ordinance.

City Attorney Marian Rush informed the Commission of legal matters regarding this issue.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Boukari moved the City Commission find the proposed Text Amendments to the City's Land Development Regulations (LDRs) to be consistent with the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan and in compliance with the City's LDRs and: 1. Approve Ordinance 18-01 on first reading; and, 2. Schedule second and final reading of Ordinance 18-01 for October 23, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Douglas Hancock came forward to express concern regarding FDOT signage and the wall signage proposal.

City Attorney Rush addressed the matter regarding the FDOT.

Principal Planner Tabor went into more detail regarding FDOT signage and the wall signage.

Commissioner Boukari asked if a sign variance could be issued for a special circumstance.

Principal Planner Tabor affirmed that a business can always apply for a variance.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Strategic Plan - FY 2018

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Boukari expressed his appreciation to City Manager Traci Gresham and the staff. He spoke about the strategic plan and the priorities therein.

Commissioner Wilford stated that the strategic plan is the guideline from the Commission to the staff, and that this is where the direction for the staff comes from.

Mayor Coerper stated that the plans for the infrastructure is proactive and not reactive.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to adopt the Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2018; seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

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

There were no comments.

VIII.COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wilford expressed his appreciation to those who have reached out to him concerning his illness. He congratulated Dayna Miller and Anthony Wright, who were appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Commissioner Hardacre stated that he will be attending the Suwannee River Water Management District Meeting on October 10, 2017.

Commissioner Boukari thanked the staff for the preparation for the Florida League of Cities Ethics Training that took place in the Commission Chambers last week.

Vice Mayor Brown stated that she appreciates the service of the City staff and the Police Department staff. She congratulated Dayna Miller and Anthony Wright, who were reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Board. She thanked City Manager Gresham and Assistant City Manager Boukari for moving on the strategic plan for the city.

Mayor Coerper reminded everyone of the White Cane walk this Saturday. He stated that he was invited to read to the second graders at the Alachua Learning Academy again this year. He stated that he encountered a man who he had coached years ago, who is now coaching himself.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Boukari moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>

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ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Gresham, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor