



Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes October 23, 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 23, 2017

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

CITIZENS PRESENT: Gavrang Prada, Silvia Huamoni, Cesau Prada, Pastor Michael Miller, Amrita Mody, Kunja Mody, LM Dove, Annette Lange, Douglas Hancock, Susan Reed. STAFF ATTENDING: Adam Boukari, Officer Richard Pilgrim, Justin Tabor, Rodolfo Valladares, LeAnne Williams, Kathy Winburn

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 Pastor Michael Miller, Antioch Baptist Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comment.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Bhaktivedanta Academy Artwork Certificate Presentation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams introduced the presentation.

Mayor Coerper and Susan Reed presented the students with certificates.

B. Florida City Government Week Proclamation

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

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

Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari spoke of concerns that were brought to him by citizens.

City Attorney Marian Rush gave clarification.

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Wilford asked about way-finding signage.

Principal Planner Tabor provided clarification.

Assistant City Manager Boukari provided further clarification.

Commissioner Gary Hardacre asked about citizen comment.

Principal Planner Tabor affirmed the comments.

Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr. moved that 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 adopt Ordinance 18-01 on second and final reading, except for removing 6.5.4C(3); seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Douglas Hancock thanked staff for meeting to go over the ordinance with him.

Bud Calderwood spoke about what the Land Development Regulation board intended when the sign ordinance was enacted years ago. He suggested that the City have a workshop to discuss signage in the near future.

City Attorney Rush spoke about regulations and their effects on a city.

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

Assistant City Manager Boukari spoke about the ordinance.

Annette Lange asked for clarification regarding a sign on her building.

Assistant City Manager Boukari provided information.

City Attorney Rush suggested that Ms. Lange make an appointment with a planner.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. 2018 City Commission Calendar

Assistant City Manager Boukari introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Boukari moved to approve the Proposed 2018 City Commission Meeting Calendar; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

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

Assistant City Manager Boukari stated that the viewing of Hocus Pocus at Hitchcock Baseball Field went well, and that movie events like this will happen quarterly, weather permitting. He announced Trick or Treat on Main Street from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m, October 31, 2017. He informed the Commission that the City was awarded the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization project for \$700,000, which is for roadway resurfacing and sidewalks.

City Attorney Rush expressed how much she enjoyed the movie in the park.

VIII.COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wilford thanked the staff for all of the meetings that happened in response to the Sign Ordinance.

Commissioner Hardacre thanked the citizens for helping with the sign ordinance. He stated that we need to give the Chamber of Commerce plenty of warning when these items come up. He stated that we try to use common sense when coming up with these regulations.

Commissioner Boukari stated that he sees more citizens stepping up and helping make things happen in the City. He remarked on how good it is to have citizens speak up and state their opinion.

Vice Mayor Brown thanked the staff and the citizens for coming together to make decisions for the City. She stated that Main Street is looking beautiful. She thanked Rev. Miller for providing the invocation.

Mayor Coerper encouraged the citizens to walk Main Street and look at the beautiful decorations. He thanked Mi Apa's for holding a fundraiser for Relay for Life.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Boukari moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Traci L. Gresham, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor