



Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes February 25, 2019

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Gary Hardacre
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown
Commissioner Dayna Miller
Commissioner Robert Wilford

City Manager Adam Boukari
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: February 25, 2019

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers

CITIZENS PRESENT: Florine Walker STAFF ATTENDING: Rob Bonetti, Mike DaRoza, Elliot Harris, Ashley McGraw, Jesse Sandusky, Chad Scott, Donna Smith, 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 Evangelist Florine Walker of St. Luke AME.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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 Dayna Miller moved to approve the reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Vice Mayor Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Fiscal Analysis Report for FY 2018-2019 through January 31, 2019

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Mayor Coerper thanked Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti thanked his staff.

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**)

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Mill Creek Sink Project-Land Purchase Contract

Compliance and Risk Management Director Cap Wilson introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Mayor Coerper stated this was an exciting development for the community.

Compliance and Risk Management Director Wilson elaborated on this point.

Commissioner Wilford moved to (1) Approve the contract for the purchase of Tax Parcel 03066-004-001 from Pine Acres, LLC. and Parcels 03066-004-000 and 03066-006-002 from Megahee Enterprises, LTD., LLLP at a Total Purchase Price of up to \$420,0000, inclusive of closing costs; and (2) Authorize and direct the Mayor to execute the contract and all documents to close the purchases; seconded by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

B. RFB 2019-03 Alachua East Wastewater Collection Infrastructure Improvements Award

Purchasing Specialist Donna Smith introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Commissioner Brown moved to 1) Authorize the City Manager, contingent on the acquisition of necessary land rights, to enter into a contract with W.G. Johnson and Son, Inc. to provide construction services for the Alachua Wastewater Collection Infrastructure Improvements Project base bid consistent with RFB 2019-03, in an amount not to exceed \$1,093,208.95; and Alternate #1, if deemed necessary by the City Manager, in an amount not to exceed \$24,450.00; seconded by Commissioner Miller.

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.

Sandra Varnell asked for information regarding the history of certain churches in the city.

Commissioner Brown made arrangements to get the information to her.

(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 Adam Boukari updated the Commission on the Tobacco Ordinance passed by the County Commission, which was to take effect August, 2019.

He stated the County was planning to use a private contractor to enforce this ordinance and investigate violations. He stated the cities would not be involved with enforcement or collecting of fees.

City Attorney Marian Rush stated she spoke with attorneys from some of the other cities to see if anyone else was considering opting out, and found none. She informed the Commission that the ordinance does not state that the opt-out must occur by a certain date.

Mayor Coerper inquired as to the difficulty of the opt-out provision.

City Attorney Rush stated the Commission must determine the public purpose for opting out, in light of what the ordinance was trying to accomplish.

City Manager Boukari clarified that the position of the Commission was not opposed to the health aspects of the ordinance, but that local legislation should be derived locally. He emphasized that the legislative process of analysis and due diligence on behalf of the stakeholders must be conducted. He stated this process should include the City's strategic plan as prioritized by the Commission.

City Attorney Rush commented further regarding the opt-out process.

Commissioner Wilford asked what steps should be taken next.

City Manager Boukari stated he was prepared to take direction from the Commission regarding engaging staff. He spoke of his concern that this legislation doesn't consider the impact it would have on all aspects of the community.

City Attorney Rush emphasized that the Commission must take note of how this ordinance had taken place. She stated this may be a glimpse into the future of how the County would put forward ordinances that impact the cities in its borders.

Commissioner Miller stated she would like the Commission to consider directing City Manager Boukari and staff to 1. Determine what it would take to opt-out; 2. Gather information on what the impact would be on the community and the businesses within; 3. What could the Commission do to try to keep this from happening in the future in regards to the opt-in versus opt-out problem; 4. Have City Manager Boukari speak with other city managers to find out where their staff, managers, and commissions stand on this issue.

Commissioner Wilford agreed he was also concerned about the way the County had chosen to enact this legislation and future legislation.

Mayor Coerper stated he sees the County as moving to opt-out only practices in the future.

City Manager Boukari stated he would take the direction as laid out by Commissioner Miller, if no objections, and stated if the Commission had further direction for him to let him know.

Commission Brown stated she appreciates that City Attorney Rush and City Manager Boukari look at issues from a variety of angles and bring that information to the Commission. She stated she would like to see the relationship between the City and the County remain mutually beneficial.

Vice Mayor Hardacre stated this issue appears to be an over-regulation by the government.

Commissioner Brown stated she would like for the citizens in general to become more health conscious.

Commissioner Miller clarified the number of businesses this legislation would impact.

Vice Mayor Hardacre spoke of the issues with vaping.

Mayor Coerper stated vaping was exploding in the youth. He stated one of the problems with opting out could be that the City could become the vape hub of the county.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Miller stated she attended the Alachua Business League Networking Social, which was well attended. She stated she attended the Investiture Ceremony of Meshon Rawls, which was wonderful. She stated she attended the opening of the Manor Restaurant on Main Street, and she wishes them well. She mentioned there was to be a free webinar from the Florida League of Cities University on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 2:00 P.M. regarding the upcoming legislative session. She stated she also attended the OneStop Medical Center ribbon cutting.

Commissioner Brown thanked Evangelist Walker for the invocation. She stated she attended the four year anniversary of Apostle Bishop Adrian Weeks, who was at St. Matthew Baptist Church. She said it was announced there that the Kingdom Business Institute would begin March 5, 2019, at 7:00 P.M., and each Tuesday in the month of March for a \$20 fee. She mentioned the African American Read In was well attended and Tabitha Jenkins, a former student and author of “The Neighborhood Kids”, was there. She stated she attended the opening of the Manor Restaurant on Main Street, the OneStop Medical Center ribbon cutting, and the Investiture Ceremony of Meshon Rawls.

Commissioner Wilford thanked Public Services Director Rodolfo Valladares and his staff for working to resolve issues in the Turkey Creek area. He thanked Deputy City Clerk Alan Henderson and Assistant Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams for excellence in the minutes of the Commission meetings. He stated he attended a meeting of the Optimist Club of Alachua, a group focused on assisting the youth of the community, and there was another meeting scheduled for February 27, 2019, at Tony and Al’s Restaurant. He stated he attended the Veterans Stand Down, where agencies were in attendance to help homeless veterans with various needs. He stated he attended the African American Read In, which was excellent. He informed the Commission he would be in attendance at a task force meeting in Lake City regarding the sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, GA, and would be recommending a resolution be approved by the North Florida Regional Planning Council citing this issue with recommendations to alleviate this problem. He reminded the citizens March 10, 2019, begins daylight savings time.

Vice Mayor Hardacre spoke of the sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, GA. He stated a city representative was in attendance at the Suwannee River Water Management District meeting, where it was learned that, due to a variety of reasons, this had been an ongoing problem for much longer than had been previously known. He stated the Suwannee River Water Management District had offered the City of Valdosta as much support as they could offer to resolve this problem, but the scope of the problem would take many years to correct.

Mayor Coerper stated he appreciated all of the events happening in the community. He stated he would also like to see promotion of the city as an event destination.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wilford moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. January 28, 2019 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- B. February 11, 2019 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Adam Boukari, City Manager/Clerk

Gib Coerper, Mayor