

Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda March 25, 2024

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Dayna Miller
Commissioner Jennifer Blalock
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown
Commissioner Edward Potts

City Manager Mike DaRoza
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: March 25, 2024

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers
15100 NW 142 Terr.

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY
TITLE ONLY**

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A.** Irby Elementary School Special MLK Student Artist Appreciation
- B.** Youth Advisory Council Restoring Dignity Donor Awards
- C.** Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
- D.** An Introduction to Crafty Gemini
- E.** 2024 Great American Cleanup Proclamation
- F.** Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(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.** Public Safety Radio System User Agreement

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(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.)

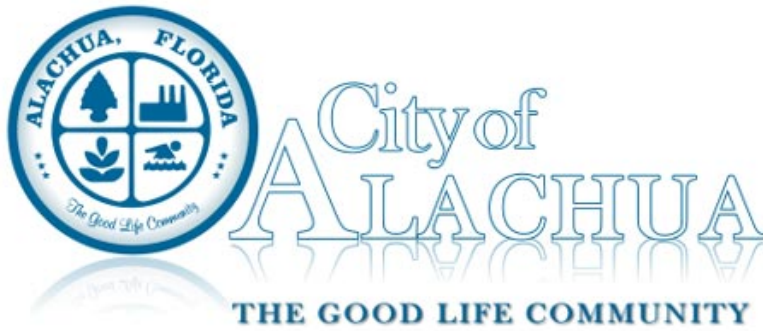
VII. COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

VIII.COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

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CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 3/25/2024

SUBJECT: Irby Elementary School Special MLK Student Artist Appreciation

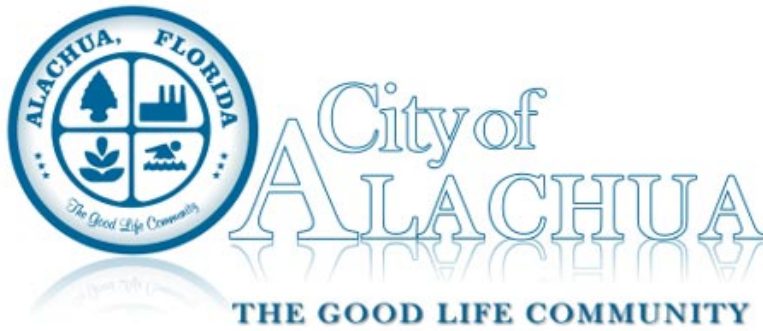
PREPARED BY: Diane L. Amendola, Assistant Deputy City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Mayor Coerper, Mrs. Chapov, and Mrs. Fischer to present the certificates to the student artists.

Summary

Students in Mrs. Chapov and Mrs. Fischer's 1st grade classes were tasked in creating artwork for The Martin Luther King Jr. day celebration. After the celebration the artwork was proudly displayed in foyer of City Hall. In recognition of the student artists, we are presenting art certificates to the students of the Irby Elementary School.



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 3/25/2024

SUBJECT: Youth Advisory Council Restoring Dignity Donor Awards

PREPARED BY: LeAnne Williams, Deputy City Clerk

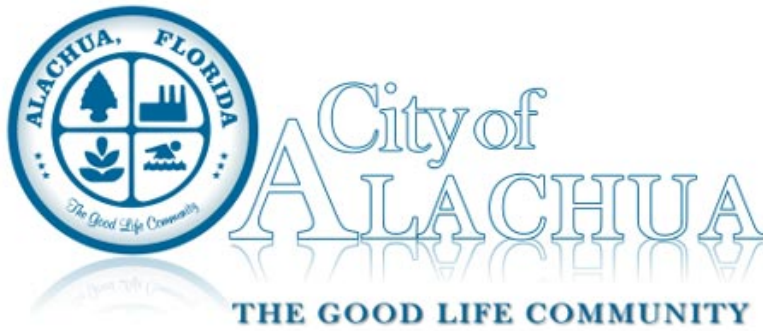
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive the presentation and for Mayor Coerper to present the certificates.

Summary

The City of Alachua's Youth Advisory Council had many notable donors to this year's community service project. Their project was titled "Restoring Dignity". Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams, staff liaison to the YAC, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Diane Amendola, Chair Emma Cedeno-Alonso, Vice Chair Abigail Blumer, Member Robert Hu, Member Selina Liu, Member Keyosha Queen, General Council Member Jolene Brown, General Council Member Natalie Klein, and General Council Member Joshua Smoak will be presenting awards to several business and individuals for their efforts and contributions made during the event.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 3/25/2024

SUBJECT: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

PREPARED BY: Mike DaRoza, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Present the Certificate of Achievement to the members of the Finance & Administrative Services Department team.

Summary

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Alachua for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. This is the thirteenth consecutive year that the City has achieved this prestigious award.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an accurate, easily readable, and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report. This audit report must satisfy generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), applicable law, and GFOA requirements. Members of the GFOA Special Review Committee must unanimously recommend the awarding of this certificate.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No

BUDGETED:No

COMMISSION GOALS:

Strengthen Community Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ GFOA Certificate



Government Finance Officers Association

Certificate of
Achievement
for Excellence
in Financial
Reporting

Presented to

**City of Alachua
Florida**

For its Annual Comprehensive
Financial Report
For the Fiscal Year Ended

September 30, 2022

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Presented to

City of Alachua
Florida

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended

September 30, 2010

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFRs) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.



Linda C. Sandson
President
Jeffrey L. Esser
Executive Director

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Christopher P. Morin
President
Jeffrey L. Esser
Executive Director

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Presented to

City of Alachua
Florida

Jeffrey L. Esser
Executive Director / CEO

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021



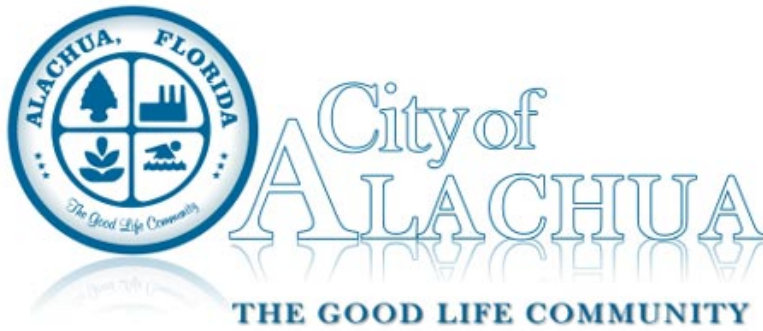
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Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 3/25/2024

SUBJECT: An Introduction to Crafty Gemini

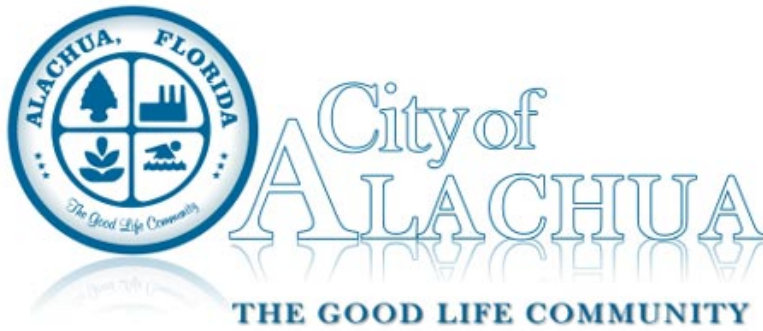
PREPARED BY: LeAnne Williams, Deputy City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive the presentation.

Summary

Crafty Gemini has been hired by the Recreation and Culture Department to develop our senior, youth, and community programming. Vanessa Wilson, owner and operator of Crafty Gemini will give an overview of the programs and successes to date. Brandon Wilson, President of 399 Sports volunteers with Vanessa as coaches in the sports programs at Legacy Park.



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 3/25/2024

SUBJECT: 2024 Great American Cleanup Proclamation

PREPARED BY: Rodolfo Valladares, Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Mayor to read the proclamation.

Summary

The City of Alachua is seeking help to beautify our community by participating in our local Great American Cleanup event scheduled for Saturday, May 4th.

The Great American Cleanup is the country's largest community improvement program that kicks off in more than 20,000 communities each spring. This program is designed to end littering, improve recycling and beautify our community. We encourage volunteers to participate in our local cleanup.

This year, we will begin at 8:30 am at City Hall with breakfast being provided. Trash bags, safety vests, gloves, maps and instructions for the cleanup will also be provided. The event will conclude by noon.

The City is currently accepting sponsorships for this event. By aligning with both organizational and personal passions, we continue to make a difference.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No

BUDGETED: Yes

FUNDING SOURCE: Other

COMMISSION GOALS:

Quality of Life, Community Enhancement, Strengthen Community Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ 2024 Great American Cleanup Proclamation



City of Alachua, Florida

Office of Mayor Gib Coerper

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Keep Alachua County Beautiful annually coordinates a Great American Cleanup for Alachua County and all municipalities located within Alachua County to cleanup and beautify our community;

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Alachua, Florida recognizes the benefits of participation in the Great American Cleanup and desires to publicly recognize the event and request community support:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gib Coerper, Mayor of the City of Alachua, Florida by virtue of the authority invested in me, do hereby proclaim May 4th, 2024 as

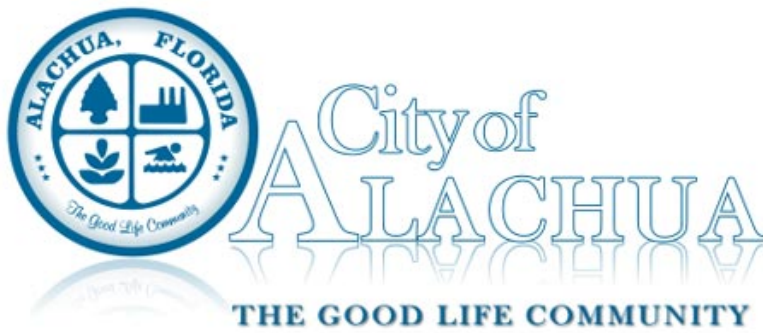
GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP DAY

In the City of Alachua and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to actively participate in this worthwhile event to cleanup and beautify our City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of February, 2024

ATTEST:

Gib Coerper, Mayor
City of Alachua



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 3/25/2024

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

PREPARED BY: Jesse J. Sandusky - Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Mayor Coerper to read the proclamation.

Summary

Every April, Florida participates in the National Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign. The initiative is an effort to protect Florida's most precious citizens: the children. This evening, you will hear a brief update on the Alachua Police Department's involvement with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce. Jacob Clore with Partnership for Strong Families will also make a few comments. We will then ask Mayor Coerper to read the proclamation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No

BUDGETED:No

COMMISSION GOALS:

Community Enhancement, Strengthen Community Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ☐ Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation



City of Alachua, Florida
Office of Mayor Gib Coerper

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alachua's future prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of the children currently residing in Alachua; and

WHEREAS, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problem, including physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal behavior, which affect all of society; and

WHEREAS, research shows that parents and caregivers who have social networks and know how to seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children; and

WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, schools, and faith-based and community organizations must make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational development and competency of all children; and

WHEREAS, children deserve the opportunity to grow and thrive in healthful environments, free from threats of violence and harm; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, public and private-sector agencies, child care professionals, child advocates, and residents will be increasing the public's awareness of child abuse and neglect prevention

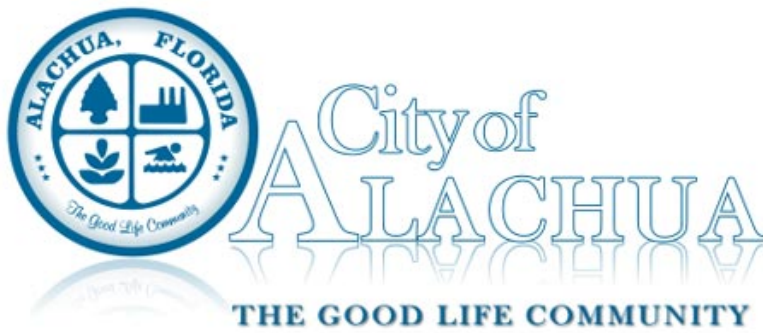
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gib Coerper, Mayor of the City of Alachua, Florida, representing the City and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim **April** as

"Child Abuse Prevention Month"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **25th** day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:

Gib Coerper, Mayor



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 3/25/2024

SUBJECT: Public Safety Radio System User Agreement

PREPARED BY: Jesse J. Sandusky - Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommended action is to accept and have the Mayor and City Attorney execute the new user agreement.

Summary

Historically, public safety radio services county-wide have been provided by GRUCom, the communications arm of Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU). This includes 10 partner agencies, including the Alachua Police Department. All local law enforcement agencies, fire rescue agencies, and some local municipal and federal agencies utilize the trunked radio system (TRS) that until recently, has been wholly owned and operated by GRUCom.

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has recently purchased the radio system previously owned by GRUCom. This has resulted in a more equitable share amongst all system users. After the purchase, all partner agencies, including the Alachua Police Department, received new user agreements. Under the new agreement, the City of Alachua will pay Alachua County a total \$84,084.00 annually for a period of 5 years. This annual payment will be made in 12 monthly installments of \$7,007.00. After 5 years, the agreement will be renegotiated.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Yes

BUDGETED: Yes

AMOUNT: \$84,084.00

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Final Agreement

PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM USER AGREEMENT

This agreement is between Alachua County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (County) and the City of Alachua, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida (User), collectively referred to as Parties.

WHEREAS, Alachua County has purchased the Public Safety Radio System (PSRS), also known as the Trunked Radio System, previously owned by the City of Gainesville; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that public agencies have access to the PSRS for purposes of interoperability, and communication with the Combined Communications Center which provides county-wide dispatch services and allows for the efficient operation of local governments which use the PSRS; and

WHEREAS, the User operates a public safety agency that qualifies to use the frequencies allocated to the PSRS.

THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1.) This agreement shall be effective as of 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2024 and shall renew annually on October 1, unless terminated by the parties.
- 2.) The Parties agree and acknowledge that the PSRS is and will remain under the sole control of County, including as required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations. County hereby permits User to utilize the components of the PSRS required for interoperable communication, including the frequencies occupied by the PSRS and the talk groups assigned to User, subject to reasonable limitations on the foregoing as may be imposed by the County. User shall ensure that its use of the of the PSRS and the use of same by its employees, agents, vendors, and subcontractors shall strictly comply with the terms of this Agreement, any operating procedures or protocols as maybe established by County from time to time, and all applicable laws and regulations, including FCC regulations.
- 3.) User agrees to abide by all applicable restrictions and limitations on the use of the PSRS as defined by the County or otherwise required by FCC regulations.
- 4.) All of User's equipment must comply with County's technical specifications and requirements for such equipment utilizing the PSRS. County shall provide User with these technical specifications and requirements upon request and shall provide written notice to User of any material changes (including changes that would require replacement or upgrade of existing units) at least ninety (90) days in advance of any such material change.

- 5.) User is solely responsible for the purchase of Subscriber Units (Radios), and any such purchase (including any required upgrade or reprogramming) will be at the expense of the User. Subscriber Units must be procured by User and must be approved in writing in advance by the County; in all instances, User must obtain County written approval of the Subscriber Units prior to utilization on the PSRS. The user is also solely responsible for the costs of programming the Subscriber Units. Programming and reprogramming of Subscriber Units may only be performed by the County, unless otherwise expressly approved in advance in writing by the County, and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 6.) For all User's Subscriber Units, User shall meet or exceed the minimum maintenance standards as recommended by the Unit owner's manual. County may offer (but is not required to) and the User may utilize (but is not required to) maintenance services by County for Subscriber Unit maintenance at County's then-current rates. In all events, the User shall utilize only repair facilities or persons expressly approved in writing by County to maintain or repair any Subscriber Unit, and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 7.) User shall have access to system reports upon request.
- 8.) User will pay to County **\$7,007.00** in 12 equal monthly installments totaling **\$84,084** annually for a period of 5 years. At the end of 5 years the payment for services under this agreement will be renegotiated to include a method for the calculation of user fees going forward. It is the intent of the parties that services will continue to be provided.
- 9.) Notices. In order for a notice to a party to be effective under this Agreement, notice must be sent via U.S. first-class mail, with a contemporaneous copy via e-mail, to the addresses listed below and shall be effective upon mailing. The addresses for notice shall remain as set forth herein unless and until changed by providing notice of such change.

NOTICE TO COUNTY

Alachua County
Fire Rescue Chief
Harold Theus
911 SE 5th St.
Gainesville, FL 32601
AlachuaTRS@alachuasheriff.org

NOTICE TO USER

Alachua City Manager
Mike DaRoza
PO Box 9
Alachua, FL 32616-0009

- 10.) The Parties agree that an electronic version of this Agreement shall have the same legal effect and enforceability as a paper version. The Parties further agree that this Agreement, regardless of whether in electronic or paper form, may be executed by use of electronic signatures. Electronic signatures shall have the same legal effect and enforceability as manually written signatures. Delivery of this Agreement or any other document contemplated hereby bearing a manually written or electronic signature, by electronic mail in "portable document format" (".pdf") form, or by any other electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing an original or electronic signature.
- 11.) Sovereign Immunity. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the County or the User to the extent sovereign immunity may be applicable.
- 12.) In the event that the purchase by the County of the Public Safety Radio System be held invalid and the PSRS be returned to the ownership and operation of the City of Gainesville, this agreement will cease to have any effect as of the turnover. All amounts due under this agreement will be payable based upon a pro-rata calculation of the time that the County operated the PSRS. The County shall not be held responsible for any costs or damages resulting from a reversion of the ownership of the PSRS under this paragraph.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed for the uses and purposes therein as dated below.

CITY OF ALACHUA

Printed Name: Gib Coerper
Title: Mayor
Date:

WITNESS:

Printed Name:

Title:

Date:

Approved as to form:

Marion B. Rush, City Attorney

ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Printed Name: Mary C. Alford

Title: Chair

Date:

ATTEST:

Printed Name: J.K. "Jess" Irby

Title: Clerk of Court

Date:

Approved as to form:

County Attorney's Office