



City of
ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
May 22, 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: May 22, 2017

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

The Regular Commission Meeting will follow adjournment of the Joint City-County Meeting. CITIZENS

PRESENT: Williams Burger, Douglas Hancock, Ross Woodbridge, Vida May Waters STAFF

ATTENDING: Rob Bonetti, Adam Boukari, Jesse Sanduski, Chad Scott, LeAnne Williams, Cap Wilson,
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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr 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.

APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

Commissioner Boukari 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

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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. Planning & Zoning Board Appointment

Planning and Community Director Kathy Winburn presented the appointments.

Mayor Coerper asked the commission for questions or comments.

There were no comments.

Assistant Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams distributed, collected, and tallied the vote.

Planning and Community Director Winburn Announced that Virginia Johns has been appointed for a 3 year term.

City Attorney Marian Rush read Resolution 17-13 by title only.

Vice Mayor Brown moved to 1) Appoint one (1) member to the Planning & Zoning Board. 2) Adopt Resolution 17-13, to be finalized to include the name of Virginia Johns as the appointed member; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

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. Ordinance 17-09; First Reading: Authorizing Alachua County to Levy Special Assessments Within City Boundaries for Fire Protection Services and Inclusion in the Municipal Service Benefit Unit

City Attorney Rush read Ordinance 17-09 by title only.

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Robert Wilford asked when the County first considered MSBU and why is the City learning about it now at the last minute. Assistant City Manager Boukari stated that it is most likely because the MSTU was going from 1.7 to 2.2 mills. He stated that the City currently doesn't participate in this, but smaller municipalities have been participating.

Commissioner Wilford asked, in regards to the reduction in the millage rate, if the commissioners opt to do this, would this put the millage rate at 5.3 or 5.5. Assistant City Manager Boukari stated that, if we aren't paying the current fire contract, a reduction in the millage rate will be recommended.

Commissioner Boukari stated that he feels that this is last minute. He took issue with statements from a citizen regarding Turkey Creek, and said that the citizens in Turkey Creek are tax paying members of the City of Alachua. He expressed that the new station being built is his primary concern in this consideration. He asked if staff is confident that the County staff is committed to putting in a station at Turkey Creek in the next few years. Assistant City Manager Boukari stated that the City staff is confident we can get out of the assessment in March of every year, and if the staff doesn't see the County moving on this issue, the commissioners could exit the agreement and begin looking into alternatives.

Commissioner Boukari stated that the expenses involved in taking on a City fire department would be cost prohibitive, but that there is the option of exiting the agreement in a year, if the County doesn't move on the issue of a new station. He also expressed his trust in the City staff.

Commissioner Wilford stated that the cost is what concerns him. He said parts of the presentation said, "Updated data in June". He asked if this data will be available before the commissioners must vote at the next meeting. Assistant City Manager Boukari addressed his concerns.

Mayor Coerper stated that for 13 years this has been in the County's Master Plan, and that the County must be getting pressure to fulfill this part of the plan.

Commissioner Hardacre reviewed the options available to the Commission. He stated the commissioners need to determine what the best option for the City is, and commit to it.

Commissioner Boukari informed the commissioners that the only way that he will support this is if there is a drop in the millage rate. He stated that the City of Alachua has been getting a good deal from the County for years, and now we will have to start paying for it. He remarked that the new station is key for him to consider this plan.

Vice Mayor Brown expressed her concerns regarding the assessments.

Vice Mayor Brown moved to (1) Discuss options to participate in the MSBU; and (2) if desired, approve Ordinance 17-09 on first reading and schedule second reading for June 12, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Bud Calderwood expressed that if we go into this agreement, we will never get out of it. He informed the commissioners that the county millage rate has gone up every year for the last 3 years, and that it will happen again.

Commissioner Boukari appealed to the public to bring forth any ideas or options to what has already been presented.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Long Range Transportation Plan - Presentation by CHW

Planning and Community Development Director Kathy Winburn introduced the item.

Gerry Dedenbach of CHW gave the presentation.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Boukari thanked Mr. Dedenbach for his hard work and the Mayor for his leadership in this issue.

Commissioner Wilford stated that this has been part of the City's Strategic Plan, and that it is nice it is to see a good presentation with which the commissioners can work. He thanked the City Manager and staff for follow through on the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to adopt the Long Range Transportation Plan; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Assistant City Manager Boukari expressed his pleasure with how the City of Alachua has been strategically planned to benefit everyone. He expressed his gratitude toward CHW for bringing forward a high-level product.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

B. Wild Spaces Public Places Joint Project Grant Interlocal Agreement with Alachua County

Assistant City Manager Boukari introduced the item and made recommendations.

Commissioner Boukari moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and the City of Alachua for Distribution of Wild Spaces & Public Places Environmental Lands, Parks and Recreation One-Half Percent Sales Tax; seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Doug Hancock expressed concerns regarding noise from the proposed amphitheater, and asked if the amphitheater will go forward as a result of this motion. He asked if there have been any studies conducted regarding noise pollution. Assistant City Manager Boukari address the concerns.

Commissioner Boukari expressed that the citizens/neighbors are always part of the considerations when these kinds of projects are planned.

Mayor Coerper agreed with the statements that the commissioners are always mindful of the citizens' concerns with these kinds of projects.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

C. Purchase of Bleachers for Legacy Park Multipurpose Center

Assistant City Manager Boukari introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked for specifics regarding the the kind of bleachers being considered. Assistant City Manager Boukari informed the commissioners of the details.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Brown moved to authorize the City Manager to acquire the necessary bleachers for the Legacy Park Multipurpose Facility at a cost not to exceed \$155,000; 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

City Attorney Rush stated that, according to Florida Statute 286.0118, as the attorney for the City of Alachua, she desires the advice of this commission regarding the case of the City of Alachua and Robert Hartly, the petitioners, vs. Myers Brothers, Inc. and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the respondents, in the State of Florida Division of Administrative Hearing: Case #17-0590. She stated that the subject matter of this meeting shall be confined to settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures. She requested the commissioner's permission to schedule this Executive Session Meeting, and provide reasonable Public Notice of the time and date of the attorney/client session and the names of the persons who will be attending this session. She requested that the Commission wave its Rules of Procedure.

Commissioner Boukari moved the recommended action; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

City Attorney Rush requested permission to schedule the Executive Session Meeting, and provide reasonable public notice of the time and date of the attorney/client session and the names of the persons who will be attending this session.

Commissioner Wilford moved the recommended action; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent

VIII.COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Boukari asked, while the City grows, what separates the City of Alachua from Gainesville or other communities. He stated that a discussion needs to be had to determine this, so that Alachua doesn't become part of Gainesville.

Vice Mayor Brown thanked the staff and the commissioners for the support at the Health Fair.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Boukari moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Passed by unanimous consent.

<h2>CONSENT AGENDA</h2>

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ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

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Traci L. Gresham, City Manager/Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gib Coerper", written over a horizontal line.

Gib Coerper, Mayor