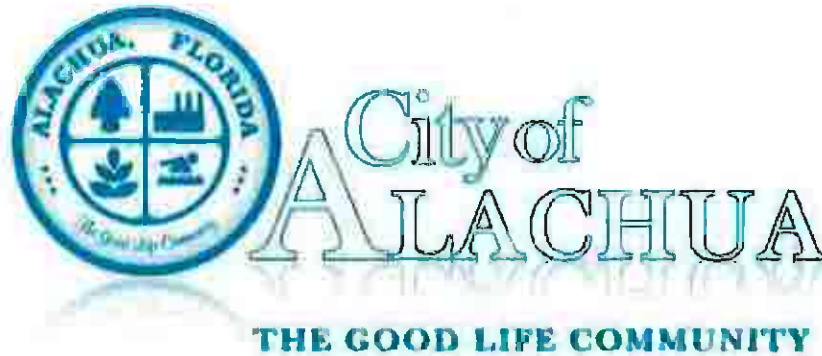




**Regular City Commission Meeting  
Minutes  
November 28, 2022**

**Mayor Gib Coerper**  
**Vice Mayor Jennifer Blalock**  
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown  
Commissioner Dayna Miller  
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:** November 28, 2022

**Meeting Location:** James A Lewis Commission Chambers

Citizens Present: Gloria Jones Andrews, Debra Sermons, Kelly Harris, Tom Hubbard, Veloria Kelly, John Brown, Malcolm Dixon, Radha Selvester, Dawn Beachy, Barbara Lindsey, Darin Kilfoy. STAFF  
ATTENDING: Robert Bonetti, Elliot Harris, Rodolfo Valladares, LeAnne Williams, Cap Wilson, David Wisener.

**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 Reverend Carl Smart with Mount Zion AME Church.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Led by Mayor Coerper.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Shirley Green Brown moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Vice Mayor Jennifer Blalock.

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 Blalock.

Passed by unanimous consent.

### **I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Alachua County Community Remembrance Quilt Project**

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams introduced the presentation.

Ms. Dawn Beachy presented the Newnansville Remembrance Quilt and thanked the Youth Advisory Council for their participation in making the quilt.

#### **B. W.W. Irby Elementary Student Artist Appreciation**

Deputy City Clerk Williams introduced the presentation.

Mayor Coerper and Ms. Rose Magarino presented the students with certificates.

### **II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Bruce Borders thanked Mayor Coerper and Commissioner Brown. He requested one hundred dollars for assistance at the Mebane Alumni Parade.

Mitch Glaeser with San Felasco Tech City suggested the Newnansville Remembrance Quilt be displayed at Tech City. He announced:

- “Voice of the Gators” Sean Kelley would be the guest speaker for the Alachua Chamber luncheon on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 12:00 PM
- The Alachua Christmas parade would be held in downtown Alachua on Main Street Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM
- The Felasco Family Winterfest would be at San Felasco Tech City on Sunday, December 11, 2022 from 1:00- 4:00 PM

- Joe Theisman would be the guest speaker for the Alachua Chamber Annual Gala on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 6:00-9:00 PM
  - County Manager Michele Lieberman would be the guest speaker for the Alachua Chamber luncheon on Tuesday, February 7, 2023
  - Director of UF Innovate Karl LaPan would be the guest speaker for the Alachua Chamber luncheon on Tuesday, March 7, 2023
- He thanked Enterprise Rent-A-Car for donating a board room table and executive chairs to the Chamber.

(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. Resolution 23-01: Amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund budget; Recognizing and appropriating unanticipated revenues; Increasing the General Fund Police Department budget to eliminate budget variances; and Providing an effective date.

City Attorney Marian Rush read Resolution 23-01 by title only.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Robert Bonetti introduced the item and made recommendations.

Commissioner Edward Potts moved to adopt Resolution 23-01; seconded by Vice Mayor Blalock.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

### **VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Robert Sharp requested the Alachua Police Department increase patrol on State Road 235.

Kelly Harris announced she would be stepping down from her position as Co-chair for the Alachua Business League festivals.

(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 Mike DaRoza announced the Alachua Tree Lighting would be Friday, December 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM and would also kick off Holiday Nights on Main Street. He stated the remainder of Holiday Nights on Main Street would be in full effect Saturday, December 3rd, 10th and 17th. He announced the

Alachua Christmas Parade would be Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

City Attorney Rush requested to waive the rules of procedure for two items. She stated the first item would be "Harvest" and second would be "Carol."

Commissioner Brown moved to waive the rules of procedure; seconded by Vice Mayor Blalock.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

City Attorney Rush introduced the item.

Commissioner Potts moved to authorize Donald Niesen to send the final demand letter to Harvest, Trulieve and the bonding company, file the complaint if the money was not paid in a timely manner, retain the law firm Rush & Frisco Law and for City Attorney Rush to be the City's contact in overseeing the handling of the litigation with City Attorney's reduced rate of \$170 per hour; seconded by Vice Mayor Blalock.

Passed by unanimous consent.

City Attorney Rush introduced the item.

Commissioner Brown moved to retain law firm Rush & Frisco to represent the City in the "Carol" litigation at the reduced rate of \$170 per hour, and in the event of an injunctive hearing to allow City Manager DaRoza and City Attorney Rush to decide if Building Official Tim Hunt may appear as the representative at the hearing so he may be present inside the court room for the entire hearing; seconded by Vice Mayor Blalock.

Passed by unanimous consent.

## **VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Potts stated the BioBash Event at Progress Park was great.

Commissioner Miller stated she would be one of the judges for the A.L. Mebane Middle School spelling bee on Friday, December 2, 2022 from 8:00- 11:00 AM. She congratulated the Santa Fe High School Volleyball team on their back-to-back State championships.

Commissioner Brown thanked Reverend Smart for his prayer. She was in attendance for two senior citizen events, the swearing in of the four newly elected school board members and the A.L. Mebane 2022 Alumni Museum Tour at A.L. Mebane Middle School. She thanked the citizens who spoke during public comments and the members of the community for attending the commission meeting.

Vice Mayor Blalock thanked Mr. Sharp and Ms. Harris for their comments.

Mayor Coerper thanked all the citizens for attending. He stated it was a pleasure to see the students' artwork displayed in City Hall. He stated he was in attendance in south Florida for a Veterans Day

memorial event and thanked veterans for their service.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Miller moved to adjourn; seconded by Vice Mayor Blalock.

Passed by unanimous consent.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA



Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk



Gib Coerper, Mayor