



Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Edward Potts
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown
Commissioner Jennifer Ringersen
Commissioner Dayna Williams

City Manager Mike DaRoza
City Attorney Marian Rush

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers
15100 NW 142 Terrace
Alachua, Fl. 32615

CITIZENS PRESENT: Shirley Roppa, Daniel Durante, Bob Wolnewitz.
STAFF ATTENDING: Diane Amendola, Robert Bonetti, Anne Marie DiRocco, Kyler Burk, Carson Crockett, Tara Malone, Damon Messina, Jesse Sandusky, Rodolfo Valladares, 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

Led by Pastor Marco Caballero, Forest Grove Baptist Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Mayor Edward Potts moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Ringersen.

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 Williams moved to approve the reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Commissioner Ringersen.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A) SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PERFORMING ARTS APPRECIATION

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams introduced the presentation.

Band Instructor Jacob Massena led the Sante Fe High School Symphonic Band in two compositions for the Commission.

Mayor Coerper thanked the students and the parents.

B) COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Item deferred.

C) WHITE CANE SAFETY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Deputy City Clerk Williams introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

D) FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK 2024 PROCLAMATION

Deputy City Clerk Williams introduced the proclamation.

Deputy City Clerk Williams informed the Commission that the Alachua Elementary event

on October 9, 2024, would be postponed due to Hurricane Milton.

Mayor Coerper read the 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)

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

- A) ORDINANCE 24-12 (FIRST READING): AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION ELEMENT TO ESTABLISH A NEW DEFINITION FOR MIXED-USE; AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TO ESTABLISH MIXED-USE FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORIES; AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ECONOMIC ELEMENT TO REMOVE AN EXISTING DEFINITION FOR MIXED-USE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (LEGISLATIVE)
RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

City Attorney Marian Rush read Ordinance 24-12 by title only.

Planner Carson Crockett introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Williams asked clarifying questions regarding many areas of the presentation.

Planner Crockett provided the information.

Vice Mayor Potts moved that the City Commission finds the proposed Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to amend the Administration and Implementation, Future Land Use, and Economic Elements to be consistent with the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan and (1) approves Ordinance 24-12 on

first reading; and, (2) authorizes Staff to transmit the proposed Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to the Florida Department of Commerce under the Expedited State Review Process; seconded by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Bob Wolnewitz, President of the Dogwood Acres HOA, voiced his concerns about water, traffic, and density.

John Durante expressed his concerns regarding density.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

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.)

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Mike DaRoza thanked:

- Pastor Caballero for the invocation
- Band Instructor Massena for the excellent performance from the Symphonic Band.
- WastePro for the excellent job they have done removing debris within the city after the Hurricane Helene.

He updated the Commission on Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Williams thanked:

- Pastor Caballero for the invocation.
- Band Instructor Massena for the excellent performance from the Symphonic Band.

- City staff for caring for the City during and after Hurricane Helene.

She stated she attended the San Felasco Farmers Market, which would be held every Wednesday. She requested everyone be patient during Hurricane Milton's potential cleanup, as the crews had been working six days a week for Hurricane Helene.

Commissioner Shirley Green Brown thanked:

- Pastor Caballero for the invocation.
- The City staff for their commitment to the City of Alachua.
- WastePro for the hard work they had done after Hurricane Helene.

She stated she attended the Pink Luncheon. She announced that W.W. Irby Elementary was launching a mentoring program and needed volunteers.

Commissioner Ringersen expressed her thanks to the Symphonic Band. She encouraged the City staff during this difficult time of cleanup. She announced:

- Morning Magic Safe Environment for Infants at O2B Kids would be open to the public.
- The Early Learning Coalition would host a literacy awareness event downtown on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

She reported on the Opioid Task Force.

Vice Mayor Potts stated he attended:

- The Alachua Chamber Luncheon.
- The Peaceful Paths event.
- The Florida League of Cities meeting in Orlando.
- Edward Jones's presentation of a \$10,000 check to Hawthorne High School for literacy.

He stated he was celebrating what would have been his late Great Uncle, Ray Krocs, 102nd birthday, and commented on Mr. Kroc's remarkable life as the former CEO of McDonalds.

Mayor Coerper thanked the City staff and WastePro for the excellent job they had done coping with Hurricane Helene. He thanked Band Instructor Massena for the excellent performance from the Symphonic Band.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Ringersen moved to adjourn; seconded by Vice Mayor Potts.

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2024
- B) HAL BRADY RECREATION COMPLEX SKATE PARK RENOVATION
- C) 2025 CITY COMMISSION CALENDAR

ATTEST:

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
ALACHUA, FLORIDA:**



Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk



Gib Coerper, Mayor