



Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes
October 21, 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: Ralph Williams, Tom Hubbard
STAFF ATTENDING: Diane Amendola, Kyler Burk, Michael Carrillo, Tara Malone,
Jesse Sandusky, Rodolfo Valladares, LeAnne Williams, 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 Pastor Ralph Williams, Newberry Church of the Nazarene.

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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)

Tom Hubbard expressed his gratitude to City staff for their efforts in keeping utility rates low. He also stated he was happy about the turnout for the Elder Options event held at Legacy Park.

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) FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMPENSATION PLAN

Human Resources Director Tara Malone introduced the item and made recommendations.

Commissioner Ringersen moved to approve the Proposed Fiscal Year Plan 2025; seconded by Vice Mayor Potts.

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

(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

Commissioner Williams moved to waive the rules of procedure, seconded by Commissioner Ringersen.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

City Attorney Marian Rush shared with the Commission the letter in response to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and requested it be sent to the County.

Commissioner Ringersen moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the response letter on behalf of the City of Alachua and send it to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners; seconded by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

City Attorney Rush requested the City Commission authorize an amendment to the agreement with Robert A. Rush P.A. for legal services to extend the duration of the contract to run until September 30, 2029, and to allow City Attorney Rush to bill at an hourly rate on any of the matters that relate to Mill Creek and Tara projects.

Vice Mayor Potts moved to authorize an amendment to the agreement with Robert A. Rush P.A. for legal services to extend the duration of the contract to run until September 30, 2029, and to allow City Attorney Rush to bill at an hourly rate on any of the matters that relate to Mill Creek and the Tara projects; seconded by Commissioner Ringersen.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-1 by roll call.

Commissioner Williams dissented.

City Manager DaRoza thanked Pastor Williams for his prayer. He thanked Mr. Tom Hubbard and Jim Currington for attending the Commission meetings and for their input.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Williams thanked Pastor Williams for his prayer. She expressed her appreciation for Mr. Hubbard's comments and would pass the remarks on to staff. She attended the ribbon cutting for Quick Lane. She spoke about the Alachua Women's Club and what they are doing within the City.

Commissioner Brown attended the ribbon cutting for Quick Lane.

Commissioner Ringersen thanked Alachua Police Chief Jesse Sandusky and APD officers for keeping the City safe.

Vice Mayor Potts announced the following events:
Gainesville Gone Wild West for Child Advocacy Center at Hitchcock's River Ranch,
Alzheimer's Wall at Trinity United Methodist Church, Oktoberfest at Gainesville Audi,
and the Alachua Women's Club Saint Nicholas Ball.

Mayor Coerper thanked Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Currington for attending the meeting and for their input. He thanked Pastor Williams for his prayer. He stated the Elder Options event held at Legacy Park was a successful event.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

Mayor Coerper adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items represent routine City operations and business. These items are approved at the beginning of the Regular City Commission meeting upon approval of the meeting agenda.

A) FY 2025 PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

B) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

ATTEST:

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



Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk



Gib Coerper, Mayor