



Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Chair Gib Coerper
Vice Chair Edward Potts
Member Shirley Green Brown
Member Jennifer Ringersen
Member 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

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CALL TO ORDER

Gib Coerper- Chair 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Jennifer Ringersen moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Dayna Williams.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

A) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES- SPECIAL CRAB MEETING - 2-24-25

Vice Chair Ed Potts moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2025 meeting; seconded by Member Shirley Green Brown.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

B) TIME-LIMITED PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Susan King, Community Redevelopment Coordinator, presented her staff report.

Chair Coerper commented that he has traveled Main Street quite a bit in the past few weeks, and he has noticed that more business owners have started to utilize the parking lots in the rear of the buildings.

He recommended only placing signs at 150th to the Chamber Building. He also commented that most people are parked no longer than 2hrs during the holiday seasons.

Member Williams stated that she favors the sign that does not have "free parking" twice. She believes the letter is well stated. She also commented that she believes that a first step is necessary but does not believe that it is time to start looking at the surface-mount sensors.

Member Ringersen questioned Ms. King about the location and size of the mounting poles. She also agrees with the sign choice.

Mayor Coerper suggested two-sided signs. He believes that the signs would not be seen by drivers if they were positioned as stated. He is concerned that drivers would be distracted on the curvy street.

Member Williams does not agree. She believes it is not necessary. Two signs would cause confusion.

Vice Chair Potts and Member Brown also agree with the choices already stated and the letter is fine.

Member Ringersen believes that a decision needs to be made tonight and get started with signs and letters.

Vice Chair Potts and Member Ringersen agreed.

Member Williams questioned City Attorney Marian Rush about the order of the steps that needed to be taken. She questioned whether the motion to amend the Ordinance needs to be first before the motion to start the letters and signs or can it be a combined motion.

City Attorney Rush stated that it would be cleaner to make two separate motions because they require a lot of different work.

Member Williams moved to amend the current parking ordinance to read something similar to “no person shall park a vehicle on the public right of way of Main Street between the public right of way NW 150th Ave and 250 feet north of public right of way of NW 147th Avenue for a period of time no longer than 120 minutes between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm when signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof” pending final approval when it gets brought back to this board; seconded by Member Brown seconded.

Chair Coerper opened the floor for public comments.

Bryan Boukari stated that he believes this issue is non-existent and imagined. He also stated that the problem will then be enforcing the time limits. The city does not have the funds or personnel to accomplish enforcement.

Motion passed by 5-0 roll call vote.

City Attorney Rush reiterated that enforcement of the ordinance change will be very problematic.

Vice Chair Potts commented that he sees the letters and signs as a first step. He believes that a reevaluation should be made after a set amount of time. He sees enforcement as a different topic for discussion if necessary after reevaluation.

Chair Coerper suggested using the remainder of the year for that evaluation period.

City Attorney Rush agreed that the letters and signs would provide the necessary feedback from the public to evaluate the issue thoroughly.

Member Brown asked the City Attorney if this process is legal before the ordinance comes back for approval.

City Attorney Rush affirmed that it would be legal.

Vice Chair Potts moved to order and install the 2hr parking signs and to send the letter out to the public; seconded by Member Ringersen.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Potts moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Ringersen.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Chair Coerper adjourned the meeting. 5:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

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



W. Michael DaRoza, CRA
Executive Director



Gib Coerper, CRA Chair