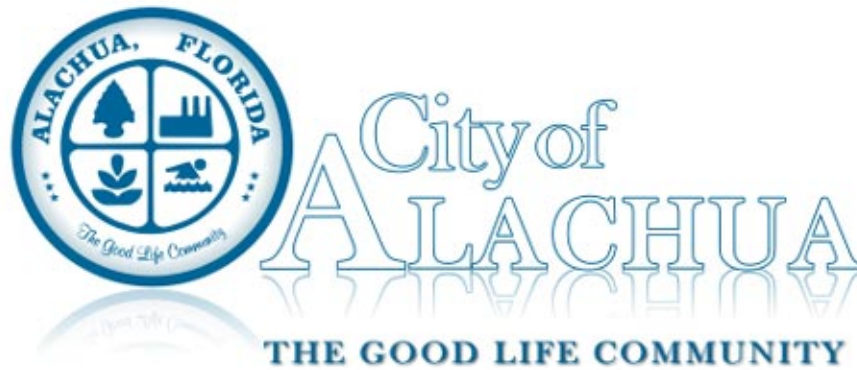




Youth Advisory Council Agenda October 26, 2023

Chair Emma Ceden-Alonso

City Manager Mike DaRoza

Vice Chair Abigail Blumer

Member Robert Hu

Member Salina Liu

Member Keyosha Queen

Youth Advisory Council At 6:00 PM

Meeting Date: October 26, 2023

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers

15100 NW 142 Ter.

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YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

I. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Sanitary Packet update

II. NEW BUSINESS

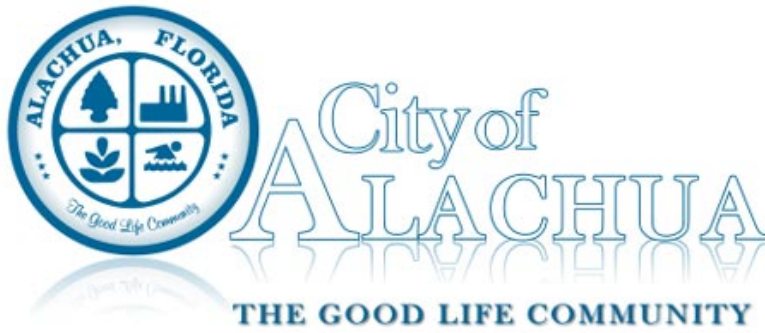
- B. September 28, 2023, Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

- C. City Events
- D. Municipal Government Review
- E. Tour of the City of Alachua

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

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Board/Committee Agenda Item

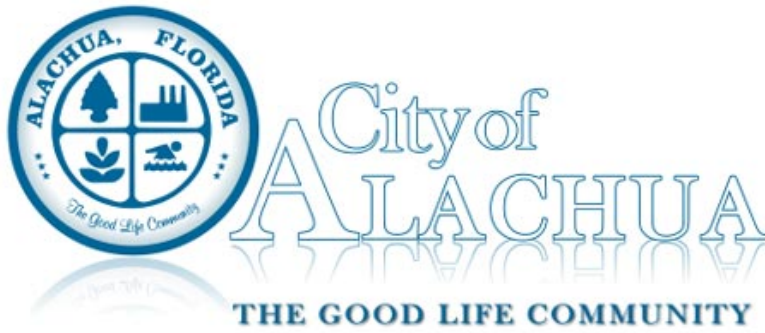
MEETING DATE: 10/26/2023
SUBJECT: Sanitary Packet update

PREPARED BY: LeAnne Williams, Deputy City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Discuss the project.

Summary

Council to present scripts to compare and contrast. Discuss a game plan for contacting businesses and churches. Perhaps we could place collection boxes at locations for the items.



Board/Committee Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 10/26/2023

SUBJECT: September 28, 2023, Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

PREPARED BY: LeAnne Williams, Deputy City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes.

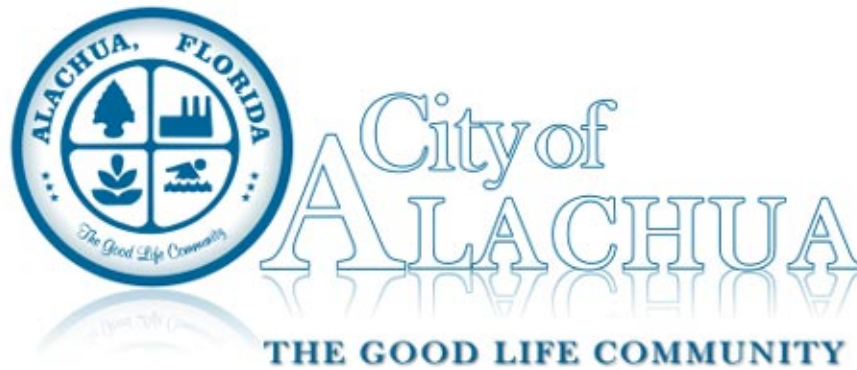
Summary

September 28, 2023, Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

▢ Minutes



Youth Advisory Council Minutes September 28, 2023

Chair Emma Ceden-Alonso

City Manager Mike DaRoza

Vice Chair Abigail Blumer

Member Robert Hu

Member Salina Liu

Member Keyosha Queen

Youth Advisory Council At 5:30 PM

Meeting Date: September 28, 2023

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers

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YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Led by Vice Chair Emma Ceden-Alonso.

INVOCATION

Led by Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Vice Chair Ceden-Alonso, with Member Keyosha Queen absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Abigail Blumer moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Robert Hu.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sanitary Packet update

Deputy City Clerk Williams presented the sanitary packet project to the new board. She requested they each bring two scripts with them to the next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding contacting businesses and churches in the near future.

II. NEW BUSINESS

B. Parliamentary Procedures Review

Deputy City Clerk Williams provided the presentation.

C. Sunshine Law and Public Records Presentation

Deputy City Clerk Williams provided the presentation.

Deputy City Clerk Williams answered questions from the Council.

D. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair Cedeno-Alonso introduced the item.

Deputy City Clerk Williams presented the options for electing a Chair and Vice Chair. After some discussion, the Council chose to elect the Chair by paper ballot.

Deputy City Clerk Williams administered the ballots and presented the results

Emma Cedeno-Alonso received 3 of 4 votes.

Abigail Blumer received 1 of 4 votes.

Deputy City Clerk Williams presented the options for electing a Vice Chair. After some discussion, the Council chose to elect the Vice Chair by nomination.

Chair Cedeno-Alonso nominated Member Abigail Blumer for Vice Chair.

No other nominations came from the floor.

Chair Cedeno-Alonso moved to appoint Abigail Blumer as Vice Chair; seconded by Member Hu.

Chair Cedeno-Alonso opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

E. Appoint of Applicants to the General Council

Deputy City Clerk Williams introduced the item and made recommendations.

Vice Chair Blumer moved to deny the incomplete application; seconded by Member Hu.

Chair Alonso opened the floor for comment.

There were no questions or comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

After administering the ballot process for the remaining applications, Salina Liu and Joshua Smoaks were appointed to the General Council by a unanimous yes/no vote.

F. May 4, 2023, Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Blumer moved to approve the May 04, 2023, minutes; seconded by Member Hu.

Chair Cedeno-Alonso opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

G. June 22, 2023, Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Blumer moved to approve the June 22, 2023, minutes; seconded by Member Hu.

Chair Cedeno-Alonso opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

H. Calendar for School Year 2023-2024

Deputy City Clerk Williams introduced the item and made recommendations.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the members to have a meeting every month.

Vice Chair Blumer moved to approve the monthly calendar; seconded by Member Hu.

Passed by unanimous consent.

General Council Member Natalie Lightner suggested meeting at 6:00 p.m. to accommodate school activities.

Member Hu agreed.

Member Selina Lui stated she might have trouble with transportation.

General Council Member Lightner said she was willing to take her home.

Vice Chair Blumer moved to approve moving the time to 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Member Hu.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. Getting to Know You

Deputy City Clerk Williams presented the questions and Council answered them.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

A. Florida League of Cities 2023 Youth Council Community Service Contest - Award

Deputy City Clerk Williams informed the Council that the YAC won the 2023 contest and that the FLC would be at the City Commission Meeting on October 9, 2023, to present the award. All were encouraged to attend.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Chair Ceden-Alonso opened the floor for comment.

There were no comments.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Blumer moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Hu.

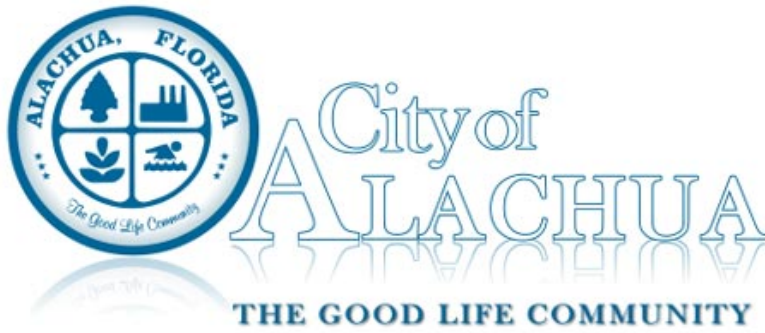
Passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Presiding Officer

Staff Liaison



Board/Committee Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 10/26/2023

SUBJECT: City Events

PREPARED BY: LeAnne Williams, Deputy City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss events and participation, if any.

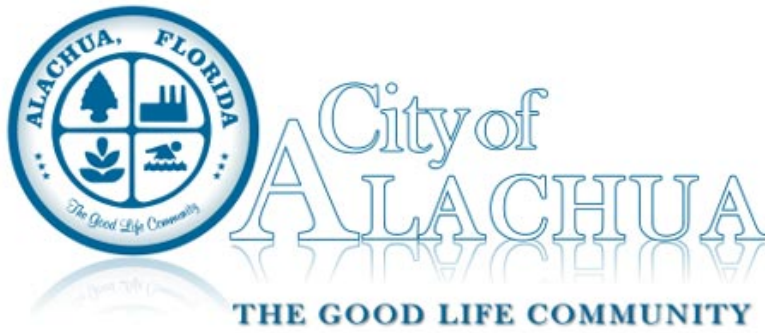
Summary

There are two events coming up of which the YAC can be a part:

Trick or Treat on Main on October 31, 2023.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 1, 2023.

The Christmas Parade on December 9, 2023.



Board/Committee Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 10/26/2023

SUBJECT: Municipal Government Review

PREPARED BY: LeAnne Williams, Deputy City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive the Presentation.

Summary

The State of Florida has set forth statutes that broadly identify the structure and power of cities. The Charter and ordinances of cities provide for local legislation controlling governance. This presentation is to give the Youth Advisory Council an overview of this structure within the City of Alachua.

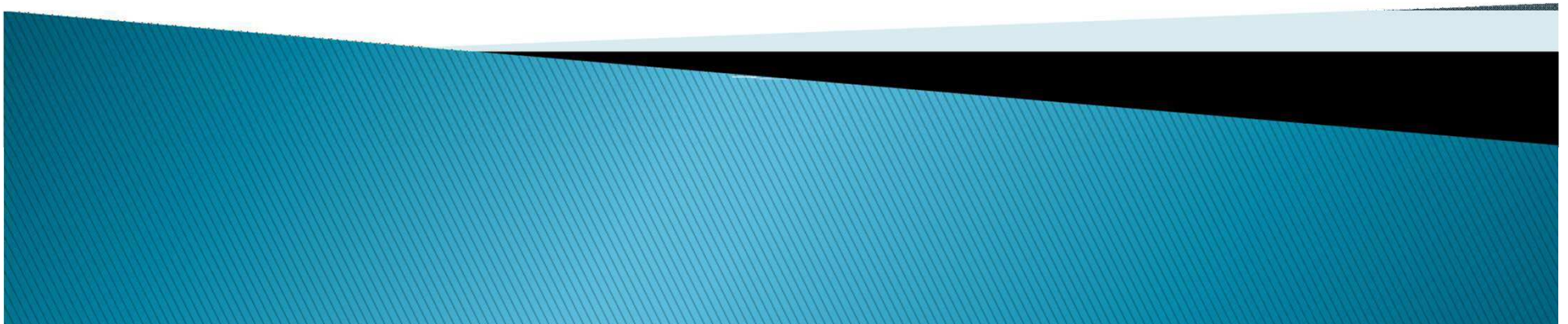
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- ▣ Municipal Government Review 2023

Municipal Government Cities 101

City of Alachua
Youth Advisory Council



Today's Goals

Understand Florida's Municipal Governments
Understand Alachua's-specific city issues



Florida's Governments

Florida's Constitution provides for four (4) local governments: counties (67), municipalities (411), school districts (73) and special districts (1,800 +/-)

Municipal governments are defined in Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution



Municipal Powers

Municipalities are cities, towns and villages
All Floridians live in either unincorporated
county (outside a city) or within a city
Cities, towns and villages have the SAME
powers in FL; not true in other states
Voters choose the type of name



More on Powers

Municipal governments in FL have Home Rule (Article VIII, section 2) – provides that a city may enact any law, provided it does not conflict w/state or federal law

Very broad power; used to be just the reverse and a city had to have state permission to do everything



Florida's Municipalities

If you live or work in a city, you are ALWAYS within the county, school district and usually at least one special district (water management district)

Cities are citizen-driven in creation: desire to live together for common goals, common service delivery

Cities are the level of government closest to people: “taste, touch, smell” services



Florida City: Statistics

411 active municipalities

Populations range from Marineland (15) to Jacksonville (986,804)

Jacksonville has the largest land mass (875 square miles) while Lazy Lake has the smallest land mass (0.02 square miles)

2022 Estimated Population in Florida: 22.2 Million

While Northerners are moving to South Florida, South Florida natives are moving to North Florida



How Cities Govern

Elected body: called council or commission

Elected; non-partisan and usually part-time
with no to low pay for serving

Staff reports to Council or City Manager

Council legislates; staff implements

City Constitution: charter; every city has one
in FL and it describes the elected body, chain
of command and form of government



Forms of City Government

Mayor–Council: can vary in mayoral powers (weak to strong); council does all things collectively

City of Alachua is a Council–Manager form of Government

Population 10,844 (estimate 2022)

Alachua County consistently sees about a 1.15% yearly growth in population



Tools City Use to Govern

City Charter: establishes the government

City Ordinances (laws): local application and enforcement

City Policies: developed internally to guide staff and used as rules, procedures

Resolutions: commemorate and honor

Citizen Advisory Boards: volunteers who help guide, evaluate and give input



City Services

Main reason for city creation: share the cost and scope of services like water, wastewater, police, fire, solid waste, planning, zoning, parks & recreation, building inspection, transportation, library, cemetery

Each council determines the services and how they are paid for (tax, fee, assessment)

Biggest Challenge for municipalities –
Balancing service demand with funds



City Funding/Expenses

Largest revenue for a city is fees (charge for service) – water, storm water, wastewater, solid waste, parks, libraries, permits

Taxes: property tax, utility tax, portion of state sales tax – usually used for citywide programs like fire, police, planning, zoning

Assessments: benefits a specific area with a specific need with ear-marked dollars



Cities in Alachua County

9 Cities within the County; population ranges from 288 in La Crosse to 145,278 in Gainesville

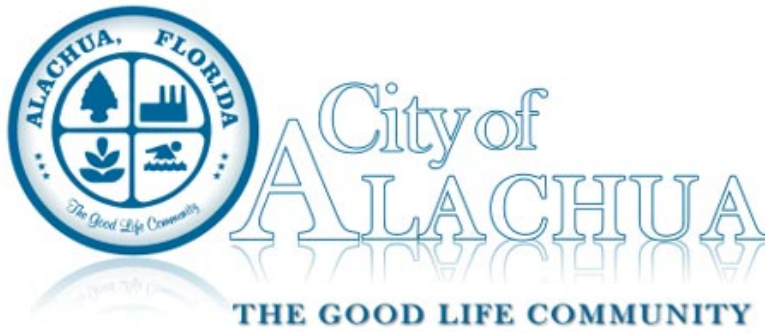
Charters are all unique (Alachua, Archer, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, LaCrosse, Micanopy, Newberry, Waldo)

Services vary by city: no two the same; some services are shared among cities

2 Towns within the County (LaCrosse, Micanopy)

22 Unincorporated Areas (Jonesville)





Board/Committee Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 10/26/2023

SUBJECT: Tour of the City of Alachua

PREPARED BY: LeAnne Williams, Deputy City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Discuss the tour.

Summary

Youth Advisory Council attended the Tour of the City on November 15, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

▢ Tour Schedule

City of Alachua Tour Schedule 2023

YAC Wednesday, November 15, 2023

8:00 AM	:00	Arrive at City Hall/Breakfast
	:15	
	:30	Tour City Hall
	:50	Depart City Hall
9:00 AM	:00	Arrive at Sandvik
	:15	
	:30	
	:45	
10:00 AM	:00	
	:15	Depart Sandvik
	:30	Arrive at Dollar General Distribution Center
	:45	
11:00 AM	:00	
	:15	
	:30	Depart Dollar General Distribution Center
	:45	Arrive at Legacy Park
12:00 PM	:00	
	:15	Depart Legacy Park
	:30	Lunch at City Hall
	:45	
1:00 PM	:00	
	:15	Depart City Hall
	:30	Arrive at Advanced Water Reclamation Facility
	:45	
2:00 PM	:00	Depart Advanced Water Reclamation Facility
	:15	Arrive at Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator
	:30	
	:45	
3:00 PM	:00	Depart Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator
	:15	Arrive at San Felasco Tech City
	:30	
	:45	
4:00 PM	:00	Depart San Felasco Tech City
	:15	Q&A with Mayor Coerper and City Manager DaRoza at City Hall
	:30	
	:45	
5:00 PM	:00	Conclude Tour
	:15	
	:30	
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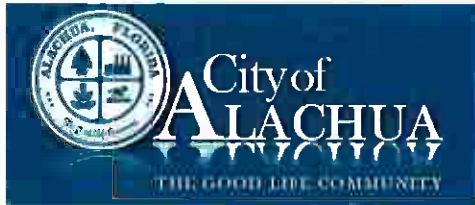
APD Van dropped off on ??th

Attendees for Sandvik	Shoe Size
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Emma	?
Abigail	?
Robert	?
Salina	?
Keyosha	?
Natalie	?
Joshua	?
Diane	?
LeAnne	6

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Youth Advisory Board Meeting Sign In
October 26, 2023

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