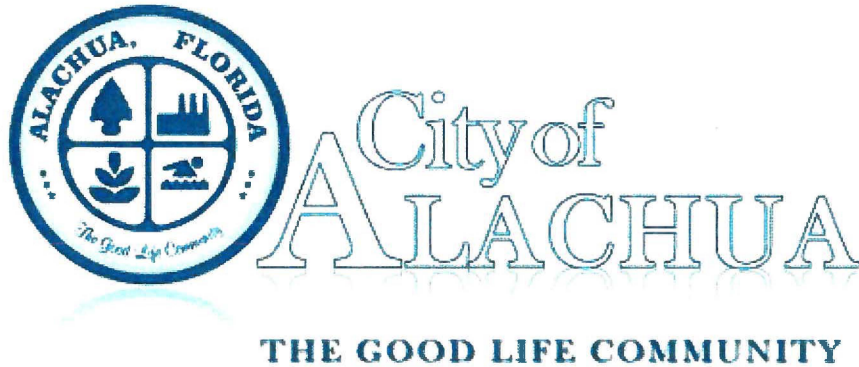




**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
September 14, 2020**

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Robert Wilford
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown
Commissioner Gary Hardacre
Commissioner Dayna Miller

City Manager Adam Boukari
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: September 14, 2020

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers, City Hall

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert Bonetti, Anne-Marie DiRocco, Mike DaRoza, Elliot Harris, Ashley McGraw, Donna Myers, Bob Purdy, Jesse Sandusky, Donna Smith, Elizabeth Smith, 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 Doug Felton, First Baptist Church of Alachua

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Mayor Robert Wilford moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

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 Gary Hardacre moved to approve the reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Commissioner Dayna Miller.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. 2020 Constitution Week Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams introduced the presentation.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation and presented it to Regent Kay Hall.

Regent Hall thanked the Commission and spoke on the importance of the Constitution.

B. Florida League of Cities 2019 Hometown Health Award Presentation

Compliance and Risk Management Director Cap Wilson introduced the presentation.

Lindsay Larson and Gwen Mahaveer of the Florida League of Cities presented the 2019 Hometown Health Award to the City Commission and made the presentation.

City Manager Adam Boukari thanked the Florida League of Cities for choosing the City of Alachua for this honor. He thanked the staff who worked to get the employees involved.

Commissioner Brown congratulated the Risk Management team for their leadership in this healthy initiative.

Vice Mayor Wilford announced the employees who participated in the step challenge.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Mayor Coerper congratulated Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Miller, who were in the Gainesville Magazine as notable women leaders of Alachua County.

(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 20-15 Relating to the Levy of General Purpose Ad Valorem Taxes for the 2020 Tax Year; and Resolution 20-16 Relating to its Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Finance & Administrative Services Director Robert Bonetti introduced the item and provided the staff report.

City Manager Boukari spoke on the difficulties the City faced this past year because of COVID -19, the City's ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility, and plans for the future.

Mayor Coerper called to order the Final Public Hearing on the City of Alachua Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Millage and Final Budget.

City Attorney Marian Rush provided an overview of the Truth-in-Millage Legislation (TRIM).

City Manager Boukari explained the General City Final and Rolled Back Millage Rates.

Finance & Administrative Services Director Bonetti presented an overview of the final budget and adjustments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 20-15 by title only.

City Manager Boukari announced the City of Alachua Commission had determined that a proposed millage rate of 5.3900 mills was necessary to fund the final general City budget. He said the proposed final millage rate represents an increase of 4.83% from the rolled-back rate of 5.1416 mills.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no comments.

Vice Mayor Wilford moved to adopt Resolution 20-15; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 20-16 by title only.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Wilford asked about specifics regarding the budget.

Finance & Administrative Services Director Bonetti provided the information.

City Manager Boukari provided more information.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt Resolution 20-16; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mayor Coerper thanked the staff for the hard work that goes into the budget.

Finance & Administrative Services Director Bonetti thanked the commissioners, the City staff, and his team for the help in this process.

B. Resolution 20-17 TK Stormwater Basin Maintenance Assessment Annual Rate Resolution

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 20-17 by title only.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 20-17; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

C. RFB 2020-04 City of Alachua FY 2020 Roadway Improvements Award

Purchasing Specialist Donna Smith introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Wilford asked for clarification regarding the bid totals.

Purchasing Specialist Smith provided the information.

Commissioner Miller asked where this project was located.

City Manager Boukari provided the information.

Mayor Coerper asked when the project would be completed.

Purchasing Specialist Smith provided the information.

City Manager Boukari stated provisions had been made within the budget to provide for additional paving; however it was not to exceed \$250,000 as stipulated in the motion.

Commissioner Miller moved to accept the Bid (Base Bid & Alternate 1) from V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. to complete the work as needed under the provisions of RFB 2020-04; seconded by Vice Mayor Wilford.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

D. COVID-19 Subrecipient Grant Agreement with Alachua County

Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Commissioner Brown asked if we had a large amount in expenses.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti stated the expenses were not as numerous as they could have been.

Vice Mayor Wilford questioned the wording of the contract, as it suggested employees could be contacted without contacting the City Manager first.

City Manager Boukari stated while he appreciated the concerns expressed, there was an additional clause which required the County to contact the City Manager in general.

City Attorney Rush stated staff should be reminded not to talk with anyone without prior knowledge of the City Manager.

Commissioner Miller asked about the reporting process.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti stated the required reporting was minor compared to FEMA reporting.

Commissioner Brown moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the Subrecipient Grant Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Miller.

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

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

(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 Boukari informed the Commission the County would have a proposed charter amendment on the November ballot titled, County Charter Amendment Establishing County Growth Management Area which would, among other things, interfere with Home Rule authority, should it pass. He stated staff consulted with Land Use Attorney David Theriaque and City Attorney Rush and a consensus was found to challenge the charter amendment. He recommended, based on the Commission's prior discussions, that the City move forward with a legal challenge, and retain the Theriaque and Spain Law Firm and City Attorney Rush to represent the City.

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

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Brown	Aye
Commissioner Hardacre	Aye
Commissioner Miller	Aye
Vice Mayor Wilford	Aye
Mayor Coerper	Aye

Passed 5-0

City Attorney Rush made recommendations for the Commission to consider.

Commissioner Hardacre moved that the Commission of the City of Alachua authorize filing a lawsuit against Alachua County challenging the County Charter Amendment Establishing County Growth Management Area and retain the law firm of Theriaque and Spain and the City Attorney through Robert A. Rush, P.A. to handle this litigation; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Brown	Aye
Commissioner Hardacre	Aye
Commissioner Miller	Aye
Vice Mayor Wilford	Aye
Mayor Coerper	Aye

Passed 5-0

City Attorney Rush made further recommendations.

Commissioner Brown moved to the extent that section 164.1041(2) of the Florida Statutes applies to the challenge to the proposed Alachua County charter amendment titled “County Charter Amendment Establishing County Growth Management Area”, the City Commission of the City of Alachua finds that significant legal rights, including, among other things, the interference with the City’s Home Rule authority provided by Florida law and Florida Constitution will be compromised if a court proceeding does not take place before the provisions of this act are complied with; seconded by Commissioner Hardacre.

There were no comments.

A roll call vote was taken.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Miller	Aye
Commissioner Hardacre	Aye
Commissioner Brown	Aye
Vice Mayor Wilford	Aye
Mayor Coerper	Aye

Passed 5-0

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Brown thanked City Manager Boukari and City Attorney Rush for bringing the proposed Charter Amendment to their attention. She thanked Pastor Felton for providing the invocation. She congratulated the staff for receiving the Hometown Health Award from the Florida League of Cities. She stated she was appointed by Florida League of Cities President Tony Ortiz as a member of the Municipal Administration Committee. She wished Commissioner Hardacre a belated happy birthday.

Vice Mayor Wilford thanked Pastor Felton for providing the invocation. He asked everyone to keep the victims of the fires in California, the two officers who were shot in Los Angeles and those in the path of Hurricane Sally in their prayers. He thanked:

1. Those who attended the meeting
2. Florida League of Cities for the 2019 Hometown Health Award
3. Chief Chad Scott and his staff for keeping the community safe

He stated he attended the Alachua Woman’s Club morning coffee.

Mayor Coerper thanked the staff for a great fiscal year.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wilford moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. August 10, 2020 City Commission Workshop Minutes
- B. August 10, 2020 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- C. August 24, 2020 City Commission Workshop Minutes
- D. August 24, 2020 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:



Adam Boukan, City Manager/Clerk

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Gib Coerper, Mayor