



City of
ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
September 12, 2022**

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Jennifer Blalock
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown
Commissioner Dayna Miller
Commissioner Edward Potts

City Manager Mike DaRoza
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 12, 2022

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

Citizens Present: Kay Hall, Nancy Briles, Phyllis Strickland, John Brown, Tom Hubbard, Asgede Selassie

STAFF ATTENDING: Diane Amendola, Robert Bonetti, Elliot Harris, Jesse Sandusky, Donna Smith,
Rodolfo Valladares, Tyler Williams, Cap Wilson, 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 John Brown of St. Paul AME Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Dayna Miller moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Vice Mayor Jennifer Blalock.

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 Shirley Green Brown moved to approve the reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Vice Mayor Blalock.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. 2022 Constitution Week Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Diane Amendola introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper presented the proclamation.

Kay Hall, past regnant for the Daughters of the American Revolution Gainesville Chapter introduced Nancy Briles as the current regnant. She explained the purpose of the organization. She announced the City of Alachua's own Deputy City Clerk, LeAnne Williams was the chapter's newest member.

B. American Pharmacists Month Proclamation

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

C. City of Newberry Opioid Task Force Request for Funds

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola introduced the presentation.

Joy Glanzer, Chair of the Newberry Opioid Taskforce, announced the Children's Trust of Alachua County would act as the administrative agency for the Opioid Task Force. She also stated the Children's Trust would handle all the finances and coordinate the program. She noted a representative from each municipality would be a member of a subcommittee under the Children's Trust. She explained those representatives would meet on a regular schedule to determine how the monies from each city would be spent.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Miller stated at the end of the meeting during Commissioner comments she would bring up the Taskforce for discussion and voting on the item.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Ed Braddy announced he would be running for the Alachua County Commission Seat 2 in the November election.

Mr. John Brown announced there would be a Community Wellness Festival held at Legacy Park on September 24, 2022 from 5:00 PM-9:00 PM.

(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

A. Youth Advisory Council Appointments

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola presented the item.

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola handed out ballots for voting, with the results being Abigail Blumer, Emma Ceden-Alonso and Keyosha Queen to be appointed to the Youth Advisory Council for a term from September 12, 2022 to September 4, 2025. Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola advised the remaining applicant Natalie Klein's application would be presented to the Youth Advisory Council for review and placed on the General Council.

Vice Mayor Blalock moved to appoint Abigail Blumer, Emma Ceden-Alonso and Keyosha Queen to the Youth Advisory Council for a term to begin on September 12, 2022 to September 4, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Edward Potts.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

A. Resolution 22-27 Relating to the Levy of General Purpose Ad Valorem Taxes for the 2022 Tax Year; and Resolution 22-28 Relating to its Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

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

City Manager Mike DaRoza commended Finance & Administrative Services Director Bonetti and his staff Tyler Williams, Katelynn Bayles, Heather Carter and Regina Reed for their hard work on making sure the budget document met required standards while also meeting the vision of the City Commission; He also thanked all City staff. He noted while inflation was at a 40-year high, City staff worked to ensure tax payers do not receive a tax increase at this time.

Mayor Coerper call to order the Public Hearing on the City of Alachua Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Final Millage and Final Budget.

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

City Manager DaRoza 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 2022-2023.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Phil Hawley expressed concerns about the budget for the maintenance of the TK Basin.

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 22-27 by title only.

City Manager DaRoza announced the City of Alachua Commission has determined a tentative millage rate of 5.3900 mills was necessary to fund the tentative general City budget. He said the tentative millage rate represents an increase of 8.10% from the rolled-back rate of 4.9860 mills.

Mayor Coerper asked the Commission for questions or comments.

Commissioner Miller asked if the next item was the TK Basin so as to address Mr. Hawley's concern.

City Manager DaRoza stated it was.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt Resolution 22-27; seconded by Vice Mayor Blalock

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 22-28 by title only.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Blalock moved to adopt Resolution 22-28; seconded by Commissioner Potts.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

B. Resolution 22-29 TK Stormwater Basin Maintenance Assessment Annual Rate Resolution

City Attorney Marian Rush read Resolution 22-29 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.

Commissioner Miller asked what the procedure was for determining the rates on the maintenance for the TK Basin.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti provided the explanation.

Commissioner Brown stated she thought establishing and maintaining open dialogue and relationships with our citizens was key, and she appreciated Mr. Hawley voicing his concerns at the meeting.

Vice Mayor Blalock moved to adopt Resolution 22-29; seconded by Commissioner Potts.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Hawley expressed additional concerns about the cost of maintenance for the TK Basin and how it would affect the surrounding property owners.

Discussion ensued.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

C. Ordinance 22-23 2nd Reading Amending Section 30-34 Relating to Residential Solid Waste

Compliance and Risk Management Director Cap Wilson introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Mayor Coerper stated he appreciated everything Waste Pro had done for the city.

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 22-23 on the second and final reading; seconded by Vice Mayor Blalock.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for questions or comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-0 by roll call.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Amend and extend Waste Pro Solid Waste Contract

Compliance and Risk Management Director Cap Wilson introduced the item.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the City of Alachua and Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. Contract Fourth Amendment effective October 1, 2022, increasing the City monthly rate paid to Waste Pro Inc. and extending the contract term to September 30, 2026; seconded by Vice Mayor Blalock.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for questions or comments.

Passed 4-0 by roll call.

B. School Resource Officer Contract for 2022-2023 School Year

Chief Jesse Sandusky introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Mayor Coerper thanked all the school resource officers for being present in the schools.

Commissioner Brown thanked the Alachua Police Department for keeping the schools in Alachua safe.

Vice Mayor Blalock thanked the Alachua Police Department officers for creating great relationships with the students.

Commissioner Miller expressed how fortunate the city was to have its own Police Department whom was strongly involved in the community.

Commissioner Potts expressed his gratitude to the Alachua Police Department.

Commissioner Brown moved to authorize the Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney to execute the agreement between the School Board of Alachua County (SBAC) and City of Alachua for provision of the School Resource Officer Program and submit three signed originals to the SBAC; seconded by Commissioner Potts.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Tom Hubbard thanked the commissioners for serving the community.

Asgede Selassie requested the Commission consider waving the code violation fees on a property he is purchasing. He also stated he would maintain the property and keep it to City code standards.

(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 DaRoza thanked Reverend John Brown, the Candidates for the Youth Advisory Council and Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti. He reminded everyone about the Community

Wellness Festival on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 5:00- 9:00pm which would be held at Legacy Park.

City Attorney Rush assured Mr. Selassie she was aware of his request to waive the code enforcement fines on the property he was purchasing. She expressed she would bring it before the Commission at a later date to be addressed.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Potts thanked Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti and his staff on their hard work for the City budget. He attended the ribbon-cutting at Daft Cow. He stated there would be an Alachua Chamber Luncheon on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

Commissioner Miller attended the Daft Cow ribbon-cutting in San Felasco Tech City. She also noted the Youth Advisory Council meeting would be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Commissioner Dayna Miller moved to wave the rules of procedure; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Miller stated she was in support of the Interlocal Opioid Taskforce Agreement.

Vice Mayor Blalock expressed her support of the Interlocal Opioid Taskforce Agreement.

Commissioner Brown asked if the City's budget could support the request for funds related to the Agreement.

City Manager DaRoza stated it could, but he would not be able to determine at that time what account the funds would come from.

Commissioner Brown asked if there was a new director of the Children's Trust of Alachua County.

Ms. Glanzer stated they do have a new director.

City Attorney Rush asked who would be recording the documentation.

Ms. Glanzer stated the Children's Trust of Alachua County would be responsible.

Mayor Coerper stated he was in support of the Interlocal Opioid Taskforce Agreement.

Commissioner Miller moved to accept the Opioid Interlocal Agreement' which includes a \$10,000 contribution to The Children's Trust of Alachua County, and to Administrate and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the agreement and have the commission choose a representative to sit on the Opioid Subcommittee; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

ADJOURN

Vice Mayor Blalock moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. August 22, 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
- B. August 22, 2022 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA


Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk


Gib Coerper, Mayor