



City of
ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
September 11, 2023**

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Dayna Miller
Commissioner Jennifer Blalock
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown
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 11, 2023

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

CITIZENS PRESENT: Kay Hall, Nancy Briles, Julie Tapia-Ruano, Bryn Tenney, William Garst, Stephanie Sutton, Debra Sermons, Jamie Perez, James Vaughn, Ann Diekemper, Terri Burley. staff attending: Diane Amendola, Robert Bonetti, Heather Carter, Carson Crockett, Tara Malone, Damon Messina, Jesse Sandusky, Justin Tabor, Rodolfo Valladares, LeAnne Williams, Tyler Williams, Cap Wilson, Kathy Winburn, 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

Pastor Debra Sermons, Paradise Community Outreach Ministry.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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 Edward Potts moved to approve the reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. 2023 Constitution Week Proclamation

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams introduced the Proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation and presented it to Daughters of the American Revolution Honorary Regent Kay Hall, Honorary Regent Nancy Briles, Regent Julie Tapia-Ruano, and Ms. Williams.

City Attorney Marian Rush stated the Constitution is the backbone of America.

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

B. American Pharmacists Month Proclamation

Deputy City Clerk Williams introduced the Proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation and presented it to William Garst, Pharm. D., and Bryn Tenney, Pharm. D.

Dr. Garst thanked the Commission for recognizing pharmacists in Alachua, and he then introduced Dr. Tenney. He spoke of the invisible pharmacist and deprescribing.

Dr. Tenney thanked the Commission.

C. 2023 National Breast Cancer Awareness Month & Alachua Goes Pink! Proclamation

Human Resources Director Tara Malone introduced the Proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Mitch Glaeser announced:

- The Alachua Chamber of Commerce would have a luncheon on September 12, 2023.
- The Alachua Chamber of Commerce would have its annual dinner on January 24, 2024.

He stated San Felasco Tech City was close to welcoming its 60th company. He introduced Jamie Perez of Momentum Dance Arts.

Ms. Perez spoke of her dance studio, which had been in the City of Alachua for eight years, and was preparing to open a location at San Felasco Tech City.

(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. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Appointment

Deputy City Clerk Williams presented the appointment.

Horace Jenkins spoke on his aspiration to be a part of this board.

Deputy City Clerk Williams conducted the ballot process, announced the vote, and made recommendations.

Vice Mayor Miller moved to appoint Horace Jenkins to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, for a vacated term expiring February 21, 2026; seconded by Commissioner Blalock.

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. Minor Subdivision – Replat of Lot 53 of Wyndswapt Hills: A request by Sergio Reyes, P.E., of EDA Consultants, Inc., applicant and agent for Anna Diekemper and Anthony Meyer, property owners, for consideration of a minor subdivision / replat to adjust the front setback of Lot 53 of Wyndswapt Hills from 25 feet to 20 feet; Tax Parcel 03863-020-053 (Quasi-Judicial Hearing).

Having been sworn in, Principal Planner Justin Tabor introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the applicant if she had anything to add.

Stephany Sutton, EDA, thanked Staff for working with her in difficult situations.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Commissioner Blalock moved based upon the competent substantial evidence presented at this hearing, the presentation before this Commission, and the Staff's recommendation, this Commission finds the application to be consistent with the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan and in compliance with the Land Development Regulations and approves the Replat of Lot 53 of Wyndswept Hills; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

- B. Ordinance 23-04, Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City of Alachua, Florida, Relating to the Amendment of the City's Land Development Regulations ("LDRS"); Amending Article 4, Section 4.3.4(L), Related to Use-Specific Standards for Warehouse and Freight Movement; Providing a Repealing Clause; Providing Severability; Providing an Effective Date.

City Attorney Marian Rush read Ordinance 23-04 by title only.

Planning & Community Development Director Kathy Winburn introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Adam Boukari, Abfortiss Strategies, provided an additional report.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Miller moved based upon the competent substantial evidence presented at this hearing, the presentation before the Commission, and the Staff's recommendation, this Commission finds the proposed text amendments to the City's Land Development Regulations to be consistent with the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan and in compliance with the Land Development Regulations and adopts Ordinance 23-04 upon second reading; seconded by Commissioner Potts.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Manager Annual Evaluation

Human Resources Manager Malone introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

City Attorney Rush stated it was a pleasure to work with City Manager Mike DaRoza, as he was always available, was willing to put his personal needs aside to advance the City, and was a good problem solver.

Mayor Coerper agreed with City Attorney Rush that City Manager DaRoza's ability to problem-solve was essential to the job and was a wonderful quality he possesses.

Commissioner Potts moved to approve the City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation; seconded by Commissioner Blalock.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

B. Resolution 23-18 TK Stormwater Basin Maintenance Assessment Annual Rate Resolution

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 23-18 by title only.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Robert Bonetti introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Resolution 23-18; seconded by Commissioner Blalock.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

5-0 by roll call.

C. Resolution 23-20: Convergence Research Park Bike Depot Off-Site Tree Mitigation Request

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 23-20 by title only.

Principal Planner Tabor introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Vice Mayor Miller asked how the tree replacement cost was determined.

Principal Planner Tabor provided the information.

Commissioner Blalock moved to adopt Resolution 23-20; seconded by Commissioner 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

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 DaRoza reminded the Commission that at the August 28, 2023, meeting a Local State of Emergency was declared for Hurricane Idalia. He asked the Commission to waive the rules of procedure to conclude the State of Emergency.

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

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

City Manager DaRoza asked for a motion to end the State of Emergency as the City is no longer in imminent danger.

Vice Mayor Miller moved to terminate the State of Emergency which was declared by the City Manager for Hurricane Idalia; seconded by Commissioner Potts.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

City Manager DaRoza congratulated Mr. Jenkins on his appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board. He stated he attended the Santa Fe College groundbreaking for Ralph W. Cella Jr. Institute for Skilled Trades and Advanced Manufacturing. He spoke highly of Mr. Cella's contribution to the City of Alachua and Santa Fe College.

City Attorney Rush stated that this September 11th marked 22 years since the terrorist attack in New York City. She mentioned her brother, who worked next door to the World Trade Centers.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Potts stated he taught the stock market game at Buchholtz High School for the fourth year. He emphasized the game was not real life. He stated he attended his first Florida League of Cities legislative committee meeting. He spoke of cooking at the Ronald McDonald House and challenged the directors to a cook off at the Ronald McDonald House.

Commissioner Blalock stated the Commissioners should have a challenge at the Ronald McDonald House as well. She announced Alachua Elementary School and O2BKids will participate with the University of Florida Lastinger Center on a reading program.

Commissioner Brown thanked Pastor Sermons for the invocation. She congratulated Mr. Jenkins and thanked him for offering to serve on the board.

Vice Mayor Miller congratulated Mr. Jenkins on his appointment. When reflecting on September 11th, she stated there had been more lives lost due to 9/11 illnesses than were lost on that day. She reminded citizens that next year is the 88th anniversary of D-Day, and these events cannot be forgotten.

Mayor Coerper thanked Mr. Jenkins for his willingness to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board. He stated he attended the Santa Fe College groundbreaking for Ralph W. Cella Jr. Institute for Skilled Trades and Advanced Manufacturing, and that Mr. Cella's remarks were heartfelt. He asked everyone, in light of September 11th, to thank a first responder when they see them.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Potts moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Blalock.

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. August 14, 2023, Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
- B. August 14, 2023, City Commission Meeting Minutes
- C. August 28, 2023, Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
- D. September 06, 2023, Special City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA


Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk


Gib Coerper, Mayor