



City of
ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
August 23, 2021**

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Shirley Green Brown
Commissioner Jennifer Blalock
Commissioner Dayna Miller
Commissioner Robert Wilford

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: August 23, 2021

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

CITIZENS PRESENT: Ralph Williams, Rodney Long. **STAFF ATTENDING:** Robert Bonetti, Stephani Herlong, Elliot Harris, Carlos Hunt, Donna Myers, Brenda Phillips, Jesse Sandusky, Chad Scott, Rodolfo Valladares, LeAnne Williams, Tyler Williams, Cap Wilson.

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 Joshua Moon, River of Life Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper, with Commissioner Robert Wilford absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. MMC Certification Recognition for LeAnne Williams

City Manager Mike DaRoza introduced the presentation.

Judy Rice, City Clerk, City of Newberry, conducted the Pinning Ceremony.

Mayor Coerper expressed his appreciation of Deputy City Clerk Williams.

Deputy City Clerk Williams thanked the Commission for their support and for the honor of working for the City of Alachua.

Vice Mayor Brown commended Deputy City Clerk Williams for her leadership with the Youth Advisory Council and for conducting the elections in a highly professional manner.

City Attorney Marian Rush spoke of Deputy City Clerk Williams' dedication.

Commissioner Blalock affirmed Vice Mayor Brown's words, and commented on Deputy City Clerk Williams' positive attitude.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Rodney Long spoke to the Commission about his candidacy for House of Representatives, District 8.

(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. North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Report and Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Report

The report was received.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

- A. Ordinance 21-11, Second Reading; Amending Code Section 38 - Utility Rates Water & Wastewater

City Attorney Rush read Ordinance 21-11 by title only.

Public Services Director Rodolfo Valladares announced the City of Alachua received the Medium Wastewater System of the Year, which is for operational efficiency.

Public Services Director Valladares provided the staff report and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Mayor Coerper stated he was very proud of the work Public Services Director Valladares and his staff had done.

Commissioner Blalock moved to approve Ordinance 21-11 on Second and Final Reading for August 23, 2021: seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Gloria Jones Andrews spoke of her current water bill and the cost of an irrigation meter.

Mayor Coerper stated someone would speak with her about her water bill.

Public Services Director Valladares stated he would speak with Ms. Andrews. He stated he spoke with other concerned citizens, and they were satisfied.

Passed 4-0 by roll call.

Vice Mayor Brown asked for pictures to be taken with Public Services Director Valladares and the award.

Commissioner Miller spoke of her appreciation for the work the Public Services Department had done to earn the award.

Vice Mayor Brown stated Public Services Director Valladares always speaks in a manner that a lay person could understand, and she thanked him for his service.

City Manager DaRoza reminded the public that any increase was not taken lightly. He asked Public Services Director Valladares to look into Ms. Andrews' bill.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Tara Village Infrastructure Acceptance and Return of Surety

Public Services Director Valladares introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Commissioner Miller moved to accept the Tara Village water system, wastewater system, electric system, roadways, and stormwater conveyance system, and book the value on the City's asset lists, return the surety amount of \$63,184.79 to Tara Village, Inc.; seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-0 by roll call.

B. Ratification of 21/22 APD Collective Bargaining Agreement

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

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Brown moved to ratify the FY 2021/2022 City of Alachua Police Department-FOP Collective Bargaining Agreement, previously ratified by the APD Collective Bargaining Unit, and authorize execution of two copies by the Mayor; seconded by Commissioner Blalock.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-0 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 addressed Ms. Andrews' concerns. He congratulated Deputy City Clerk Williams. He reminded the Commission that September 6, 2021, City Hall would be closed in observance of Labor Day.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Blalock stated the Florida League of Cities training was amazing, and she learned quite a bit. She congratulated Deputy City Clerk Williams and Public Services Director Valladares for their accomplishments.

Commissioner Miller congratulated Commissioner Blalock for attending the the Florida League of Cities training.

Vice Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Long and Ms. Andrews for attending, and Pastor Moon for the invocation. She stated, Lamar Melvin, the guest speaker at the Florida League of Cities training was superior.

Mayor Coerper stated everyone had a wonderful time at the the Florida League of Cities training.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. March 8, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- B. May 10, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- C. May 24, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- D. May 24, 2021 Joint City Commission Board of Canvassers Meeting Minutes
- E. June 14, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- F. June 14, 2021 Joint County City Commission Meeting Minutes
- G. June 28, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- H. July 26, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- I. July 26, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
- J. July 26, 2021 City Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes
- K. August 9, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
- L. August 9, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- M. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Write Offs

ATTEST:



Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA



Gib Coerper, Mayor