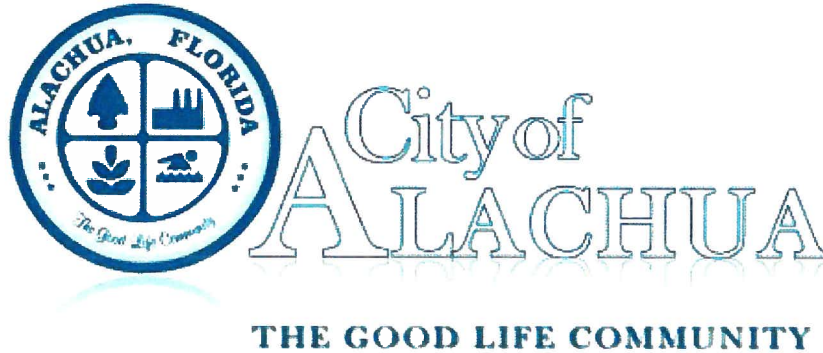




**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
May 24, 2021**

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

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: May 24, 2021

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert Bonetti, Mike DaRoza, Elliot Harris, Kamal Latham, Donna Myers, Brenda Phillips, Chad Scott, Rodolfo Valladares, LeAnne Williams, Cap Wilson. **CITIZENS ATTENDING:** Greta S Rice, Chuck Clemons, Craig & Michelle Carter, Ian & Patrice Fletcher, Lex Shelton, Ralph Williams, David Pope, Irene Melvin, Elliott Welker, Chris & David Flagg, Joseph Johnson

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 Ralph Williams, the Front Porch Gathering.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jennifer Blalock 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

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

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Florida League of Cities 2021 Youth Council Community Service Contest - Award

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams provided the presentation.

Youth Advisory Council Chair Megan Walls read the essay that was submitted to the Florida League of Cities for the contest.

Deputy City Clerk Williams listed the businesses that allowed the drop off boxes to be placed, and provided the total number of sports equipment was collected.

Youth Advisory Council Vice Chair Addison Grosz stated her role in the project.

Youth Advisory Council Chair Walls read Member Jamie Morris' letter to the Commission in regards to her role in the project due to her not being able to attend.

Youth Advisory Council Member Aidan Grosz spoke of his appreciation of the project and of those involved.

Commissioner Miller read the letter of recommendation she wrote to the League of Cities.

Vice Mayor Brown stated she was proud of the Youth Advisory Council.

Deputy City Clerk Williams introduced Riley Ashmore with the Guardian Ad Litem and thanked her for hard work, commitment and sacrifice she gives to the foster care kids daily.

Ms. Ashmore spoke of what the Guardian Ad Litem program is and the appreciation of Youth

Advisory Council participation in this program.

Erin Russell with the Florida League of Cities presented the Award to the Alachua Youth Advisory Council for the 2021 Youth Council Community Service Contest. She thanked the Council, Deputy City Clerk Williams, and Commissioner Miller, for creating an exemplary Council.

Mayor Coerper presented certificates to the Council, congratulated them and stated he is very proud of them.

Commissioner Wilford thanked the sponsors, Commissioners Miller, Vice Mayor Brown, former liaison to the Council Ben Boukari Jr., Deputy City Clerk Williams, and Florida League of Cities.

Youth Advisory Council Chair Walls thanked Deputy City Clerk Williams for all her hard work on the project and with the Council, she also thanked Commissioner Miller and her sister for starting the Council back up.

II. 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 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. City Commission Board and Committee Appointments

City Manager Adam Boukari introduced the item.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the committee commission assignments; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

B. North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Report

Commissioner Wilford presented the report.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. City Manager Contract

City Manager Boukari introduced the item.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the City Manager contract with Kamal Latham; seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Commissioner Wilford asked City Manager Boukari if this contract is similar to the one he signed and if the salary is higher due to the compensation package being raised.

City Manager Boukari stated it is similar to the contract that he signed and the City Attorney Marian Rush drafted it and she could speak to the contracts content.

City Attorney Rush stated the contract is similar to the basic proforma City Manager contract used for previous City Managers in the past with little tweaks made along the way. This contract allows the City Manager to live outside the city if it is subsequently amended in and agreed to by the Commission, the salary is a little bit increased and allows for the educational things just as it did for the current City Manager, but yes, it is very similar to the contracts for the past City Managers.

Commissioner Wilford recommended for an amendment to the education, that after degree would be the addition of in Business Administration from an accredited college or university.

City Manager Boukari stated this could be offered by this Commission and Mr. Latham could speak if he was amenable to it as well.

Commissioner Miller asked what section that is.

Commissioner Wilford stated it is Section 11 Education, in Perusing a Masters Degree, he would like it to say in Business Administration from an accredited university or college.

Assistant City Manager Latham stated that is not a problem and that it is acceptable.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for any other questions or comments.

Commissioner Miller moved to amend her motion to accept the contract for City Manager Kamal Latham to include, adding into Section 11 Education after the phrase in perusing a Masters Degree in Business Administration from an accredited College or university; seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

David Flagg, Craig Carter, Blake Fletcher, Craig Wilburn, Ed Braddy, Matt Casom, Gilbert Levy, Ann Rathvanfabra, Senator Keith Perry, Dean Chetcher, Joe Johnson, Otho Peterson, Greta Rice, Joe Hancock, Malcom Askew, David Flinchum, Ron Ladwick, Nick Ladwick, Dr. Krystal Ladwick, Glen Ladwick, Irena Melbin, Phil Holly, Elliot Welker, Blake Shelton, David Pope, State Representative Chuck Clemons, Ishmael Rentz, Ryan Loftis, Eric Goodday, Adrian S Taylor, Mitch Gleaser, Ian Fletcher, Stacy Bertrand, Jonnel Latham, Ben Boukari Jr., and Carol Velasques, came to speak in support of and to recommend Assistant City Manager Latham for the City Manager position.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for any other questions or comments.

Commissioner Wilford stated Dr. Brody called and gave a glowing recommendation as well as many others, he stated he is proud to have Assistant City Manager Latham.

Commissioner Miller stated she is happy for the outpouring of support for Assistant City Manager Latham. She is appreciative of his hard work, and hopes the Commission chooses to vote in favor of Assistant City Manager Latham.

Commissioner Blalock stated her first impression of Assistant City Manager Latham was that he is intelligent and she has learned he is a good listener and a man of God, and she appreciates that.

Vice Mayor Brown expressed her sincere appreciation to all who reached to support Assistant City Manager Latham and thanked him for being a good listener.

City Manager Boukari stated he is thrilled by the outpouring of support for Assistant City Manager Latham, and he has worked with him for the past several months and there is evidence that with the Commissions support he, is going to do a great job, and he recommends him for the City Manager position.

City Attorney Rush stated she looks forward to working with Assistant City Manager Latham.

Mayor Coerper stated Robert Woody and John Power called him with recommendations for Assistant City Manager Latham, and Jerry Dedenbach, Robert Walpole, Kevin Hewitt, EJ, Colin Austin, Matt Webster, Miss Arvin, and Brian Warrington brought in letters of recommendations.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

Assistant City Manager Latham stated he was overwhelmed and thanked the Commission and all those that came to support him and that this is an honor and privilege. He thanked City Manager Boukari for his 13 years of service and foundation and legacy he has left behind. He stated he was humbled to be working with City Attorney Rush and with all the City employees and Commission.

City Manager Boukari stated he looks forward to working with Assistant City Manager Latham for the next couple months to make the transition as seamless as possible.

- B. Resolution 21-15: Amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for the Receipt of Unanticipated Revenue; Increasing the Mill Creek Sink Capital Projects Fund to Appropriate Revenues and Expenses Related to the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) Mill Creek Sink Grant; Providing an Effective Date.

City Attorney Marian Rush read Resolution 21-15 by title only.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Robert Bonetti introduced the item and made recommendations. He stated the increase to the budget is \$645,899.

Commissioner Wilford moved to adopt Resolution 21-15; seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Bonetti thanked Public Services Director Rodolfo Valladares and his staff for their hard work and dedication on this project.

C. Children's Trust of Alachua County Summer Programming Grant

Recreation and Culture Director Elliot Harris provided the presentation.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments. He gave his congratulations and stated this is going to be great, and told Mr. Harris to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign and execute a contract and related documents with the Children's Trust of Alachua County for 2021 summer programming; seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

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

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 congratulated Assistant City Manager Latham on being our next City Manager and he looks forward to his leadership, and he thanked the directors and Deputy City Clerk Williams on her amazing job and her tireless work with Youth Advisory Counsel. He stated we have a joint meeting with the Alachua County Commission on June 14th, 2021 here in the commission chambers. He thanked all those that have sacrificed for us to live free in regards to Memorial Day on Monday May 31, 2021.

City Attorney Rush Assistant Manager Latham on being our next City Manager and Deputy City Clerk Williams on the wonderful things that occur in the city.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Blalock congratulated Assistant City Manager Latham. She stated she enjoyed listening to the Youth Advisory Council and the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Commissioner Miller stated the Libraries are offering WIFI to go hot spots. She attended Northeast League of Cities Regional meeting and Clay Martin offered his support for Assistant City Manager Latham's future endeavors. She stated the Hampton Inn had its soft opening.

Commissioner Wilford thanked Pastor Williams for the prayer, Deputy City Clerk Williams for the Youth

Advisory Council coordination and stated she did a great job. He stated he attended the 37th annual Alachua County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Sheriff Clovis Watson, Jr. delivered a fantastic speech. He stated he participated in the picture taking of the new commissioners. He attended the service for Vada Horner. He stated as a member of the CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services CEO search he participated in the virtual interviews. He thanked Chief Chad Scott and his officers for their service and told them to continue to be vigilant during these difficult times.

Vice Mayor Brown thanked Pastor Williams for prayer and Deputy City Clerk Williams for her hard work with Youth Advisory Council and exceptional leadership. She congratulated Assistant City Manager Latham. She stated she attended the 37th annual Alachua County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Sheriff Watson delivered a powerful speech. She passed out a flyer for Ymojo which is a celebration for Black Artists in Alachua County and the opening ceremony is May 28, 2021, celebrating the Emancipation Proclamation and the upcoming celebration of Juneteenth.

Mayor Coerper thanked City Manager Boukari for the great job he has done, and Commissioner Miller, Vice Mayor Brown and Deputy Clerk Williams for the great job with Youth Advisory Council, and Erin Russell from Florida League of Cities. He spoke of his gratitude to Vada Horner who recently passed.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wilford moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Passed by unanimous consent.

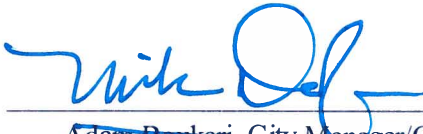
CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. March 9, 2021 Special City Commission Meeting Minutes
- B. March 22, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA



Adam Boukari, City Manager/Clerk

Mike DaRozza



Gib Coerper, Mayor