



**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
May 8, 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: May 8, 2023

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

CITIZENS PRESENT: Freddie Wehbe, Tanya Floyd, Gerard Murphy, Carlos Gonzalez, Jeff Rochier.
STAFF ATTENDING: Diane Amendola, Wesley Barrett, Robert Bonetti, Adam Hall, Tara Malone, Damon Messina, Officer Parks, Jesse Sandusky, Rodolfo Valladares, Officer Vargas, LeAnne Williams, Cap Wilson, Kathy Winburn, David Wisener, Officer Young.

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 Tom Hope, Alachua Methodist Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Manager Mike DaRoza stated Item D Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation would need to be moved to Item B under Special Presentations and Item B Resolution 23-02 Extension of Resolution 20-06 QTI for Pressure Technology Inc. would need to be moved to Agenda Items Item C.

Vice Mayor Dayna Miller moved to approve the amended agenda; seconded by Commissioner Edward Potts.

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 Commissioner Jennifer Blalock.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Music Presentation - W.W. Irby Elementary

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Diane Amendola introduced the proclamation.

The W.W. Irby students performed three songs for the Commission.

Mayor Coerper and Ms. Lalaine Foreman presented the students with certificates.

B. Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation

Alachua Police Department Chief Jesse Sandusky introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation.

C. National Poetry Month

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation.

Alachua County Poet Laureate, Stanley Richardson, thanked the Commission for recognizing the poets in the City of Alachua.

D. Mayor John Land Years of Service Presentation – Mayor Gib Coerper

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola introduced the presentation.

Erin Russell of the Florida League of Cities presented Mayor Coerper with the Mayor John Land Years of Service Award for his 20 years of service to the City of Alachua.

Mayor Coerper expressed his pleasure in living in the City of Alachua for the last 49 years and how much he had enjoyed being the Mayor for the last 20 years.

E. Stop the Bleed Day

Human Resources Director Tara Malone introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation.

F. Mental Health Awareness Month 2023

Human Resources Director Malone introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation.

G. Okito America's New Alachua Location

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola introduced the presentation.

Freddie Wehbe, Orlando Milan, Thalia Milan and Mitch Glaeser provided the presentation.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Human Resources Director Malone added Wesley Barrett was a certified instructor for the trauma training.

Robert Sharpe stated the grass needed mowing at 158 Ave. and mentioned there was debris on the side of the road.

(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)

- A. Ordinance 23-03: Briarwood Town Center: Site-Specific Amendment to the Official Zoning Atlas: a request by Craig Brashier, AICP of CHW, Inc., applicant and agent for Eric J. Parker and Joy A. Parker Community Property Trust, Florida Timber Co, and the Lillie Belle Jeffords Revocable Living Trust , property owners, for the consideration of the rezoning of the subject property from Agricultural ("A")(Alachua County), Community Commercial ("CC"), and Residential Multiple-Family -8 ("RMF-8") to Planned Development – Residential ("PD-R") and Planned Development – Commercial ("PD-COMM") on a ±306.34 acre subject property. Consisting of Parcel Numbers 03024-000-000, 03024-002-000, 03024-003-000,03024-004-000-000,03045-000-000, 03044-010-

001, 03044-010-002, 03044-012-001, 03044-012-002, 03044-012-003, 03044-012-003, 03044-012-005, 03046-000-000, 03046-005-000, 03047-000-000, 03047-001-000, 03047-001-001, 03047-001-002, 03047-001-003, 03047-001-004, 03047-001-005, 03048-002-000, and 03047-001-006(Quasi-Judicial Hearing).

City Attorney Marian Rush read Ordinance 23-03 by title only.

Having been sworn in, Principal Planner Adam Hall introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Craig Brashier, Director of Planning, CHW, provided an additional report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

The commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Principal Planner Hall and Mr. Brashier provided the information.

Commissioner Potts moved based upon the competent substantial evidence presented at this hearing, the presentation before this Commission, Staff's recommendation, and the recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Board, this Commission finds the application for a Site-Specific Amendment to the Official Zoning Atlas for a Planned Development to be consistent with the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan and in compliance with the Land Development Regulations and approves Ordinance 23-03 on first reading; seconded by Commissioner Blalock.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Gerard Murphy asked for clarification regarding the open space.

Mr. Brashier stated the open space would contain an amenity center, trails, landscaping, stormwater and passive & active recreation.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Donation of Surplus Property: Tax Parcel 03506-000-000

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

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

Stevie Meadows of Habitat for Humanity explained the process of Habitat for Humanity and thanked the Commission for this opportunity.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Miller moved to Approve the Alachua Habit for Humanity, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, request that the City donate surplus vacant Tax Parcel 03506-000-000 to Habitat to support its mission to provide affordable housing to the economically challenged and authorize and direct the Mayor to execute and deliver the attached Quit Claim Deed to affect the transfer of title; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

B. Resolution 23-09 Wild Spaces Public Places and Infrastructure Distributi

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 23-09 by title only.

City Manager DaRoza introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Potts stated he had questions regarding the division of funds that he would like to have answered by the County Commissioners at the Joint Meeting before voting on this item.

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Resolution 23-09; no second.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

City Attorney Rush suggested the item be moved to the May 22, 2023, meeting to ensure all questions could be answered at the joint meeting with the County Commission.

Commissioner Blalock moved to defer the item until the May 22, 2023 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Potts.

Mayor Coerper expressed his concerns about not offering smaller towns in the county equal funding.

Commissioner Brown stated her primary concern was knowing a small city had need for the same large-scale projects that every city had, and the funds from this program make a big difference.

City Attorney Rush stated she would like to know what happened to the unclaimed funds.

Mayor Coerper stated staff would reach out to the County so they would have the answers to these questions at our joint meeting.

Commissioner Potts stated, while he also understood the plight of smaller cities, the fact that they must match the funds and might not have the matching funds meant they would never have access to this money.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

C. Resolution 23-02 Extension of Resolution 20-06 QTI for Pressure Technology Inc.

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 23-02 by title only.

City Manager DaRoza introduced the item and provided the staff report.

City Attorney provided additional information.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Mayor Coerper asked where Pressure Technology, Inc. was located.

City Manager DaRoza provided the information.

Commissioner Blalock moved to adopt Resolution 23-02; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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 congratulated:

- Mayor Coerper for 20 years of service
- W.W. Irby 30th Anniversary Celebration

He stated he attended:

- Relay for Life
- Alachua Chamber Luncheon
- Great American Clean-Up

He announced there would be a Joint County-City Commission meeting on May 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

City Attorney Rush stated she saw the Great American Clean-Up and the W.W. Irby 30th Anniversary Celebration on television.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Potts congratulated Mayor Coerper for 20 years of service. He stated he attended:

- EMO 2
- A tour of San Felasco Tech City to see Okito America's future site
- The Spring Concert Series

He stated he met with Amber Miller of United Way, and she is looking to expand into the City of Alachua. He thanked Damon Messina for helping the Ronald McDonald House with an upcoming event which would now be held at Legacy Park.

Commissioner Brown thanked Pastor Hope for the prayer. She stated she attended:

- W.W. Irby 30th Anniversary Celebration
- Great American Clean-Up
- Golf Scholarship Tournament for the Alumni Chapter of Florida A&M University

She gave her sympathies to Robert Sharpe for the loss of his brother and to Lynn Hayes for the loss of her cousin.

Commissioner Blalock thanked Chief Sandusky for his efforts. She expressed her concern for those affected by mental illness in light of the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month. She gave her condolences to Robert Sharpe.

Vice Mayor Miller stated she attended the Great American Clean-Up. She congratulated Mayor Coerper for 20 years of service.

Mayor Coerper stated he attended:

- Relay for Life
- Great American Clean-Up
- The Spring Concert Series

He stated he was looking forward to the summer camp activities at Legacy Park.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Blalock moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Potts.

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. April 10, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:



Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA



Gib Coerper, Mayor