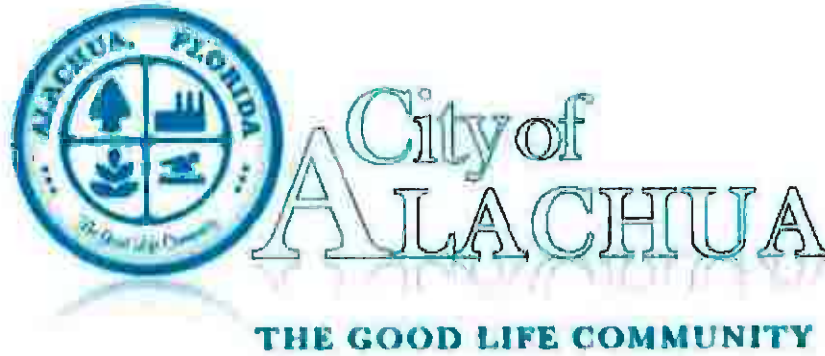




**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
April 24, 2023**

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: April 24, 2023

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

CITIZENS PRESENT: Darin Kiltfoyl NFPS, John Brown, Virginia Johns, Tom Hubbard, Matt Cason, Phyllis Strickland, Tommie Davis. **STAFF ATTENDING:** Diane Amendola, Robert Bonetti, Jesse Sandusky, Rodolfo Valladares, LeAnne Williams, 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, St. Paul AME Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Administration of the Oath of Office for City Commission Seat 3

City Manager Mike DaRoza introduced the presentation and swore in Commissioner Miller.

Commissioner Miller reflected on the gravity of the position of a City Commissioner and thanked the City for trusting her with the great position. She thanked the City staff for their work and stated she was looking forward to the work ahead.

B. Election of the Vice Mayor

City Manager DaRoza introduced the presentation.

Mayor Coerper called for nominations.

Vice Mayor Blalock nominated Commissioner Miller; seconded by Commissioner Shirley Green Brown.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Vice Mayor Miller thanked the Commission,

C. Fiscal Analysis Report for FY 2022-2023 through March 31, 2023

Senior Accountant Tyler Williams provided the presentation.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Miller asked if any funds had been affected by inflation at this point.

Senior Accountant Williams reminded the Commission that when the budget was prepared for the year, City Manager DaRoza and Finance and Administrative Services Director Robert Bonetti

took measures to prepare for rising costs to the City.

City Manager DaRoza stated the same practice was done for the previous fiscal year for the rise in gas prices.

D. Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams introduced the proclamation.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation.

E. Earth Day Presentation

Deputy City Clerk Williams 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.

Matt Cason presented the concerns his company had regarding the need for more housing and personal opportunity for citizens within the City of Alachua.

Virginia Johns announced the Suwannee River Water Management District would be at the James A. Lewis City Chambers on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to review the new flood maps and invited the public to attend.

Deputy City Clerk Williams recognized Assistant Deputy City Clerk Diane Amendola for her hard work while Deputy City Clerk Williams was out of the office.

(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. Resolution 23-08; Planning & Zoning Board Appointment

City Attorney Marian Rush read Resolution 23-08 by title only.

Deputy City Clerk Williams presented the appointment and conducted the ballot process,

Virginia Johns received 5 of 5 votes.

Commissioner Brown moved to appoint one member to the Planning & Zoning Board and Adopt Resolution 23-08, to be finalized to include the name of the appointed member; 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)

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution 23-07 - Establishing Educational Task Force

City Attorney Rush read Resolution 23-07 by title only.

Economic Development Manager David Wisener introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Miller stated Exhibit A was very informative.

Mayor Coerper asked if this was the time to ask who should serve on this task force.

City Manager DaRoza stated the item must be passed at this meeting to establish the task force.

Commissioner Brown stated she was looking forward to seeing what this task force what accomplish.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 23-07; seconded by Commissioner Blalock.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call

B. Santa Fe Watershed Flood Risk Project Letters Authorization

City Manager DaRoza introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Mayor Coerper stated he was shocked when he saw the flood maps proposed by FEMA and questioned their methods.

Vice Mayor Miller moved to authorize the Mayor to sign letters regarding the Santa Fe Watershed Flood Risk Project on behalf of the City of Alachua; and direct the City

Manager to provide the letters to the relevant agencies by April 30, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Potts.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Passed 5-0 by roll call.

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Chris Mallinson presented his concerns over children being taught how to take tests, but they were not being taught more practical skills like counting change.

Phyllis Strickland stated parents need to be held accountable for the education of their children.

(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 stated he attended:

- Alachua Business League Meeting
- BioFlorida Celebration of Biotechnology
- Just Between Friends Sale

He welcomed back Deputy City Clerk Williams. He thanked Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola for her great effort in Deputy City Clerk Williams's absence. He congratulated Ms. Johns. He stated he would be available to answer questions after the meeting regarding the task force.

City Attorney Rush congratulated Ms. Johns. She thanked Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola and stated she did a great job. She congratulated Vice Mayor Miller.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Potts congratulated Vice Mayor Miller and Ms. Johns. He stated he attended:

- Alachua Business League Meeting
- BioFlorida Celebration of Biotechnology

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

- Just Between Friends Sale
- The Annual Masonic Convention
- Soul Ceremony
- W.W. Irby 30th Anniversary Celebration

She thanked:

- Ms. Strickland and Mr. Mallinson for the comments
- Deputy City Clerk Amendola
- Ms. Johns for the announcement of the SWRMD meeting

- Michael Bonetti for showing her family around Legacy Park

Commissioner Blalock congratulated Vice Mayor Miller and Ms. Johns. She thanked Assistant Deputy City Clerk Amendola for her great effort in Deputy City Clerk Williams's absence. She stated she attended:

- Opioid Task force meeting
- An Early Childhood Conference
- Just Between Friends Sale

Mayor Coerper congratulated Ms. Johns. He stated that the BioFlorida Celebration of Biotechnology was the largest that it had ever been. He stated he attended:

- PTA event at Alachua Elementary
- Just Between Friends Sale
- Tyler's Hope Crab Boil

ADJOURN

Commissioner Potts moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Blalock.

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. February 27, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- B. March 13, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- C. March 27, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA


Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk
Gib Coerper, Mayor