



City of
ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
March 27, 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: March 27, 2023

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

CITIZENS PRESENT: Marco Caballero, Karin Kilfoul **STAFF PRESENT:** Diane Amendola, Robert Bonetti, Jacob Eady, Tara Malone, Stephanie McDonald, Damon Messina, Jesse Sandusky, Rodolfo Valladares, 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 Marco Caballero, Forest Grove Baptist Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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 Blalock 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. Water Conservation Month Proclamation

Public Services Director Rodolfo Valladares introduced the presentation.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation.

B. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Alachua Police Department Chief Jesse Sandusky introduced the presentation and APD Detective Jacob Eady.

Detective Eady spoke on his work experience with child abuse victims and how to help prevent child abuse.

Mayor Coerper thanked Detective Eady for the work he did.

Commissioner Miller asked if there were other counterparts helping with the Child Abuse Task Force.

Detective Eady provided the response.

Commissioner Miller inquired about mental health assistance for the officers who work in the child abuse task force.

Detective Eady expressed there was mental health support.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation.

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

There were no reports.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

V. AGENDA ITEMS

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Christopher Mallinson complemented the work on the new parking lot. He stated he was unable to attend the ribbon-cutting but the parking lot looked very good.

(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 Mike DaRoza thanked Pastor Caballero for the invocation and Warehouse Manager Michelle Lightsey for her hard work on the Downtown Parking Lot ribbon-cutting ceremony. He stated Detective Eady's experience with APD has proven to be invaluable. He attended the Santa Fe Babe Ruth opening ceremony and announced upcoming Alachua Raiders football registration. He introduced new Recreation & Culture Director Damon Messina and Assistant Recreation & Culture Director Stephanie McDonald.

City Attorney Marian Rush expressed warm welcome to Recreation & Culture Director Messina and Assistant Recreation & Culture Director McDonald.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Brown expressed her gratitude to Pastor Caballero for the inspirational prayer. She announced the Alachua/ Newnansville Subcommittee of the Alachua County Community Remembrance Project would hold a historical marker dedication ceremony on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 10:00 am. She attended the Santa Fe Babe Ruth opening ceremony and commended Recreation & Culture Director Messina and the volunteers who worked hard to ensure the community had a variety of programs.

Commissioner Potts attended the Alachua Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and heard UF Innovate/Accelerate Director Karl LaPan speak. He stated he would be attending the Alachua Lions Club Cattlemen's Banquet on March 28, 2023.

Vice Mayor Blalock expressed her gratitude to the APD and Detective Eady for their work on protecting the children and community. She stated she was glad to see Recreation & Culture Director Messina back working for the City and looked forward to working with him and staff.

Mayor Coerper thanked the officers at APD for all they do. He was in attendance for the Santa Fe Babe Ruth opening ceremony and thanked Recreation & Culture Director Messina.

He was in attendance for the Dance Alive performance of Swan Lake and the Ronald McDonald House fundraising event.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Blalock moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Potts.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Mayor Coerper adjourned the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Purchase of Transformers

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA



Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk



Gib Coerper, Mayor