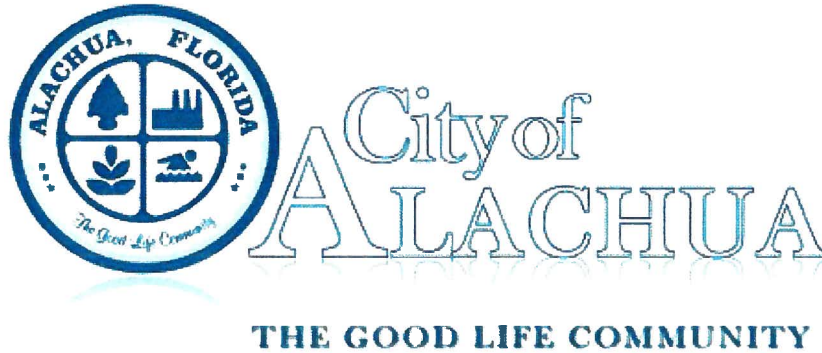




**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
March 22, 2021**

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Robert Wilford
Commissioner Shirley Green Brown
Commissioner Gary Hardacre
Commissioner Dayna Miller

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: March 22, 2021

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

CITIZENS PRESENT: Jen Blalock, Gary Kocher, Ed Potts, Sherry Kitchens, Kathy Winfrey, Nick Weston, Rev. Debra Sermons, Minister Eddie Sermons. STAFF ATTENDING: Robert Bonetti, Mike DaRoza, Kamal Latham, Brenda Phillips, Jesse Sandusky, Chad Scott, Rodolfo Valladares, LeAnne Williams, Donna Smith, Kathy Winburn.

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 Eddie Sermons, Paradise Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Mayor Robert Wilford cited errors in the minutes to be amended.

Commissioner Gary Hardacre moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Vice Mayor Wilford.

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 Wilford moved to approve the reading of proposed ordinances and resolutions by title only; seconded by Commissioner Dayna Miller.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Alachua Police Department Mobile Smart Phone Application Presentation

Lieutenant Jesse Sandusky provided the presentation.

Vice Mayor Wilford stated he sent this information to the Turkey Creek Homeowners Association, which consists of over 1300 citizens.

Lieutenant Sandusky stated the next step was the marketing of the app.

Commissioner Miller said she was glad to see that Lieutenant Sandusky took his time when developing the app, as it looked good and seemed user friendly.

Lieutenant Sandusky stated the goal was to get as many citizens using the app as possible.

Commissioner Shirley Green Brown thanked Lieutenant Sandusky for the presentation. She stated she was going to get her grandchildren to help her get it on her phone.

City Manager Adam Boukari stated the app was part of the effort to be transparent. He pointed to the Tag Along function within the app as a way of maximizing the APD work force. He stated this app was modernizing the department.

Mayor Coerper stated the app was going to be great for the community.

B. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Lieutenant Sandusky introduced Sherry Kitchens, Eds LMFT, President, CEO, Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

Ms. Kitchens provided the presentation.

Mayor Coerper asked when follow-up on children occurs.

Ms. Kitchens provided the information.

Vice Mayor Wilford asked if they train other organizations.

Ms. Kitchens stated they train many organizations. She informed the Commission Florida Statutes stated that every citizen was a mandated reporter of child abuse.

Commissioner Miller asked if they worked with the Guardian Ad Litem. She mentioned the State of Florida works hard to get the child back with the parent. She asked how parents were prepared for this homecoming.

Ms. Kitchens elaborated on how they work together with the Guardian Ad Litem and the parents.

Commissioner Brown asked what the Commission or average citizens could do to help.

Ms. Kitchens invited everyone to come to the center and see firsthand from a child's point of view. She stated she would welcome speaking at other events.

Lieutenant Jesse Sandusky introduced Kathy Winfree, Program Manager, Healthy Families of Alachua County, and Chair of the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force.

Ms. Winfree provided the presentation. She discussed the prevention of child abuse and awareness.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation.

C. Water Conservation Month Proclamation

Public Services Director Rodolfo Valladares provided the presentation.

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

A. Resolution 21-08; Planning & Zoning Board Appointment

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams presented the appointment.

Mayor Coerper invited Ed Potts to speak.

Mr. Potts spoke about his experience within the community.

Deputy City Clerk Williams administered the ballot process and announced Mr. Potts received a unanimous vote to be appointed to the board.

Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Ed Potts to the Planning & Zoning Board and adopt Resolution 21-08, to be finalized to include the name of Ed Potts; seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Vice Mayor Wilford thanked Mr. Sagmeister for applying.

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. RFB 2021-01 Powerline Tree and Vegetation Maintenance Award

Purchasing Specialist Donna Smith introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Mayor Wilford thanked Purchasing Specialist Smith for the clarification regarding the prices. He asked that the information be given to the citizens.

City Manager Boukari stated this was the reason this item was on this agenda rather than the consent agenda.

Purchasing Specialist Smith said the information was on the bid sheet for the public to see.

Commissioner Brown moved to accept the Base Bid from Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC for the Annual Powerline Tree and Vegetation Maintenance and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC to complete the work as needed under the provisions of RFB 2021-01; seconded by Commissioner Miller.

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.

Robert Sharp spoke about the storm water drainage problems in his neighborhood.

(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 addressed Mr. Sharp's concerns. He stated the City would receive a portion of the COVID-19 stimulus package that recently passed, and the State also received monies which would be passed on in the way of grants. He stated he would keep the Commission abreast of the proceedings. He updated the citizens on the COVID-19 vaccination age limits. He announced Saturday, April 3, 2021, Hal Brady Recreation Complex would be hosting an Easter Egg hunt. He wished everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter.

City Attorney Marian Rush wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Brown stated the presentations tonight highlighting the safety of our Children were awesome. She thanked:

1. Mr. Sharp for attending and for sharing his concerns.
2. Pastor Sermons for the prayer.

She stated the Senior Resources Advisory Board held a very informative meeting, where Youth Advisory Council Member Addison Grosz attended. She stated the YAC would be collaborating with the SRAB in providing special activities for our seniors. She stated she attended:

1. The grand opening for the Alachua Animal Hospital.
2. The Gymnastics competition at Legacy Park.

She stated March was International Women's History Month. She expressed her gratitude to former and current leaders of Alachua: City Attorney Marion Rush-first woman Attorney for the City; former City Manager Traci Gresham- first woman City Manager; Commissioner Dayna Miller- fellow Commissioner. She stated the following distinguished women served as City Commissioners and paved the way: Jean Calderwood, Bonnie Burgess, Tamara Robbins, Diana Kosman-Rothseiden, Evelyn Holland, Pamela Williamson and Martha Alday. She commended these women for their exemplary leadership and extraordinary service to the Good Life Community.

Commissioner Miller announced that March 31, 2021, was the deadline to drop off used baseball/softball equipment for the Youth Advisory Council project with the Guardian Ad Litem to benefit foster children.

Vice Mayor Wilford thanked:

1. Those who attended the meeting.
2. Rev. Sermons for the invocation.
3. Recreation and Culture Director Elliot Harris for his work as a coach.

He congratulated the Gainesville Sun's Citizens of the Month:

1. Nicholas Gauselmann, Alachua Elementary.
2. Yasiri Gomez, Irby Elementary.
3. Michael Cox, Metcalfe Elementary School.

He stated he attended:

1. The Turkey Creek Master Owners Association monthly meeting.
2. The March, April, May (M.A.M.) event.
3. Legacy Spring Break Camp.

He reminded Chief Chad Scott to be vigilant.

Mayor Coerper thanked everyone for coming. He stated the gymnastics meet was fantastic. He commended Recreation and Culture Director Harris for a job well done.

Commissioner Brown shared former Commissioner C.H. Hathcock passed away, and services would be Saturday, April 3, 2021.

ADJOURN

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

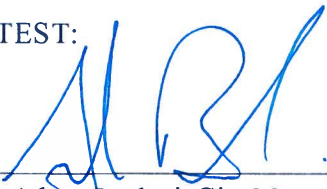
Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. December 14, 2020 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- B. January 11, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- C. January 25, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:



Adam Boukari, City Manager/Clerk

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Gib Coerper, Mayor