



City of
ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
March 13, 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 13, 2023

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

CITIZENS PRESENT: Ralph Williams, Nathaniel M. Ford III, Phyllis W. Strickland. **STAFF PRESENT:**
Diane Amendola, Robert Bonetti, Tara Malone, 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 with Commissioner Edward Potts Absent.

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Ralph Williams with Church of the Nazarene.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Manager Mike DaRoza requested Item A under Special Presentations be removed and moved to a later meeting in April as it was on the agenda in error.

Commissioner Dayna Miller moved to approve the amended 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

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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

Item deferred.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chris Mallinson expressed concerns about upcoming construction and the direction of traffic from construction vehicles.

(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

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 thanked Pastor Williams for his prayer. He was in attendance for the Spring Concert Series' opening show held at Legacy Park Amphitheater. He announced Toppermost Beatles Tribute would be performing at the next Spring Concert Series' event on April 1, 2023 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM at Legacy Park. He stated there would be food trucks and bounce houses for the kids. He announced the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Downtown Parking Lot would be March 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Miller announced the Santa Fe Baseball Jamboree would be Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 9:00 AM. She stated 8th Circuit Judge, Honorable Judge Sean Brewer would have his investiture Friday, April 28, 2023 at 3:00 PM located at the Stephan Mickle Criminal Court House in downtown Gainesville.

Commissioner Shirley Green Brown thanked Pastor Williams for his fervent prayer. She attended the Senior Resources Advisory Board Meeting, Stick-a-Fork in Cancer Fundraiser held at Mi Apa's restaurant and both the W.W. Irby's and District's School Advisory Council Meetings. She expressed concerns for the challenges the School Board of Alachua County and local schools are experiencing.

Commissioner Brown moved to waive the rules of procedure; seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Brown moved to direct City Manager DaRoza to communicate in writing to SBAC Superintendent Shane Andrew to schedule a meeting before the next school year to meet and discuss the priorities for the schools located in the City of Alachua; seconded by Vice Mayor Blalock.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Ms. Phyllis Strickland stated that discipline seemed to be the biggest challenge in the schools. She suggested classes for parents on how to better prepare their children for school and what is expected behaviorally.

Commissioner Miller stated she agreed with Ms. Strickland.

Vice Mayor Blalock expressed the need to come up with a plan to help the teachers, students, Parent Teacher Associations and schools.

Commissioner Brown stated she agreed and did not want the State to come in and take over the schools.

Passed 4-0 by roll call.

Vice Mayor Blalock reminded citizens it was Spring Break, and to pay attention to children out of school. She attended Stick-a-Fork in Cancer Fundraiser held at Mi Apa's restaurant and the Dance Alive Champagne Gala at Legacy Park.

Mayor Coerper attended the Spring Concert Series and recommended citizens bring an umbrella and hats for the next concerts as it can be warm.

ADJOURN

Vice Mayor Blalock moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Passed by unanimous consent.

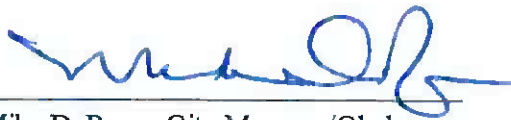
Mayor Coerper adjourned the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA



Mike DaRoza, City Manager/Clerk



Gib Coerper, Mayor