



City of
ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

**Regular City Commission Meeting
Minutes
January 25, 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: January 25, 2021

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

CITIZENS PRESENT: Debra Sermons, Jon Humphery, Agnieszka Kalinowska, Candyce Hudson, Alexandra Saona. **STAFF ATTENDING:** Robert Bonetti, Mike DaRoza, Elliot Harris, Kamal Latham, Ashley McGraw, Jesse Sandusky, Donna Smith, LeAnne Williams, Cap Wilson.

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 Dayna Miller absent.

INVOCATION

Led by Rev. Debra Frasier-Sermons, Paradise Community Church.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Coerper.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Mayor Robert Wilford noted the minutes titled November 11, 2020, should be titled November 30, 2020.

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.

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 Vice Mayor Wilford.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. 2021 City Election Proclamation

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams introduced the presentation.

Mayor Coerper read the Proclamation.

B. Fiscal Analysis Report for FY 2020-2021 through November 30, 2020

Accounting Manager Ashley McGraw made the presentation.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

Commissioner Hardacre complimented Accounting Manager McGraw on a job well done.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

Jon Humphery, Alexandra Saona, and Candyce Hudson spoke of a situation they were facing on NW 145 Ave.

Mayor Coerper stated the City would do everything possible to help the citizens.

City Manager Adam Boukari asked the citizens to stay for City Manager Comments, as he would then respond to their concerns.

(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. Rural Advisor Nominations to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) for the Gainesville Urbanized Area

Assistant City Manager Kamal Latham introduced the item and made recommendations.

Mayor Coerper asked the commissioners for questions or comments.

City Manager Boukari stated he had spoken with Commissioner Dayna Miller, and she was willing to be nominated for this position.

Vice Mayor Wilford stated he would like to be nominated for this position.

Mayor Coerper suggested Commissioner Miller be nominated, as Vice Mayor Wilford was recently nominated to the Auditor Selection Committee.

Vice Mayor Wilford stated, if it was possible, he would withdraw his name from the Auditor Selection Committee and offer that position up to Commissioner Miller, so he could be nominated to this committee.

City Manager Boukari stated it was his understanding that Commissioner Miller would prefer the Auditor Selection Committee.

Commissioner Hardacre moved to nominate Vice Mayor Robert Wilford of the Alachua City Commission to be submitted to the MTPO for consideration for appointment as Rural Advisor; seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed 4-0 by roll call.

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

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 Boukari addressed the concerns brought by citizens and said his staff would do everything possible to help. He commended Accounting Manager McGraw on a job well done. He announced on Saturday, January 30, 2021, at 6:00 P.M., at Legacy Park, the Wiz Off-Broadway play would be performed. He stated Gainesville Regional Utilities Communication (GRU Com) sent notice to the City as well as other agencies, raising the fees from around \$42,000 per year to \$133,000, and that the letter indicated that if this bill was not paid in 45 days, we would no longer have access to the system. He stated a response letter was sent last week, and he would report back with any news from GRU Com.

Vice Mayor Wilford stated he appreciated the letter City Manager Boukari wrote.

City Manager Boukari pointed out GRU Com was not a private company, but was a public agency, owned by the City of Gainesville. He stated the Citizens expect public agencies to work together, and things like this undermined confidence in our local government.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Brown thanked Pastor Sermons for the prayer. She congratulated Deputy City Clerk Williams on her promotion. She thanked the citizens who attended the meeting, and she expressed her concern for them and their situation. She stated the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. program was very successful. She stated the grand opening ceremony of the Turkey Creek Golf course was exciting and well attended. She announced her plans to seek reelection for Alachua City Commission, Seat 4.

Commissioner Hardacre expressed his sympathies to the citizens who spoke.

Vice Mayor Wilford thanked the citizens who attended the meeting. He thanked Pastor Sermons for the prayer. He stated the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration was very inspiring. He said the opening ceremony of the Turkey Creek Golf course was fantastic.

Mayor Coerper told the citizens who spoke that their concerns would be taken seriously. He stated the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was great. He stated he went to Legacy Park to watch the children performing gymnastics, and there were many in attendance.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Information and Technology (IT) Network Infrastructure Upgrade
- B. Transformer Purchase from Gresco Utility Supply, Inc.
- C. October 26, 2020 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- D. November 9, 2020 City Commission Meeting Minutes

E. November 30, 2020 City Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTEST:

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Adam Boukari, City Manager/Clerk

CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

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Gib Coerper, Mayor