



Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 07, 2013

Mayor Gib Coerper
Vice Mayor Shirley Green Brown
Commissioner Gary Hardacre
Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr.
Commissioner Robert Wilford

City Manager Traci Cain
City Attorney Marian Rush

The City Commission held a City Commission Meeting on October 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the James A. Lewis Commission Chambers, City Hall, 15100 NW 142nd Terrace, Alachua, Florida.

Elected Officials: Mayor Gib Coerper, Vice Mayor Shirley Green Brown, Commissioner Robert Wilford, Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr., and Commissioner Gary Hardacre.

Staff Present: City Manager Traci Cain, Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari, Deputy City Clerk Alan Henderson, Compliance and Risk Management Director Cap Wilson and Detective Jesse Sandusky.

Citizens Present: Connie Canney, Carol Thomas, Janis Youngblood, Lynda Short, Kimberly Sims, Shirley, Marianna Kampa, Lynn Coullias and Jim McGinley.

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.

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CALL TO ORDER

Led by Mayor Gib Coerer

INVOCATION

Mayor Coerper led a moment of silence in recognition of deceased City Employee Mr. Ronnie Watson.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Gib Coerper

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Manager Traci Cain requested the Commission add the White Cain Safety Month under Special Presentations Item D.

Commissioner Ben Boukari, Jr. moved to approve the Agenda as Amended, Seconded by Commissioner Gary Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

APPROVE READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

Commissioner Robert Wilford moved to approve reading proposed Ordinances and Resolutions by title only, seconded by Commissioner Gary Hardacre.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**A. Alachua Police Department Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation**

Detective Jesse Sandusky presented the staff report to the Commission and invited all to join him outside City Hall for an unveiling. Detective Sandusky revealed a police car fashioned in black and pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness and Alachua Goes Pink. The Commission and all in attendance wishing to join exited the James A. Lewis Commission Chambers to view the police cruiser.

B. Youth Advisory Council Certificates

Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari presented the staff report to the Commission. Mr. Boukari asked the Mayor to join him at the podium to present the certificates to the Youth Advisory Council received for their attendance and participation at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference. Mayor Coerper and Mr. Boukari recognized each of the Council members Chair Chad Osborne, Vice Chair Andrea Monday, Member Hollie New, Member Bennet Myers and Member Joni Perkins.

Mayor Coerper thanked the students for their service to the Community and the representation to the student body at Santa Fe High School.

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Member Hollie New thanked Commissioner Boukari, Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari and Assistant Deputy City Clerk Charmagne Manning for assisting the Board and making her senior year stand out.

Commissioner Boukari asked all to encourage and pass the word about the Youth Advisory Council. Commissioner Boukari also thanked all council members for their service.

C. Public Power Week

Public Services Director Mike New presented the staff report and presentation to the Commission. Mr. New asked Mayor Coerper to read the proclamation into record.

Mayor Coerper thanked the staff for their hard work and knowledge. Mayor Coerper read the proclamation into record proclaiming October 6 -12, 2013 as the 27th Annual Public Power Week.

Mr. New requested the Mayor to present staff with the annual safety award and recognized Electric System Supervisor, Jeff Morgan, Electric System Crew Leader Donnie Raulerson, Electric System Line Workers Andy Lindsey, David Sykes, David Smith and Billy Jenkins, Electric Line Worker Apprentices Robbie Pearce and Benjamin Copeland and Electric Line Worker Trainee Josh Lee.

D. White Cane Safety Month

Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari presented the staff report to the Commission.

Mayor Coerper read the proclamation into record proclaiming the month of October 2013 as White Cane Safety Month.

Mayor Coerper recognized all Lions in attendance and invited all to attend the annual white cane walk.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for citizen comments.

Larry Nogel, Janice Youngblood, Jayne Hendricks, Frank Naska, Russ Pisano, Kimberly Sims, Catherine Hillburn and Marianna Kampa commented on the impact the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center (GREC) has had on their lives.

Tamara Robbins commented on an intergovernmental communication element within the Comprehensive Plan and public records requested from City of Gainesville. Ms. Robbins asked to have the City Attorney draft a letter to City of Gainesville that they are in violation of their Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Robbins also asked if Laurel Oaks were removed from the Dollar General Store site in Hague.

Lynn Coullias commented on the developments within the City such as the GREC facility and Dollar General Store in the Hague area. Ms. Coullias also spoke about the benefits received by City employees and Code Enforcement Officer Linnelle Stewart.

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Carol Thomas commented on a discussion regarding sexually oriented businesses prior in the evening during the Joint Commission/Planning and Zoning Meeting. Ms. Thomas asked the Commission to file a nuisance lawsuit against GREC.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None Scheduled

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

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

None Scheduled

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Compliance with Senate Bill 50/Florida Statute 286.0114

City Attorney Marian Rush presented a report to the Commission reviewing new Florida statute 286.0114 and the affects the new statute will have on the Commission's Rules of Procedure. City Attorney Rush read in all proposed changes/additions into the record.

Commission discussion ensued. The Commission thanked City Attorney Rush for her work.

Commissioner Wilford moved to amend the Commissioners Rules of Procedure as set forth below and reflected in the changes in the attached copy of the Rules and adopt Rules for Public Comment for all City of Alachua Board Meetings to be used at all of the City's public board meetings in order to comply with Senate Bill 50 / Florida Statute 286.0114; seconded by Commissioner Boukari.

Mayor Coerper opened the floor for citizen comments.

Tamara Robbins noted the statute number cited by City Attorney Rush may be incorrect. City Attorney Rush confirmed the statute number she cited during her presentation is correct. Ms. Robbins expressed her concerns about rule 21 in the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

Inaudible comments from the audience from Ms. Robbins.

Passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

VI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON SUBJECT OF CHOICE

Mayor Coerper opened the for Citizen comments.

Jayne Hendricks began to provide comments. Mayor Coerper asked if she had already had a chance to speak. Ms. Hendricks said sorry and sat down.

Greg Williamson commented on the impact the GREC Facility has had on their lives.

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Connie Canney commented on the citizens only being allowed to address the Commission once this meeting and lack of response provided by the Commission during the current meeting.

Mayor Coerper asked if any residents would like to speak and had not been able to prior in the meeting to come forward, after seeing none Ms. Hendricks was invited back to offer additional comments.

Jayne Hendricks provided clarification on number of homes and number of residents in the area near the GREC Facility. Ms. Hendricks encouraged the Commission to act if the City of Gainesville's Comprehensive Plan has been violated.

Unknown citizen commented on possible case law that may assist with the GREC Facility.

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

City Manager Cain addressed concerns about protected tree removal at the Dollar General site near Hague. City Manager stated after inspection it was discovered nine unregulated trees were removed from the site and the action the City took in response.

Commissioner Hardacre asked if any fees were charged for the removal of the trees. City Manager Cain confirmed a fee in the amount of \$800.00 was charged.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Boukari commented on the City's response to the GREC Facility and site clearing at the Dollar General Site near Hague. Commissioner Boukari commented on the rumor of a proposed Publix and a 6% employee raise. Commissioner Boukari offered apologies to all citizens affected by the GREC Facility.

Commissioner Hardacre commented on the GREC Facility and thanked all the citizens for their comments. Commissioner Hardacre thanked the citizens for reporting the site plan violation to city officials and noted his satisfaction with the fine imposed. Commissioner Hardacre apologized to all affected by the GREC Facility and invited all to attend the White Cane Walk on Saturday.

Commissioner Wilford commented on the Dollar General Site and removal of the trees on the site. Commissioner Wilford offered his comments about the GREC Facility and asked if the City Attorney could look into legal ramifications to resolve the GREC Facility. Commissioner Wilford asked if the City Attorney had direction to do so.

City Attorney Rush stated she would be able to do so if it were the Commission's wishes however informed the Commission of the time and cost associated with the venture. City Attorney Rush also suggested the City look into hiring outside counsel to handle the case.

Commissioner Wilford clarified his request and suggested the City Attorney investigate any possible violation of the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Wilford also clarified his stance when communicating his thoughts to agencies outside of the City of Alachua as a personal expression. Commissioner Wilford stated at no time did he represent the Mayor, City Commission or City of Alachua as a whole and read a statement into the record.

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Commissioner Boukari stated he personally has no problem with Commissioner Wilford representing himself as a City of Alachua Commissioner.

Vice Mayor Brown apologized to the citizens and stated the City of Alachua must act swiftly in regards to the GREC Facility in order to assist the Citizens. Vice Mayor Brown announced the grand opening of Zaxby's.

Mayor Coerper stated all including staff and citizens of Alachua and wanted all to be aware of their ability to speak out for any issue. Mayor Coerper stated Alachua County Board of County Commission and City of Alachua Commission is limited in their ability to assist. Mayor Coerper stated the City of Alachua will explore the possibility of the legal actions if any is possible in regards to GREC. Mayor Coerper also discussed the tree removal issue at the Dollar General site.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Boukari moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Wilford.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Traci L. Cain, City Manager/Clerk

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Gib Coerper, Mayor