



Town Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM

706 NE Cholokka BLVD

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jiana Williams called the meeting to order 7:00 pm

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Jiana Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Judy Galloway
Commissioner David Massey
Commissioner Kevin Putansu
Commissioner Ken Wessberg

Present: Attorney A Derek Folds, Administrator Sara Samario, and Deputy Town Clerk Patty Polk

ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mayor Williams handed the gavel to Administrator Samario, who called for nominations for Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Judy Galloway nominated Jiana Williams as Mayor, seconded by Commissioner Ken Wessberg.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Galloway, Seconded by Commissioner Massey to close nominations for Mayor.

Jiana Williams is Mayor for another year.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Galloway, Seconded by Commissioner Massey.
Voting Yea: Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Galloway, Commissioner Massey, Commissioner Putansu, Commissioner Wessberg

Nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Commissioner Galloway nominated Commissioner Putansu for Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Commissioner Massey.

Motion made by Massey to close nominations, seconded by Galloway; passed 5-0

Kevin Putansu is Mayor Pro Tem for the year.

Congratulations

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CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to accept the consent agenda as submitted Galloway/Putansu

PRESENT

Mayor Jiana Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Judy Galloway
Commissioner David Massey
Commissioner Kevin Putansu
Commissioner Ken Wessberg

Voting Yea: Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Galloway, Commissioner Massey, Commissioner Putansu, Commissioner Wessberg

1. Agenda Approval
2. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025

GUESTS

3. Micanopy Branch Library Update

Micanopy Librarian Wendy Schneider gave a verbal report.

4. Willie Mae Stokes Community Center

Mayor Williams gave a verbal report on behalf of Bishop Stokes. Everyone is invited to celebrate at The New Beginnings Christian Worship Center's annual Easter Fun Day at the park on April 19, 2025. Location: Carson Roberts Sports Complex, 702 NW Eestaulkee Ave, Micanopy, FL.

5. Todd Flemming - Central Bidding

Todd Fleming, co-founder and CO of Central Bidding, explained their company. They work to provide benefits to our town. They can accept electronic bids. They are zero cost to our agency. They will do vendor training and show them how to use their website.

Founded 17 years ago and with 15 years of electronic bids, they work closely with everyone.

Discussion ensued.

Sara explained the process and how it will benefit Micanopy. She likes their program. They can handle our requests for purchase (RFP) and Requests for quotes (RFQ), which will save us a lot of time at no charge to us.

The consensus is that, yes, we want to see a contract. Yes. Commissioners are agreeable.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Public Comment (public comments limited to 2 minutes per speaker, please)

Citizens' in attendance: Patty Crass, Caroline Crass, Bud DesForges, Dede DesForges, Raquel Vallejo, Gail Davis, Betty Blich, Sandy Newman, Wendi Lin Bartels, Matt Palumbo, Wendy Schneider, Preston Crider, Monica Fowler, Paul Cohen, and Gary Hunt.

TOWN COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

6. Alachua County League of Cities

Mayor Williams missed the last month meeting. She and Commissioner Galloway are traveling tomorrow to Tallahassee with Alachua County League of Cities. They will meet with legislative representatives. Yvonne Hinson represents Micanopy.

7. Alachua County Children's Trust

The Children's Trust met via Zoom. They have chosen a logo. Health and Opioid, Prevention, Effort (HOPE). Third and Fourth grade is when opioid addiction starts.

8. Thrasher Warehouse Board

Bud DesForges, Thrasher Warehouse Board, President. They need new members, come and visit our museum and join our thrasher warehouse board. Micanopy cleanup April 5, 2025.

CITIZEN BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Planning and Historic Preservation Board

Administrator Samario gave an update on a variance request that was discussed. The applicant purchased two land-locked parcels and another adjoining parcel. We will work with the applicant on water lines and possible easement.

10. Tree Committee

Paul Cohen and Gary Hunt shopped Marshall Tree Farm for an 18-foot oak tree, which cost \$550. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Galloway, Seconded by Commissioner Wessberg to purchase a tree, not to exceed \$1500.00; passed 5-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Williams, Commissioner Galloway, Commissioner Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Putansu, Commissioner Wessberg

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Derek Folds has nothign to report.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTS

11. Financial reporting for period ending February 28, 2025

Administrator Samario presented the financial reports.

The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Putansu and seconded by Commissioner Galloway to accept the financial reports as submitted.

Voting Yea: Mayor Williams, Commissioner Galloway, Commissioner Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Putansu, Commissioner Wessberg

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

12. Report - Informational only

Cox—broadband. The engineering plan is done. The broadband installation has begun and will be completed in October 2025. Cox will adhere to our vegetation maintenance plan.

We want input. The local disk golf club is alive and well. Our course is very old and not accessible to the public. We have removed some of the baskets. They want to take them to Camp Cuscowilla and set up a course for beginners. They would like to repurpose them.

consensus. Yes, for it.

PFAS testing. We did test for 2000. We do not need to take action. Our engineers approved it. We have the test results if anyone wants them.

Patty Polk, CMC, I propose a community garden near the pollinator garden. We will partner with the library for a teaching opportunity. We will organize it, and it will be run by volunteers.

Commission is in consensus.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Agreement between Town of Micanopy and City of Gainesville for School Crossing Maintenance

School Crossing Maintenance Agreement - Administrator Samario presented. Flashing school crossing. School to coordinate with the county to times of flashing.

The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Putansu and seconded by Commissioner Galloway.

Voting Yea: Mayor Williams, Commissioner Galloway, Commissioner Massey, Mayor Pro Tem Putansu, Commissioner Wessberg

14. Proclamation - Recognizing April 2025 as Water Conservation Month

Mayor Williams read the proclamation recognizing Water Conservation Month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWN COMMISSIONER REPORTS

15. Commissioner (Seat 1) Judy Galloway

good evening and thank you for having the trust and confidences in her to reelect her again. she had a tragic thing happen in her family and she is grateful to the town and how loving and helpful the town is. mental health needs to be addressed as to help people with problems. thank you all and she will continue to do her best for the town. her door is always open. do not hesitate to stop by.

16. Commissioner (Seat 3) David Massey

Excellent meeting. Thank you

17. Commissioner (Seat 4) Kevin Putansu

Mayor Pro Tem Putansu. He is honored to serve this town and thanks you.

Pot luck 1st week in April - he will get the word out.

Commissioner Galloway stated that she was honored to be mayor pro tem and felt it was time to pass it on.

18. Commissioner (Seat 5) Ken Wessberg

Congratulations to Mayor Williams on another year as mayor, and thank you to Commissioner Galloway for her term as mayor pro tem. Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Putansu.

Thank you again

MAYOR (SEAT 2) JIANA WILLIAMS REPORT

Thank you to the town. The learning curve from the first meeting to now has been a long way. She's excited about all that the Town has coming up. Thank you for trusting in us and the change. Thank you all for trusting in her.

Acknowledged Bishop Stokes. Drum Major for Justice Award at the prayer breakfast.

Congratulations to Patty Polk on her CMC.

Raquel has been acknowledged in Gainesville. They are going to name a street after her. When you see a mural in Gainesville, Raquel has probably been part of it.

ADJOURN

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adjourned 9:00 pm