



Town Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM

706 NE Cholakka BLVD

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jiana Williams called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jiana Williams, present

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Putansu, present

Commissioner Judy Galloway, absent with notice

Commissioner David Massey, present

Commissioner Ken Wessberg, present

Staff Present:

Attorney A. Derek Folds

Administrator Sara Samario

Deputy Town Clerk Patty Polk

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Putansu) to accept the consent agenda as submitted; passed 4-0

1. Agenda Approval
2. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026

Joint Meeting with Alachua County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026

GUESTS

3. Micanopy Branch Library Update

Micanopy Librarian Wendy Schneider gave a verbal report and provided handouts on upcoming library events.

4. Willie Mae Stokes Community Center

Bishop Christopher Stokes gave a verbal report and an informational flyer for a dedication service of the new sanctuary of the New Beginning Christian Worship Center on August 9, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

Discussion ensued regarding the recent water main break near the corner of Chokolka Blvd and NW Hwy 441. The water pressure has been low, and the water has had an odor since then. Holton with Public Works will check on this matter.

Sylvain Dore candidate for a seat in District 21 as State Representative.

Christine Hadad, candidate for tree committee appointment, introduced herself.

Sandi Newman, Micanopy Community Garden group, announced an upcoming workshop.

AuBroncee Martin, candidate for Alachua County Judge, introduced himself and reminded everyone that the Primary Election is on August 18, 2026. He provided door hangers with information.

Malik Moore, candidate for State Representative District 21 seat.

Stoney Slaton discussed the reflectors on the center line of Seminary Ave that he would like removed, as they are very noisy when cars run over them, creating a rumble-strip effect. Discussion ensued.

Commissioners consensus it to not discuss this topic any further.

TOWN COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

5. Alachua County League of Cities

Mayor Williams stated that no report available. Annual conference is in August 2026.

6. Alachua County Children's Trust

Mayor Williams stated that there is no report and they will meet in August.

7. Thrasher Warehouse Board

Commissioner Wessberg, Thrasher Warehouse Board Liaison gave a verbal report.

Bud DesForges stated that they tilled up the ground in the court yard and planted grass seed which will make a nice courtyard when the grass grows.

CITIZEN BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. Planning and Historic Preservation Board

The May 2026 meeting was an organizational meeting with Chair Fro Warren keeping his seat and Charles "Mike" Davis being placed as the Vice Chair on the board. The June meeting was cancelled due to lack of content.

9. Tree Committee

Paul Cohen, tree committee member gave a verbal report. They would like to plant a tree at the new library for Arbor Day. Christine Hadad attended their meeting and has applied to the tree committee. Administrator Samario will add Ms. Hadad's application to the next commission meeting.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney A. Derek Folds gave a verbal report.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTS

10. Financial Reporting for Period Ending June 30, 2026

Administrator Samario gave a verbal and written report.

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Wessberg) to accept the financial transaction report for June 2026; passed 4-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

11. Traffic Study Report on Seminary Avenue

Administrator Samario discussed the report from Alachua County. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Wessberg) to accept the speed study as presented; passed 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

12. Water Treatment Plant Design

Presented by Woodard & Curran

Mike New of Woodard and Curran Water and Wastewater Engineering gave a slideshow presentation. The cost estimate has proven too high; they are working to reduce it at no additional cost to the town.

Discussion ensued at length.

Woodard and Curran will continue to work on reducing costs and re-evaluating the cost estimate.

13. Approval of Disaster Debris Management Agreements

Administrator Samario and Attorney Folds presented the Disaster Debris Management Agreements.

Discussion ensued at length.

Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Massey) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Alachua County; passed 4-0

Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Wessberg) to approve the agreement with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement; passed 4-0

14. Facility Use and Operating Agreement – Willie Mae Stokes Community Resource Center

Administrator Samario opened the discussion on the Facility Use and Operating Agreement with the Willie Mae Stokes Community Resource Center.

Discussion ensued at length.

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Wessberg) to accept the agreement with the Willie Mae Stokes Community Resource Center as submitted; passed 4-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. Fire Station Property

Administrator Samario presented the fire station property survey. Two commercial realtors have been contacted, but one has not responded.

Discussion ensued at length.

Commission consensus is to move forward with Bosshardt Realty.

TOWN COMMISSIONER REPORTS

16. Commissioner (Seat 1) Judy Galloway

Commissioner Galloway was absent with notice.

17. Commissioner (Seat 3) David Massey

Commissioner Massey expressed appreciation for community input.

18. Commissioner (Seat 4) Kevin Putansu

Mayor Pro Tem Putansu expressed appreciation for community attendance and stated concern for the unexpected increase in the water plant expansion project.

19. Commissioner (Seat 5) Ken Wessberg

Commissioner Wessberg expressed appreciation for the community attendance and also stated the town's need for an upgraded water system.

MAYOR (SEAT 2) JIANA WILLIAMS REPORT

Mayor Williams thanked the meeting attendees for their dedication to attending the commission meeting.

Town staff did a wonderful job on July 4, 2026. We have a limited staff, and the average Micanopian doesn't understand how a small staff puts on the Independence Day festivities. Mayor Williams praised town staff for a wonderful job executing the July 4th festivities. Expressed the significance is greater due to the limited amount of staff working to make the event successful.

August 2, 2026, is the annual back-to-school giveaway.

ADJOURN

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Mayor Jiana Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:42 pm