



Commission Meeting Minutes

March 09, 2026
7:00 PM

25493 NW 1st Avenue
Newberry, Florida 32669

QUORUM CHECK

Mayor Tim Marden

Commissioners Rick Coleman
Mark Clark
Monty Farnsworth
Donald Long

City Manager Jordan Marlowe

City Clerk Randa Paul

City Attorney Nicolle Shalley

Staff:

Assistant City Manager	Dallas Lee
Director of Utilities and Public Works	Rance Green
Director of Community Development	Stacey Hectus
Director of Parks and Recreation	Rod Clark
Fire Chief	Jason Lyman
Executive Assistant	Angie Walker
Community Engagement Coordinator	Crystal Rushing

Absent:

Commissioner Tony Mazon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion to approve the agenda as published made by
Commissioner Farnsworth, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.**

Mayor Marden called for public comment. There was none.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

INVOCATION

Pastor Cameron Diamond, Jonesville Baptist Church, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

(Please limit presentations to 15 minutes)

1. Proclamation Declaring April 3rd as “The Great American Cleanup” Day in Newberry

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

Director Green presented the item with a PPT.

Discussion ensued.

2. Government Finance Professionals Week March 16 through 20-2026

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

Assistant Manager Lee presented the item with a PPT.

Mayor Marden presented the proclamation to Dallas proclaiming 3-16 through 3/20 Government Finance Professionals week in the City of Newberry.

****Mayor Marden returned to Item 1 on the Agenda****

Mayor Marden presented the proclamation to staff proclaiming April 3rd as “The Great American Cleanup” Day in Newberry.

Mayor Marden noted that he believes Friday is actually April 4th and requested staff to verify and update the proclamation accordingly.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please limit announcements to 2 minutes)

Mayor Marden called for Public Announcements. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

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4. City Attorney Contract

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as published made by Commissioner Coleman, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Mayor Marden called for public comment. There was none.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

5. Small-Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment to Public Facilities and Land for City-owned parks, including Barry Park, Martin Luther King Park, Lois Forte Park, and Jimmy Durden Park

Second Reading, Legislative Hearing for ORDINANCE NO. 2026-19/CPA 26-08: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWBERRY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF NEWBERRY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORIES FROM "COMMERCIAL", "RECREATION" AND "RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY" TO "PUBLIC FACILITIES AND LAND" ON 9 CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 02183-001-000, 02353-000-000, 02354-001-000, 02351-000-000, 02463-001-000, 02462-001-000, 02466-001-000, 02467-010-000 AND 01981-008-000 LOCATED IN NEWBERRY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR EXCLUSION FROM CODIFICATION, CORRECTION AND DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

Attorney Shalley read the ordinance into the record by title only.

Director Hectus presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Mayor Marden called for discussion from the dais. There was none.

Mayor Marden called for public comment. There was none.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-19 on second reading made by Commissioner Farnsworth, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Mayor Marden called for comments. There were none.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

6. Rezoning to Public Facilities for City-owned parks, including Barry Park, Martin Luther King Park, Lois Forte Park, and Jimmy Durden Park

Second Reading Quasi-Judicial, ORDINANCE NO. 2026-20/LDR 26-10: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWBERRY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE CITY OF NEWBERRY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICTS FROM “COMMERCIAL CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT”, “RESIDENTIAL (MIXED) SINGLE-FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-2” AND “RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY-2” TO “PUBLIC FACILITIES” ON 9 CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 02183-001-000, 02353-000-000, 02354-001-000, 02351-000-000, 02463-001-000, 02462-001-000, 02466-001-000, 02467-010-000, AND 01981-008-000 LOCATED IN NEWBERRY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR EXCLUSION FROM CODIFICATION, CORRECTION AND DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Marden introduced the item and read the Quasi-Judicial procedures into the record.

Attorney Shalley read the ordinance into the record by title only.

Clerk Paul swore in Manager Marlowe and Director Hectus.

Mayor Marden called for ex-parte communication:

ROLL CALL:	Commissioner Long:	NONE
	Commissioner Farnsworth:	NONE
	Commissioner Clark:	NONE
	Commissioner Coleman:	NONE

Mayor Marden confirmed that he had no ex-parte communication.

Director Hectus presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Mayor Marden called for public comment. There was none.

Discussion from the dais ensued.

Mayor Marden called for final arguments. There were none.

Attorney Shalley advised the decision-making body that their decision must be based off substantial and competent evidence.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-20 on second reading made by Commissioner Clark, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Mayor Marden called for comments. There were none.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

7. Small-Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment from Alachua County Rural/Agriculture to City of Newberry Agriculture on parcel # 04377-011-000

Second Reading, Legislative Hearing for ORDINANCE NO. 2025-43/Petition# CPA 25-13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWBERRY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF NEWBERRY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY FROM ALACHUA COUNTY RURAL/AGRICULTURE TO CITY OF NEWBERRY AGRICULTURE ON APPROXIMATELY 23.13 ACRES (TAX PARCEL NO. 04377-011-0000 LOCATED AT 1131 SW 186th STREET IN NEWBERRY, FLORIDA;1 PROVIDING FOR EXCLUSION FROM CODIFICATION, CORRECTION AND DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

Attorney Shalley read the ordinance into the record by title only.

Director Hectus presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Mayor Marden called for questions from the dais. There were none.

Mayor Marden called for public comments. There were none.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-43 on second reading made by Commissioner Clark, Seconded by Commissioner Coleman.

Mayor Marden called for comments. There were none.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

8. Small-Scale rezoning from Alachua County Agricultural to City of Newberry Agricultural on parcel # 04377-011-000

Second Reading, Quasi-Judicial Hearing for ORDINANCE NO. 2025-58/Petition# LDR 25-21 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWBERRY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE CITY OF NEWBERRY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM ALACHUA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL TO CITY OF NEWBERRY AGRICULTURAL ON APPROXIMATELY 23.13 ACRES (TAX PARCEL NO. 04377-011-000) LOCATED AT 1131 SW 186th STREET IN NEWBERRY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR EXCLUSION FROM CODIFICATION, CORRECTION AND DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Marden introduced the item and called for anyone else in the chamber who would need to be sworn in. There was nobody additional to swear in.

Attorney Shalley read the ordinance into the record by title only.

Director Hectus presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Mayor Marden called for ex-parte communication:

**ROLL CALL: Commissioner Coleman: NONE
 Commissioner Clark: NONE
 Commissioner Farnsworth: NONE
 Commissioner Long: NONE**

Mayor Marden confirmed that he had no ex-parte communication.

Mayor Marden called for public comment. There was none.

Discussion from the dais ensued.

Mayor Marden called for final arguments. There were none.

Attorney advised the decision-making body that their decision must be based on substantial and competent evidence.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-58 on second reading made by Commissioner Farnsworth, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Mayor Marden called for comments. There were none.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

AGENDA ITEMS

9. Recreation Master Planning Feedback

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

Part A: Champions Park -

Director Clark presented the item orally.

Motion to move forward with citing Champions Park made by Long, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.

There were comments from the dais. There were none by the public.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

Part B: MLK Park –

Director Clark presented the item orally.

Motion to close the road segment, relocate the basketball courts east, and add additional parking (and associated improvements that come with those) made by Commissioner Long, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Comments were made by Commissioner Long.

Public comment was made by JD Mercado.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COMMENTS

Citizens

(Please limit your comments to 5 minutes)

Donna Graden made comments.

Greg Graden made comments.

City Manager

Manager Marlowe made comments.

City Attorney

Attorney Shalley had none.

City Clerk

Clerk Paul made comments.

Commission

Commissioner Clark made comments.
Commissioner Farnsworth made comments.
Commissioner Long made Comments.
Commissioner Coleman made comments.

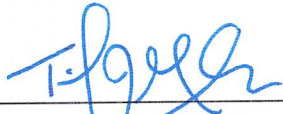
Mayor

Mayor Marden made comments.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Signed and approved on this 23rd day of March 2026.

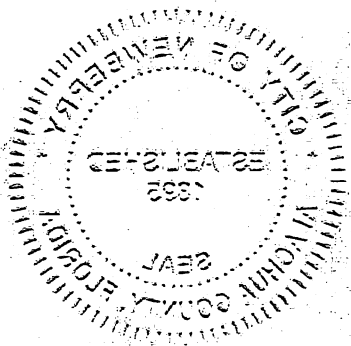


Timothy R. Marden, Mayor



Randa K. Paul, City Clerk





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