



# Commission Meeting Minutes

April 13, 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  
Tony Mazon

City Manager Jordan Marlowe

City Clerk Randa Paul

City Attorney Nicolle Shalley

### Staff:

Director of Utilities and Public Works	Rance Green
Director of Community Development	Stacey Hectus
Fire Chief	Jason Lyman
Electric Department Supervisor	Colton Langford
Grants and Funding Manager	Jane Sullivan
Executive Assistant	Angie Walker
Community Redevelopment Agency Coordinator	Chealsea Bakaitis

## 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 Clark,  
Seconded by Commissioner Coleman.**

Mayor Marden called for public comment. There was none.

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner  
Farnsworth, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**INVOCATION**

Naim Erched, Youth Pastor – Queen of Peace Catholic Community, provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

*(Please limit presentations to 15 minutes)*

**1. Candidate Introduction: Naim Erched, Group 3**

Candidate Naim Erched presented orally.

**2. Candidate Introduction: Monty Farnsworth, Group 3**

Candidate Monty Farnsworth presented orally.

**3. Candidate Introduction: JD Mercado, Group 3**

Candidate JD Mercado presented orally.

**4. 2025 FMEA Safety Award Presentation**

Director Green introduced the award orally and presented it to Supervisor Langford.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please limit announcements to 2 minutes)*

Mayor Marden called for Public Announcements.

**Jenny Cannon, American Legion, made comments**

**Chris Mack, Newberry Main Street Organization, made comments.**

**Mellina Parker, Newberry Historic Association, made comments.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. Champions Park Watermain**

**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.

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

**6. Ordinance # 2026-01: Small Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment from Annexation #40**

*Legislative, Second Reading for Ordinance 2026-01 for CPA 26-01, CPA 26-02, CPA 26-03, CPA 26-04, CPA 26-05, CPA 26-07. An Ordinance of the City of Newberry, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan by changing the Future Land Use category from Alachua County Rural/Agriculture to City of Newberry Agriculture on 7 parcels identified as tax parcel numbers 02696-010-005, 01925-003-000, 04269-001-000, 04399-004-002, 01833-004-000, 01833-003-001 and 04391-002-000 comprising a portion of Annexation #40; 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 Ordinance 2026-01 into the record by title only.

Director Hectus presented the item with a PowerPoint.

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

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-01 on second reading made by Commissioner Clark, Seconded by Commissioner Long.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**7. Ordinance # 2026-02: Small Scale Zoning Amendment from Annexation #40**

*Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing, Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-02/LDR 26-02, 26-03, 26-04, 26-05, 26-06 and 26-08. An Ordinance of the City of Newberry, Florida, amending the Official Zoning Atlas in the Land Development Regulations by changing the Zoning district from Alachua County Agriculture to City of Newberry Agricultural on 7 parcels identified as tax parcel numbers 02696-010-005, 01925-003-000, 04269-001-000, 04399-004-002, 01833-004-000, 01833-003-001 and 04391-002-000 comprising a portion of Annexation #40; 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 reviewed Quasi-Judicial procedures.

Attorney Shalley read Ordinance 2026-02 into the record by title only.

Clerk Paul swore in Manager Marlowe and Director Hectus.

Mayor Marden requested any ex-parte communication to be disclosed:

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER MAZON:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER LONG:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER FARNSWORTH:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER CLARK:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER COLEMAN:</b>	<b>NONE</b>

Mayor Marden further discussed the Quasi-Judicial procedures.

Director Hectus presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Mayor Marden called for cross examination. There was none.

Mayor Marden called for public comment. There was none.

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

Attorney Shalley advised the board that their decisions must be based on substantial and competent evidence.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02 on second reading made by Commissioner Mazon, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**8. Eliminating the Board of Adjustment.**

*Legislative Public Hearing, Second Reading for an Ordinance 2026-10 of the City of Newberry, Florida, amending the text of the Code of Ordinances related to eliminating the Board of Adjustment; providing for codification and correction; 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 Ordinance 2026-10 into the record by title only.

Director Hectus presented with a PowerPoint.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-10 on second reading made by Commissioner Farnsworth, Seconded by Commissioner Long.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. Alachua County Tree Planting Program Interlocal Agreement**

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

Coordinator Bakaitis presented the item orally and introduced Alachua County arborist Lacy Holtzworth.

Ms. Holtzworth presented orally.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Alachua County Tree Planting Program made by Commissioner Coleman, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.**

Mayor Marden called for public comment. There was none.

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**10. Appointing a Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

*A Resolution Of The City Of Newberry, Florida, Creating And Appointing A Citizen Advisory Task Force For The Community Development Block Grant Program; Providing For Severability; Repealing All Resolutions In Conflict; And Providing An Effective Date.*

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

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

Manager Sullivan presented orally.

Mayor Marden called for comments from the dais or public. There were none.

**Motion to appoint members and adopt Resolution 2026-12 made by Commissioner Mazon, Seconded by Commissioner Coleman.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**11. May 25, 2026 Commission Meeting - Memorial Day**

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

Manager Marlowe presented the item orally.

Mayor Marden called for comments from the dais or public. There were none.

**Motion to cancel the regularly scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2026 Commission Meeting and replace it with a Special Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 made Commissioner Clark, Seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**COMMENTS**

*Citizens*

*(Please limit your comments to 5 minutes)*

Rhett Coleman had comments.

*City Manager*

Manager Marlowe had comments.

*City Attorney*

Attorney Shalley had none.

*City Clerk*

Clerk Paul had none.

*Commission*

Commissioner Coleman had comments.

Commissioner Clark had comments.

Commissioner Farnsworth had comments.

Commissioner Long had comments.

Commissioner Mazon had comments.

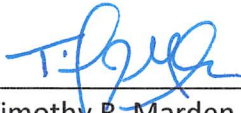
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Mayor Marden had comments.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Signed and approved on this 27th day of April 2026.



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Timothy R. Marden, Mayor



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Randa K. Paul, City Clerk