



Commission Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2025
7:00 PM

25440 West Newberry Road,
Newberry, Florida 32669

QUORUM CHECK

Mayor

Jordan Marlowe

Commissioners

Mark Clark

Rick Coleman

Monty Farnsworth

Tim Marden

Tony Mazon

Interim City Manager

Dallas Lee

City Clerk

Judy Rice

City Attorney

Scott Walker

Staff:

Director of Recreation

Rod Clark

Interim Fire Chief

Jason Lyman

Acting Director of Finance & Administration

Amanda Hagan

Grants and Funding Manager

Jane Sullivan

Records & Administrative Coordinator

Jeannene Mironack

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion to approve the Agenda as published was made by
Commissioner Marden, Seconded by Commissioner Mazon.**

Mayor Marlowe asked for public comments. There was none.

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

MOTION PASSED 5-0

INVOCATION

Pastor Ian Campbell provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

(Please limit presentations to 15 minutes)

1. Candidate Introductions: a Mayoral and Commission Group IV

Mayor Marlowe introduced three Candidates for the April 8, 2025 election, who each provided a self-introduction.

Mayoral Candidate:

Tim Marden

Commissioner Group IV Candidates:

Donald Lewis Long

Steve Panaghi

2. Ag-Tech and F-300 Progress Update

Kamal Latham, GBM Global Solutions, presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Discussion ensued.

3. Proclamation Declaring March 21, 2025 as “The Great American Cleanup” Day in Newberry

Interim City Manager Lee presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Marlowe read a Proclamation declaring March 21, 2025 as “The Great American Cleanup” Day in Newberry.

4. Government Finance Professionals Week March 17-21, 2025

Acting Director of Finance Hagan presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Marlowe read a Proclamation declaring March 17-21, 2025 as “Government Finance Professionals Week.”

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Coleman left the dais at 7:35 PM.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by
Commissioner Clark, Seconded by Commissioner Mazon.**

**Voting Yea: Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth,
Commissioner Marden, Commissioner Mazon**

MOTION PASSED 4-0

5. February 24, 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes

6. Resolution Opposing SB 1416: Preempting Municipal Election Dates

***Resolution 2025-09 A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Newberry,
Florida, Opposing Senate Bill 1416 Preempting Municipal Election Dates; Repealing
All Resolutions In Conflict; And Providing An Effective Date***

7. Florida League of Cities - Legislative Bill Summaries

Commissioner Coleman rejoined the dais at 7:37 PM.

AGENDA ITEMS

8. Sale of Real Property to Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (Rural Collection Center)

Interim City Manager Lee presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Discussion ensued.

Interim City Manager Lee and Gus Olmos, P.E., Solid Waste and Resources Recovery Director, Alachua County, responded to questions.

Motion to authorize appropriate officials to execute purchase agreement and other necessary documents was made by Commissioner Marden, Seconded by Commissioner Mazon.

Mayor Marlowe asked for public comments. There was none.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, Commissioner Mazon

MOTION PASSED 5-0

9. Easton Sports Development Foundation (ESDF) Proposal to Expand Facilities at the Easton Newberry Sports Complex Follow-up

Recreation Director Clark presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Eric Blalock, Director of Centers at Easton Sports Development Foundation, spoke.

Discussion ensued.

Motion to direct staff to negotiate a contract outlining the specific terms of the proposal and each parties responsibilities made by Commissioner Clark, Seconded by Commissioner Coleman.

Mayor Marlowe asked for public comments. There was none.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, Commissioner Mazon

MOTION PASSED 5-0

10. Appoint Board of Canvassers

Mayor Marlowe presented the item orally.

Motion to appoint the 2025 Election’s Board of Canvassers: Chairperson Pro-Tempore Mark Clark, who shall serve as chairperson; Commissioner Monty Farnsworth; and City Clerk Judy S. Rice; was made by Commissioner Mazon, Seconded by Commissioner Coleman.

Mayor Marlowe asked for public comments. There was none.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, Commissioner Mazon

MOTION PASSED 5-0

COMMENTS

Jeannene Mironack and Michelle Sherfield, Alachua County Sheriff, Community Relations, Public Information Office, made comments.

Interim City Manager Lee made comments.

City Attorney Walker introduced Tom Robinson, Esq., who has joined Folds Walker.

City Clerk Rice, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth Commissioner Marden, Commissioner Mazon, and Mayor Marlowe made comments.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Signed and approved on this 24th day of March 2025.

Jordan Marlowe, Mayor

Judy S. Rice, City Clerk