



Commission Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2024
7:00 PM

25440 West Newberry Road
Newberry, Florida 32669

QUORUM CHECK

Commissioners

Mark Clark
Rick Coleman
Monty Farnsworth
Tim Marden
Tony Mazon

City Manager

Mike New

City Clerk

Judy Rice

City Attorney

Scott Walker
Allison Folds

Staff:

Assistant City Manager/CFO
Director of Community Development
Principal Planner
Executive Assistant

Dallas Lee
Stacey Hectus
Jean-Paul W. Perez
Randa Paul

Absent:

Mayor

Jordan Marlowe

CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He noted Mayor Marlowe was absent and Commissioner Mazon was enroute to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

MOTION PASSED 4-0

INVOCATION

Pastor Ralph Williams provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Mazon entered and joined the dais at 7:05 PM.

PRESENTATIONS

(Please limit presentations to 15 minutes)

1. Introduction of Stacey Hectus, Director of Community Development

City Manager New introduced Stacey Hectus, the City's new Director of Community Development with a PowerPoint.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Coleman, Seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth.

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

MOTION PASSED 5-0

- 2. July 8, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes**
- 3. July 16, 2024 Budget Workshop Minutes: Kickoff & Governmental Funds**
- 4. Payment Registers**
- 5. City Attorney Project List**

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

6. Adoption of Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 Property Tax Rate

A Resolution Determining The Proposed Millage Rate, The Current Year Rolled-back Rate, And The Date, Time, And Place For The First And Second Public Budget Hearings As Required By Law; Authorizing The City Manager To Change Budget Hearing Dates If Necessary; Directing The Chief Financial Officer To File Said Resolution With The Property Appraiser Pursuant To Requirements Of Florida Statutes And The Rules And Regulations Of The Department Of Revenue Of The State Of Florida; Providing An Effective Date.

Assistant City Manager/CFO Lee presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Attorney Walker read Resolution 2024-29 by title only.

Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-29, Setting the Preliminary Millage rate at 5.9000 mills was made by Commissioner Farnsworth, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Discussion ensued.

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden asked for public comment. Brandy Oldman spoke.

Commissioner Farnsworth amended the motion to set the Preliminary Millage rate at 6.000 mills, the amended motion was Seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Discussion ensued.

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden asked for public comment. Brandy Oldman spoke.

MOTION PASSED 4-1 Commissioner Mazon in dissent.

7. Voluntary requests for annexation in three separate areas contiguous with the City of Newberry

Legislative Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing Second Reading: Ordinances 2024-16, 2024-17 and 2024-19 of the City of Newberry, Florida, to voluntarily annex certain portions of unincorporated Alachua County regarding three requests: Parcel no. 01925-010-000 consisting of ± 4.76 acres (Ordinance 2024-16); Parcel no. 04442-000-000 consisting of ±9.85 acres (Ordinance 2024-17); and Parcel no. 04158-002-000 consist of ± 30 acres (Ordinance 2024-19) a cumulative ± 44.61 acres.

Attorney Walker advised that in an abundance of caution, this hearing should be a Quasi-Judicial Proceeding. He referenced a law journal article authored by Scott Makar, currently a Fifth District Court of Appeal Judge.

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden reviewed the quasi-judicial procedures and read through the presentation order.

Attorney Walker read Ordinance 2024-16 by title only.

Clerk Rice swore in Principal Planner Perez.

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden asked for ex parte communication on the three applications.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Clark: NONE

Commissioner Coleman: NONE

Commissioner Farnsworth: NONE

Commissioner Marden: NONE

Commissioner Mazon: NONE

Principal Planner Perez presented a PowerPoint of the staff overview and recommendation for the three applications.

The applicants were not present.

There was no third-party intervenor present.

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden asked for public comment, there was none.

Discussion ensued.

There was no cross examination or final arguments.

Principal Planner Perez responded to questions.

Attorney Walker advised the Commission that their decisions on the three applications must be based upon substantial and competent evidence.

**Motion to enact Ordinance 2024-16 was made by
Commissioner Mazon, Seconded by Commissioner Coleman.**

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden asked for public comment. There was none.

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

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Attorney Walker read Ordinance 2024-17 by title only.

**Motion to enact Ordinance 2024-17 was made by
Commissioner Clark, Seconded by Commissioner Coleman.**

Principal Planner Perez requested the Commission rest on his prior presentation.

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden asked for public comment. Brandy Oldman spoke.

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

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Attorney Walker read Ordinance 2024-19 by title only.

**Motion to enact Ordinance 2024-19 was made by
Commissioner Mazon, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.**

Principal Planner Perez requested the Commission rest on his prior presentation.

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden asked for public comment. There was none.

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

MOTION PASSED 5-0

AGENDA ITEMS

8. Interlocal Agreement for Alachua County e911 Addressing Services

Principal Planner Perez presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Attorney Walker read Resolution 2024-30 by title only.

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-30, approve the interlocal agreement, and authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute the interlocal agreement was made by Commissioner Farnsworth, Seconded by Commissioner Coleman.

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden asked for public comment. There was none.

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

MOTION PASSED 5-0

9. 2024 Florida League of Cities Voting Delegate Selection

City Manager New presented the item.

Discussion ensued.

Motion to appoint Commissioner Mazon as Newberry's Voting Delegate was made by Commissioner Clark, Seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth.

Alternate Chairperson Pro-Tempore Marden asked for public comment. There was none.

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

MOTION PASSED 5-0

COMMENTS

City Manager New, City Attorneys Walker and Folds, Commissioner Mazon, Commissioner Marden, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Coleman, City Clerk Rice, and Commissioner Farnsworth made comments.

Brandy Oldman spoke.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Signed and approved on this 12th day of August 2024.

Jordan Marlowe, Mayor

Judy S. Rice, City Clerk