



City of Newberry

Special City Commission Meeting

October 01, 2020
6:00 p.m.

25440 West Newberry Road
Newberry, Florida 32669

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marlowe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Marlowe asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Clark.

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

MOTION PASSED 5-0

QUORUM CHECK

Mayor

Jordan Marlowe

Commissioners

Ricky Coleman

Mark Clark

Monty Farnsworth

Tim Marden, virtual

Paul Norfleet, virtual

City Attorney

Rich Maltby, virtual

City Manager

Mike New

City Clerk

Judy Rice

Staff:

Director of Finance and Administration

Dallas Lee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Marlowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

- 1. Use of Public Funds for Litigate and Advertise to Educate and Inform the Electorate.**

Legislative Hearing: First Public Hearing of Ordinance No. 2020-26, An Ordinance Of The City Of Newberry Authorizing The Use Of Public Funds For Purposes Of Litigating And Advertising To Educate And Inform The Electorate Of Alachua County's Proposed Charter Referendum; Asserting The Appropriate Legislative Findings As To The Expenditure Of Public Funds And The Benefits Accruing To The City Therefrom; Asserting That Such Expenditures Will Serve A Proper Public Purpose; Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict And Establishing An Effective Date.

Attorney Maltby read Ordinance 2020-26 by title only on first reading and provided a summary of what the ordinance will allow the City to do. He provided a few updates on City of Alachua's lawsuit with Alachua County.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mayor Marlowe read four Whereas clauses in the Ordinance.

Motion made by Commissioner Coleman to pass Ordinance 2020-26 on first reading.

Seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth.

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

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COMMENTS

Commissioner Marden inquired if the Attorney's Office could assist with a press release.

Attorney Maltby said yes, they could. He also advised the Commission of the do's and don'ts during the course of this lawsuit.

Manager New informed the Commission that the Governor's Order extends virtual meetings until November 1st.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Signed and dated this 12th day of October 2020

Jordan Marlowe, Mayor

Judy S. Rice, City Clerk