



Town Commission - Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Mayor Jiana Williams called the meeting to order 7:02 pm

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

3. Roll Call

Minutes:

- Commissioner Present:
- Mayor Jiana Williams, present - came in late 8:00 pm
- Mayor Pro Tem Judy Galloway, present
- Commissioner David Massey, present
- Commissioner Kevin Putansu, present
- Commissioner Ken Wessberg, present
- Staff Present
- Attorney A. Derek Folds
- Administrator Sara Samario
- Deputy Town Clerk Patty Polk

4. Consent Agenda

Minutes:

Motion made and seconded (Wessberg/Putansu) to approve the consent agenda as amended, adding under 5b. Family Resource Center; passed 4-0

a. Agenda Approval

b. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of 12-10-2024

5. Guests

a. Micanopy Branch Library Update

Minutes:

- Chris Elliot, Senior Library Specialist, gave a verbal report. They are not sure when the book mobile will be returning. Currently, there is no library service in Micanopy.
- Administrator Samario stated that we have extended an offer to allow the Library to use our upstairs as a temporary library until they can return to their side of the building. The library has old water damage that will take approximately 6 weeks to complete repairs.

b. Family Resource Center

Minutes:

Lakendra Hall, Family Resource Center Manager, gave a verbal report.

6. Citizen's Forum

Minutes:

Citizens Present: Dede and Bud DesForges, Gail Davis, Bishop C Stokes, Sandy Tyson, Carol Young, Stoney Slaton, Monica Fowler, Stephanie Bartsch, Preston Crider, Linda VanLeer, Chris Elliot, Wayne Cope, Noah with James Moore, and Clay Swagger, EDA

7. Town Commission Liaison Reports

a. Alachua County League of Cities

Minutes:

No Report

b. Alachua County Children's Trust

Minutes:

No Report

c. Thrasher Warehouse Board

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem, Judy Galloway, gave verbal report. Bud DesForges, gave verbal report.

8. Citizen Board and Committee Reports

a. Planning & Historic Preservation Board

Minutes:

Board member Sandy Tyson gave a verbal report.

b. Tree Committee

Minutes:

No report

9. Town Attorney Report

a. Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-03, Amending the Town of Micanopy Land Development Code

Minutes:

Attorney A Derek Folds read Ordinance 2024-03 on short title. * Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Wessberg) to approve Ordinance 2024-03 on final reading as submitted; passed 4-0

b. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-01, Voluntary Annexation

Minutes:

Attorney A Derek Folds read Ordinance 2025-01 on short title.

- Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Massey) to approve Ordinance 2025-01 on first reading; passed 4-0

10. Review & Acceptance of Financial Transactions & Reports

Minutes:

Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Massey) to approve the financial reports as presented; passed 4-0

11. Town Administrator Report

a. Gazebo Update

Minutes:

Information attached to meeting packet.

b. Resilient Florida Grant Award

Minutes:

Information attached to meeting packet.

c. Entrance Sign

Minutes:

Information attached to meeting packet.

d. Update on Mold Remediation

Minutes:

The mold remediation was finished. Testing was done and one room failed the test and will be cleaned tomorrow with testing to follow. We can possibly move back in the building next week. The library has some old damage that will take approximately 6 weeks to clean and repair.

12. New Business

a. Resolution 2025-01, Setting the 2025 Election Qualifying Period

Minutes:

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Galloway) to accept Resolution 2025-01 as submitted; passed 5-0

b. Request for Proposals for Certified Public Accountants

Minutes:

Special called meeting set for January 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm to discuss the two Certified Public Accountant proposals.

13. Unfinished Business

14. Town Commissioner Reports

a. Commissioner (Seat 1) Judy Galloway

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Galloway, thanked everyone for being here. Happy New Year and thank you for letting her serve the town.

b. Commissioner (Seat 3) David Massey

Minutes:

Happy New Year healthy and prosperous. He is happy to be here.

c. Commissioner (Seat 4) Kevin Putansu

Minutes:

Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone who is working to get our building back. Almost time for another pot luck.

d. Commissioner (Seat 5) Ken Wessberg

Minutes:

Happy New Year. We are finishing up on some of our projects. The new sign is being worked on by David Holton. Holton is priceless and is called out often on weekends. He can't praise him enough; public works goes above and beyond. Pray for California.

15. Mayor (Seat 2) Jiana Williams Report

Minutes:

Happy New Year. Praying for an abundant happy new year. She thanked everyone for prayers for California. She has a family member who lost a home. Unity walk is on January 20, 2025 at the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center.

16. Adjourn

Minutes:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting 8:28 pm

PLEASE NOTE: PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.015, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED DURING THIS MEETING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ANY SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN TOWN MEETINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, 706 NE CHOLOKKA BLVD., MICANOPY, FLORIDA 32667-0137, TELEPHONE (352) 466-3121.