



MICANOPE SPARKLE CHEE

Minutes

Town Commission
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Tuesday • September 14, 2021 • 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag
3. Roll Call:
 - Commissioners Attending:*
 - Joseph Aufmuth, Mayor Present
 - Troy Blakely Absent with notice
 - Virginia Mance Present
 - Timothy Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem Present
 - Mike Roberts Present
 - Scott Walker, Town Attorney Present
 - Kiersten Ballou, Law Clerk Present
 - Sara Owen, Town Administrator Present
 - Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk Present
4. Consent Agenda Approval:
 - A) Agenda Approval
 - B) Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting of August 10, 2021
 - C) Minutes of Budget Workshop – August 12, 2021
 - D) Minutes of Emergency Meeting – August 25, 2021
 - E) Review & Acceptance of Financial Transactions & Reports

Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Parker) to accept the agenda as amended adding a line item 10B; passed 4 -0

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Parker) to accept the consent agenda as submitted; passed 4 -0
5. Guests:
 - A. Lena McNeer, Alachua County Library District – Library will be opened extended hours starting 4 October 2021. New hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 am – 6 pm, Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, closed Sunday and Monday.
 - B. Dr. Carlee Simon, Superintendent Alachua County Public Schools, Comprehensive District Wide School Rezoning – Introduced herself to the commission and community.

Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Mance) to amend the agenda to add Rodney Long as a guest; passed 4 -0

 - C. Rodney Long, former Alachua County Commissioner, introduced himself, he is running for Senate in district 8. He is running to give the local government cities a voice. To learn more about Mr. Long WWW.rodneylongsentatedistrict8.com
6. Citizen's Forum:
 - Bill Harlan, Micanopy Historical Society, lives outside of town limits, they are working on a remembrance project bringing attention to past racial injustices through a ceremony that will acknowledge, reconcile, and begin to heal and transform our community.
 - Bud DesForges, 554 NW Seminary Ave, on behalf of the Micanopy Fall Harvest Festival Committee, requested to use the ball park for self-contained campers use on October 29th and 30th, 2021.

Motion made and seconded (Parker/Mance) to allow the Fall Festival Committee to use the ball park for self-contained campers on the 29th and 30th of October 2021; passed 4 -0

 - Stoney Slaton, 104 NE Seminary Ave, questioned if the commission could look into an agreement with AT&T and the Town to give citizens access to fiber optics for internet. It is troubling to him as he knows a lot of people would love to use fiber optics. Discussion ensued. Also, Duke Energy needs to move their power lines onto the new poles that they put

in over a year ago.

- Homer Jack Moore, 153 NW Seminary Ave, stated that we lost the Dollar General fight. We tried to do the right thing but we failed. Our community really pulled together. H. Grace Fuller asked that the room give Homer a big round of applause and they did.

7. Citizen Board and Committee Reports:

A. Planning & Historic Preservation Board – Fro Warren gave report

- The board recommends placing “No Truck” signs at two more entrances to town. Mayor Aufmuth ask him to bring more information to the next commission meeting.
- Certificate of Appropriateness – Fence permit was approved.
- Concept Review for a Minor Subdivision was approved.

B. Tree Committee – Paul Cohen presented placement for 3 Oak trees, one each year for 3 years, 2 trees at the Micanopy Native American Heritage Preserve and 1 tree at the town entrance on Cholokka Blvd.

Motion made and seconded (Mance/Parker) to approve placement of 3 Live Oak trees by the Tree Committee; passed 3-1 (Roberts opposed)

Discussion ensued. Gary Ellis, Gulf Archeology Research Institute (GARI) will need to inspect and approve the site of the tree plantings at the MNAHP location; Paul Cohen will contact him. The Arbor Day planting ceremony will be scheduled and the schools notified with an invitation to participate.

8. Town Attorney Report:

- A) Attorney Walker announced that Andrea Parker delivered her baby and both mom and baby are doing great.
- B) Florida Training on Ethics, Public Records, & Sunshine Law - November 18, 2021, 4 – 8 pm, hosted by Folds & Walker, LLC

9. Town Administrator Report – Town Administrator Owen presented

- A) IT Proposals – Representatives from 3 of the 4 companies who provided quotes presented. Discussion ensued at length. **Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Parker) to set a special called meeting to allow James Moore to give us an additional quote to have all apples to apples quoted; passed 4-0**

Special called meeting September 27, 2021 following the Final Budget meeting at 6:00 pm.

- B) Investments – Florida Municipal Investment Trust (FMIVT) would like to present to the commission and answer any questions that arise. A presentation will be scheduled for early next fiscal year.
- C) Certified Local Government Training – Workshop with the Planning & Historic Preservation Committee on September 20th at 5 pm. The workshop will cover the benefits of being a CLG and give direction to the members and staff on how the Town can take advantage of CLG benefits.
- D) Insurance Proposal from 2021 -2022 from Preferred Municipal Insurance Trust – Administrator Owen presented Discussion ensued. Mayor Aufmuth asked Attorney Walker for his opinion on this matter and he responded that he would like more in-depth information and discussion. Mayor Aufmuth would like to add this item to our special called meeting on September 27, 2021.

10. New Business:

- A) Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement – Administrator Owen presented. **Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Parker) to approve the agreement as submitted; passed 4-0**

- B) Proposed amendment to interlocal agreement with Alachua County for building permit and inspection services – Administrator Owen presented. Discussion ensued. Administrator Owen can work on this agreement with our Attorney and bring it back to the commission for approval.

- C) Proposed negotiation to interlocal agreement with Alachua County for fire suppression services – Administrator Owen presented. Discussion ensued. Commission directed Administrator Owen to discuss this with the county manager and then write a letter.

- D) Tree removal on SW Ed Glover Street – Administrator Owen presented that the tree roots are growing under the road raising the speed hump up and we have had complaints.

Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Mance) to paint the speed hump; passed 4-0

11. Unfinished Business:

- A) Stop sign request at the intersection of Seminary Avenue and Division Street – Alachua County is willing to do a traffic study at no cost to the town and will do the study as time permits.
- B) 28 Budget Questions - Commissioner Mance presented that during the budget workshop and the tentative budget meeting she noticed that the design was a little different than in the past. She is presenting these written questions and would like written answers copied to all of the commissioners.

12. Town Commissioner Reports:

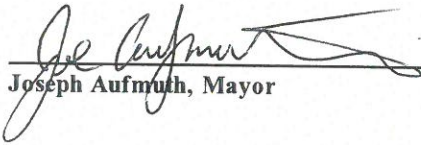
- Commissioner (Seat 2) Tim Parker – Thank you for the support and for sending him to the League of Cities Conference. He learned a lot, it was very informative, he met a lot of people and vendors. He is glad to have recovered from covid 19 and his wife did also.
- Commissioner (Seat 3) Ginny Mance – Discussed the dollar general issue and she would like to bounce an idea off of the commission. She would like to give a synopsis to the County Commission to show them that no one was listened to when they disagreed with the Dollar General. She would like to approach the county commission to discuss the situation.
Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Parker) to have Commissioner Mance represent the Town of Micanopy with a summary of evidence regarding the dollar general process; passed 4-0
- Mayor Pro Tem (Seat 4) Troy Blakely – Absent with notice
- Commissioner (Seat 5) Mike Roberts – Inquired about the status of the survey estimates for the property at the ballpark and the estimates at the Micanopy Native American Heritage Preserve. Requested that estimates be presented at the October 2021 commission meeting.

13. Mayor (Seat 1) Joe Aufmuth Report – Commented that when the hard drive crashed there has been sheer panic and a huge set back. Administrator Owen is new and settling in.

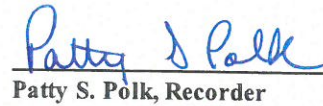
14. Adjourn: 10:00 pm

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted as amended at Town Commission Meeting 12 Oct 2021



Joseph Aufmuth, Mayor



Patty S. Polk, Recorder

