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**CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AGENDA
23718 W US HWY 27**

APRIL 11, 2024,

6:30 PM

**MAYOR KATHERINE WEITZ
VICE MAYOR TRISTAN GRUNDER
COMMISSIONER BLOODSWORTH
COMMISSIONER ANDREW MILLER
COMMISSIONER BYRAN WILLIAMS**

- (A) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- (B) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- (C) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
- (D) APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - 1. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2024, COMMISSION MEETING**
 - 2. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2024, SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING**
- (E) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
- (F) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, REVISING REQUIREMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS OPERATING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS; REVISING SECTION 74-6 OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF OPERATOR; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
 - 2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-03, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES, LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SUNDAYS FOR BUSINESSES**

DERIVING LESS THAN 51 PERCENT OF THEIR REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

3. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON PURCHASING SEWER LIFT STATION PUMPS.

4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON PURCHASING A SEWER BYPASS PUMP.

(G) CITIZEN REQUESTS AND COMMENTS – FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA (PLEASE STATE NAME FOR THE RECORD – LIMIT COMMENTS TO 5 MINUTES)

COMMISSIONER RESPONSE

(H) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON PLACEMENT OF A MONUMENT AT WALTER HOWARD PARK.**
- 2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ARC HOSPICE OF FLORIDA FOR EXPANSION OF HOSPICE SERVICES.**
- 3. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL TO SIGN CHECKS AND INVESTMENT DOCUMENTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 2-97 OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES: MAYOR KATHERINE WEITZ, VICE MAYOR TRISTAN GRUNDER, CITY MANAGER JEREMY MARSHALL AND CITY CLERK ANGELA STONE.**

(I) CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE

(J) CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

(K) COMMISSION COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

(L) MOTION TO ADJOURN.

PLEASE NOTE: PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.015, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY 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 TH DISABILITIES NEEDING ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK 23718 W US HWY 27, TELEPHONE (386) 454-1416.

Consent Agenda

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**HIGH SPRINGS
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 28, 2024
CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Grunder called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL CITY COMMISSION:

Mayor Katherine Weitz – Present for Swearing in
Vice Mayor Tristan Grunder – Present
Commissioner Andrew Miller- Present
Commissioner Byran Williams – Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Angela Stone, City Clerk
Scott Walker, City Attorney
Ashley Mauldin, Executive Assistant
Kevin Mangan, PIO
Antoine Sheppard, Chief of Police
Diane Wilson, Finance Director
Kristyn Adkins, Planning Technician
Thomas Henry, Public Works Director
Allan Alligood, Building Official

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Pastor Tim Folds with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance

CITY CLERK TO SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONER

City Clerk Angela Stone swears in the new City Commissioner Wayne Bloodsworth.

Mr. Bloodsworth thanks everyone for help with the Election.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

motioned to approve the modified agenda.

Seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Vice Mayor Grunder makes Amendment to Agenda to move the Unfinished Business items to the April 11, 2024, meeting.

Commissioner Miller makes a motion to approve the agenda with changes.

Commissioner Williams seconded.

Motion carries 4-0

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Miller Seconded.

Motion carried 4-0

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING AND
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

Williams motioned to approve the Minutes for the Special Commission Meeting and Regular Commission Meeting held on March 14, 2024.

Commissioner Miller seconded.

Motioned carried 4-0

(E) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION BY SHERIFF EMERY A. GAINEY

Sheriff Emery A. Gainey discussed the current state of the sheriff's office. Introduces some of his staff and what is currently taking place staffing wise within the Department. Hired 130 employees. Talks about having partnerships with local municipality Police Departments and working together.

**2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2024 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
MONTH. (PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG FAMILIES)**

Attorney Walker reads the Proclamation.

Jenny McGovern is representing the Partnership for Strong Families and Alachua County child abuse prevention task force discusses the current issues within the Community and what we can do to help. An event will be held April 20th at West Side Park in Gainesville and extends an invite.

Commissioner Miller motions to Declare April as child abuse prevention month.

Commissioner Williams seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

(F) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON PURCHASING SEWER LIFT STATION PUMPS.

Postpone until April 11, 2024, Commission Meeting.

2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON PURCHASING A SEWER BYPASS PUMP.

Postpone until April 11, 2024, Commission Meeting.

(G) CITIZEN REQUESTS AND COMMENTS – FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA (PLEASE STATE NAME FOR THE RECORD – LIMIT COMMENTS TO 5 MINUTES)

Citizen Leah Currier addresses concerns for Higher Purposes Church regarding the zoning and planning issues for building placement. Asks is possible for fees to be waived.

She has been directed to get with the planning technician Kristy.

Brad Riddle questions why the agenda items regarding why the pumps have been postponed.

Grunder informs Riddle it was requested by the mayor prior to the meeting.

COMMISSIONER RESPONSE:

(H) NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD SEATS.

Linda Hewlett thanks City Clerk Angela Stone and other City employees. Discusses the preferred members for the Parks Advisory Board.

Commissioner Williams motions to remove Jeffrey from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Commissioner Miller seconded.

Motion carries 4-0.

Commissioner Miller motions to appoint Danny Finn as a member for the Parks & Recreation Board.
Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Commissioner Williams makes a motion to appoint Monica White for the Parks & Recreation Board.
Miller seconded.
Motion carries 4-0.

Commissioner Williams motions to approve Eva Verner, Jarod Howard as alternates to the Parks & Recreation Board.
Commissioner Bloodsworth seconded.
Motion carries 4-0.

2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON AWARDING BID ON RFP 2024-01 STREET/ROAD REPLACEMENT.

Public Works Director Thomas Henry recommends approval. Discusses bids that were submitted. Suggests the city go with Live Oak Management for street/road replacement.

Board discusses with Thomas Henry.

Commissioner Williams motions to award the bid with Live Oak Management LLC.
Commissioner Miller seconded.
Motion carried 4-0.

3. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON AWARDING BID ON RFP 2024-02 PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT.

Public Works Director Thomas Henry recommends approval for Batjac Asphalt Maintenance BID.

Commissioner Miller motions to award the BID to Batjac Asphalt Maintenance.
Commissioner Williams seconded.
Motion carried 4-0.

4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, REVISING REQUIREMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS OPERATING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS; REVISING SECTION 74-6 OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF OPERATOR; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE

DATE.

Attorney Walker reads the Ordinance and informs the proper motion would be to pass Ordinance 2024-02 which is a new State requirement.

Commissioner Miller motioned to pass the updated ordinance.
Commissioner Williams seconded.

Roll Call:

Vice mayor Grunder – Yes
Commissioner Bloodsworth – Yes
Commissioner Miller – Yes
Commissioner Williams - Yes
Motion carries 4-0

- 5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-03, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES; LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SUNDAYS FOR BUSINESSES DERIVING LESS THAN 51 PERCENT OF THEIR REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

City Attorney Scott Walker reads and discusses the Ordinance with the board.

Vice Mayor Grunder suggests pushing it to the next meeting for a full board.

Commissioner Miller agrees with Grunder.

The board has a back-and-forth discussion with Attorney Walker.

Julia Tapio-Ruano says that the Ordinance should not be changed, but the Commission should make the final decision.

Citizen Amy does not agree to tabling the change of the Ordinance and that a decision should be made, and this is not something that should be determined by a Special permit.

Tim Folds believes that the Ordinance was written the way it was written because the food helps soak up the alcohol.

Chad Howell says that he is a huge fan of local business, and he believes we should give our local businesses every opportunity to succeed. The breweries business is to sell beer. Once we start restricting that, we are taking away from our local business. Just because it is 51% of food he can go to any local bar and drink as much as he

wants to without ordering or eating any food. His opinion is to change the Ordinance to allow the local business to succeed.

Monica White fully agrees with Chad. Discusses the reasons she believes why the Ordinance should be passed and believes the Commission has enough information to move forward.

Eva Kerner discusses how alcohol is close with the noise ordinance. Wants the Commission to take the time to make a decision.

Mr. Kiffin realizes this is a heated issue and says there is a perception and who is keeping track of the ordinance for restaurants serving/consuming alcohol. Discusses the brewery being more family oriented and is not like a regular bar. They do not condone over drinking and the staff is well trained.

Commissioner Williams wants to further discuss and change the language.

Board continues to discuss.

Commissioner Bloodsworth says that when the Brewery opened their business license that they were aware of the City ordinance and now they are asking the Commission to modify it.

Mr. Kiffin replied that was correct. Discusses transparency and the laws changing with the community.

Commissioner Williams makes a motion to table Ordinance 2024-03.
Commissioner Miller seconded.
Motion carries 4-0.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE:

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE:

None

STAFF UPDATE:

None

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bloodsworth thanks Mr. Howell for his time and conversation.

COMMISSION AGENDA

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Commissioner Miller's employee highlight of the week was Mr. Alan Alligood. Thanks him for being so kind.

VICE MAYOR:

Vice Mayor Grunder thanks everyone for the conversations and how clean the electors were during the election.

MAYOR:

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

motioned to adjourn.

Vice Mayor Gunder adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

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**HIGH SPRINGS
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 2, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Weitz called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

ROLL CALL CITY COMMISSION:

Mayor Katherine Weitz – Present
Vice Mayor Tristan Grunder – Present
Commissioner Wayne Bloodsworth – Present
Commissioner Andrew Miller- Present
Commissioner Byran Williams- Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Angela Stone, City Clerk
Ashley Mauldin, Executive Assistant
Kevin Mangan, PIO
Alan Alligood, Building Official
Thomas Henry, Public Works Director
Amy Bohannon, CRA

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by: Commissioner Williams

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the agenda.

Grunder seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON THE CONTRACT FOR THE NEW CITY MANAGER.**

Special Commission Meeting

APRIL 2, 2024

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Vice mayor Grunder makes a motion to approve Resolution 2024-C.
Commissioner Williams seconded.

Roll call:

Mayor Weitz – Yes

Vice Mayor Grunder – Yes

Commissioner Bloodsworth – Yes

Commissioner Miller – Yes

Commissioner Williams – Yes

Mayor Weitz thanks the board for the process.

The new City Manager Jeremy Marshall will be starting April, 8, 2024.

Motion to adjourn.

Mayor Weitz adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Unfinished Business Item #1



Commission Agenda Item Request Form

MEETING DATE: APRIL 11, 2024

SUBJECT: DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, REVISING REQUIREMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS OPERATING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS; REVISING SECTION 74-6 OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF OPERATOR; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AGENDA SECTION: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

PREPARED BY: ANGELA N. STONE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-02 ON FIRST READING.

Summary

Ordinance 2024-02 is revising the City Code to mirror the update in State Statute for the requirements of individuals operating golf carts on City Streets within High Springs, by amending the definition of operator.

The City Commission passed Ordinance 2023-03 providing authority for the operation of golf carts on City streets within High Springs. House Bill No. 949 amended Florida Statute 316.212 prohibiting anyone under 18 years of age from operating a golf cart on certain roadways unless they possess a valid learner's driver license or valid driver's license.

It is in the best interest of the City to revise the Code to comply with the State Statute.

ATTACHMENTS: Business Impact Statement, Ordinance 2024-02

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:

Business Impact Estimate

Proposed ordinance's title/reference:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, REVISING REQUIREMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS OPERATING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS; REVISING SECTION 74-6 OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF OPERATOR; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the City is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the City is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- ☒ The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- ☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits;
 - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - d. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City hereby publishes the following information:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

Ordinance 2024- 02 updates the definition of operator to comply with Section 316.212, Florida Statutes.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any:

- (a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
- (b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and
- (c) An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

There is no direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur.

There is no new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance.

There is no anticipated regulatory costs associated with this ordinance.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

Zero.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):

The ordinance has no fiscal impact.

ORDINANCE 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, REVISING REQUIREMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS OPERATING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS; REVISING SECTION 74-6 OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF OPERATOR; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of High Springs passed Ordinance 2023-03 on May 25, 2023, providing authority for golf cart operation on City streets within the City of High Springs and creating Section 74-6 of the City of High Springs Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 949 amended Florida Statute 316.212 prohibiting a person under 18 years of age from operating a golf cart on certain roadways unless he or she possesses a valid learner's driver license or valid driver's license; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of High Springs to revise its Code to comply with State Statute; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA as the following:

Section 1. Section 74-6(a) of the City of High Springs Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to be read as follows (additions are underlined and deletions of ~~struck through~~):

- (a) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, and unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms and phrases shall have meanings herein ascribed:

City means the City of High Springs.

City commission means the City Commission of the City of High Springs.

County means Alachua County.

Golf cart means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour.

Operator means a person ~~who is 15 years of age or older while operating a golf cart within the city.~~ who is under 18 years of age and possesses a valid learner's driver license or valid driver's license while operating a golf cart within the City or someone who is 18 years of age or older and possesses a valid form of government-issued photographic identification while operating a golf cart within the City.

Street means all of those city streets as determined by the city commission to meet the criteria of this section and applicable Florida Statutes for the use of golf carts thereon.

Section 2. The remainder of Section 74-6 and its subsections of the High Springs Code of

Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Inclusion in the Code, Scrivener's Error. It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of High Springs, Florida, and it is hereby provided that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of High Springs, Florida; that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention; and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate designation. The correction of typographical errors which do not affect the intent of the ordinance may be authorized by the City Manager or designee without public hearing, by filing a corrected or re-codified copy of the same with the City.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage at second and final reading.

DONE THE FIRST READING, by the City Commission of the City of High Springs, Florida, at a regular meeting, this 28TH day of MARCH , 2024.

DONE, THE PUBLIC NOTICE, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of High Springs, Florida, by the City Clerk of the City of High Springs, Florida on the 28TH day of MARCH, 2024.

DONE THE SECOND READING, AND ADOPTED ON FINAL PASSAGE, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Commission of the City of High Springs, Florida, at a regular meeting, this 11TH day of APRIL , 2024.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HIGH
SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Katherine Weitz, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Angela Stone, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

S. Scott Walker, City Attorney

Unfinished Business Item #2



Commission Agenda Item Request Form

MEETING DATE: APRIL 11, 2024

SUBJECT: DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-03, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES; LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SUNDAYS FOR BUSINESSES DERIVING LESS THAN 51 PERCENT OF THEIR REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION

AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT: CITY COMMISSION

PREPARED BY:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Summary

Ordinance 2024-03 is revising the Alcohol Ordinance lifting the restriction for on premise consumption of alcoholic beverages on Sundays for businesses deriving less than 51% of their revenue from the sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages. Removing this restriction will allow alcohol to be sold on Sundays for all businesses with an alcoholic beverage license.

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ATTACHMENTS: Business Impact Statement, Ordinance 2024-03

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:

Business Impact Estimate

Proposed ordinance's title/reference:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES; LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SUNDAYS FOR BUSINESSES DERIVING LESS THAN 51 PERCENT OF THEIR REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION

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- ☐ The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- ☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
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 - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - d. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City hereby publishes the following information:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

Ordinance 2024- 03 lifts the restriction of on-premise consumption of alcoholic beverages on Sundays for businesses that derive less than 51% of their revenue from the sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages. Removing this restriction will allow all businesses with an alcoholic beverage license to sell alcohol on Sundays during the designated hours. This will encourage growth and development of the City, enhance economic prosperity, diversity and opportunity.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any:

- (a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
- (b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and
- (c) An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

There is no direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur.

There is no new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance.

There is no anticipated regulatory costs associated with this ordinance.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

One.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):

This Ordinance is lifting a restriction and would encourage growth and development of the City, enhance economic prosperity, diversity and opportunity.

ORDINANCE 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES; LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SUNDAYS FOR BUSINESSES DERIVING LESS THAN 51 PERCENT OF THEIR REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION

WHEREAS, Chapter 10 of the High Springs Code of Ordinances regulates the sale of alcoholic beverages within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2008, the City Commission amended Chapter 10 in Ordinance 2008-34 to allow for the sale of alcohol during specific hours on Sunday for malt beverages and unfortified beverages at businesses that derive at least 51 percent of their gross revenue from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2015, the City Commission amended Chapter 10 in Ordinance 2015-03 lifting restrictions on the type of alcohol for Sunday on-premises consumption at businesses that derive at least 51 percent of their gross revenue from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that removing regulatory barriers to business, such as restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays by businesses that derives less than 51 percent of their gross revenue from the sale of food or nonalcoholic beverages will encourage growth and development of the City, enhance economic prosperity, diversity, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of High Springs has determined that it is desirable to amend Section 10-2 (d) of the High Springs Code of Ordinances to lifting restrictions on, on-premise consumption of alcoholic beverages to allow alcohol to be sold on Sundays for all businesses with alcoholic beverage licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS:

Section 1: Section 10-2 of the High Springs Code of Ordinances entitled “Hours of Sale” is hereby amended to read as follows (words ~~struck through~~ have been deleted, and words underlined have been added):

- (c) Sales for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages in any business holding a beverage license, ~~which business derives at least 51 percent of its gross revenue from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages~~, shall be permitted on Monday through

Thursday, inclusive, and Saturday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, on Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. immediately following, and Sunday between the hours of 1:00 pm. and 11:00 p.m. When December 31 occurs on a Saturday through Thursday, sales of all alcoholic beverages on those days shall be permitted to continue until 2:00 a.m. immediately following.

- (d) ~~Sales for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages in any business holding a beverage license, which business derives less than 51 percent of its gross revenue from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages, shall be permitted on Monday through Thursday, inclusive, and Saturday, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, and on Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. immediately following. When December 31 occurs on a Monday through Thursday or Saturday, such sales of alcoholic beverages on those days shall be permitted to continue until 2:00 a.m. immediately following. When December 31 occurs on a Sunday, such sales of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted from 6:00 p.m. of the Sunday until 2:00 a.m. immediately following.~~

Section 2. Severability. If any provision or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Conflict. All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage at second and final reading.

Section 5. Codifier. All text shown in ~~bold and strike through~~ is to be deleted. All text shown in bold and underline is adopted.

DONE THE FIRST READING, by the City Commission of the City of High Springs, Florida, at a regular meeting, this ____ day of ____, 2024.

DONE, THE PUBLIC NOTICE, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of High Springs, Florida, by the City Clerk of the City of High Springs, Florida on the ____ day of _____, 2024 through the ____ day of _____, 2024.

DONE THE SECOND READING, AND ADOPTED ON FINAL PASSAGE, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Commission of the City of High Springs, Florida, at a regular meeting, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HIGH
SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Katherine Weitz, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Angela Stone, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

S. Scott Walker, City Attorney

Unfinished Business Item #3



Commission Agenda Item Request Form

**MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BY NOON ON THE
WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE COMMISSION MEETING**

MEETING DATE: 2-22-2024

SUBJECT: 11 Sewer Lift Station Pumps total

AGENDA SECTION: New Business

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Thomas Henry

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "TH", is written over the name Thomas Henry.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve purchasing 9 new pumps

Summary

City lift stations are designed to operate with two grinder pumps. Per our inspection we found that there is only one grinder pump working at each lift station. Staff has asked pass administration for replacements to no avail. This could be a BIG FDEP FINE.

The city recently had two lift stations go down and we had to rent a bypass pump for one month until the new grinder pump came in. Renting a bypass pump costs \$3,000 per month. Grinders average 2-4 weeks for delivery. Each grinder pump costs \$21,000. If the City has raw sewer overflow, we must report it to the FDEP and there will be fines plus clean up cost.

Funding Source: _____ Total Cost: \$189,000.

ATTACHMENT: Quote and sole source letter

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER: _____



Hydra Service, Inc.
SPECIALIST IN FLUID MOVEMENT



250 Springview commerce drive
Debarry Florida 32173
Phone: 407 330 3456
Phone: 800 323 1731
Fax: 407 330 3404

Sales Representative
Contact Information
Cell Phone: 850-630-0117
Fax:

TO: C/O High Springs

FROM: Rex Smith

ATTN: Jason

EMAIL: rex@hydraservice.net

DATE: November 17, 2023

PHONE

QUOTE: 231117-3RS

FAX:

REF: XFP101G CB1.3 - PE230/2

EMAIL:

ENG FIRM

- 1 Sulzer Model XFP 101G- CB1.3 -PE230/2 submersible pump, with 4"discharge 30.8 HP, 460 volt, 60 Hertz, 3~ phase, with 49' power cords 35.13 Max amp draw
- 1 Flygt adaptor Bracket - 62665304
- 1 CA462 - Seal Relay

Pump and parts are in stock

Freight is included in this quote

TOTAL PRICE, F.O.B. JOB, FREIGHT ALLOWED **\$20,998.70** PLUS ANY FEDERAL,
STATE OR LOCAL TAXES WHICH MAY APPLY. TERMS ARE NET 30 DAYS. PRICES ARE FIRM 30 DAYS
"HYDRA SERVICE INC TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY" PAYMENT TERMS NET 30 DAYS.
ESTMTD DELIVERY: 2 to 3 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT IN OUR OFFICE OF COMPLETE
APPROVED SUBMITTAL DATA AND SIGNED PROPOSAL.
THESE TERMS ARE INDEPENDENT OF, AND ARE NOT CONTINGENT UPON THE TIME OR MANNER
IN WHICH PURCHASER MAY RECEIVE PAYMENT FROM OTHERS.
NO DAY OF FACTORY START-UP IS INCLUDED AND REQUIRED FOR WARRANTY. PAYMENT
FOR MATERIALS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE AUTHORIZED START-UP IS CONDUCTED.

ACCEPTED DATE _____

Review Date: 11/17/23

NAME OF PURCHASER

Rex Smith
REVIEWED BY HYDRA SERVICE PUMP REP.

SULZER

Sulzer Pumps Solutions Inc.
108 Leigus Road
Suite 1180
Wallingford, CT 06492
Phone (203) 238 2700
Fax (203) 514 4364
www.sulzer.com

16 November 2023

To: City of High Springs,

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that Hydra Service Inc., located in DeBary, Florida, is the sole Distributor contracted for Sulzer wastewater (formerly ABS) products, including pumps, mixers, blowers and aerators, for the Municipal Wastewater Collection and Treatment market. Hydra Service's territory includes the entire state of Florida.

Nationally, we utilize a network of independent distributors/service centers to serve the Municipal, Industrial, Building Trades and Dewatering market segments in specific territories. The authorized distributor for Sulzer products in these segments/territories has the expertise, knowledge, training and access to the latest product developments and upgrades, along with genuine OEM parts. Hydra Service staff is trained in the latest methods in care and start-up of our equipment and has the ability to execute warranty claims.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Tim Laskowski

Tim Laskowski
Regional Sales Manager
Sulzer Pump Solutions
(972) 654 – 0553
Timothy.laskowski@sulzer.com



Commission Agenda Item Request Form

***MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BY NOON ON THE
WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE COMMISSION MEETING***

MEETING DATE: 2-22-2024

SUBJECT: Sewer Bypass Pump

AGENDA SECTION: New Business

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Thomas Henry

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "TH", is written over the printed name "Thomas Henry".

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Purchase

Summary

Other City's in the sewer business have at least one bypass pump. The only neighboring city that has the size we need is the City of Lake City. We have already had to use theirs twice due to no rentals being available in an emergency situation. High Springs sewer department really needs this equipment. We can use this bypass pump for other jobs, such as flooding issues.

If the city were to have an emergency where we needed to rent a bypass pump it would cost us a rate of \$3,000 per month. They only rent by the month with no weekly or daily options, so this would be the minimum we would spend.

Funding Source: _____ **Total cost:** \$47,185.

ATTACHMENT: see government contract pricing.

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER: _____



Hydra Service, Inc.
SPECIALIST IN FLUID MOVEMENT



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Debarry Florida 32173
Phone: 407 330 3456
Phone: 800 323 1731
Fax: 407 330 3404

Sales Representative
Contact Information
Cell Phone: 850-630-0117
Fax:

TO: C/O High Springs, FL

FROM: Rex Smith

ATTN: Jason

EMAIL: rex@hydraservice.net

DATE: November 17, 2023

PHONE

QUOTE: 231117-1RS

FAX:

REF: 4" Atlas copco CRITICAL SILENT

EMAIL:

ENG FIRM

1

PAS 100 HFS critical silent FT4 YD bypass / dewatering pump P/N 8972824011 with 49hp Kohler Engine

This is Government contract pricing

This Quote is for pump ONLY.... Separate quote will follow for hoses and accessories

Freight is included in this quote

TOTAL PRICE, F.O.B. JOB, FREIGHT ALLOWED **\$47,185.00** PLUS ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL TAXES WHICH MAY APPLY. TERMS ARE NET 30 DAYS. PRICES ARE FIRM 30 DAYS
"HYDRA SERVICE INC TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY" PAYMENT TERMS NET 30 DAYS.
ESTMTD DELIVERY: **8 to 10** WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT IN OUR OFFICE OF COMPLETE APPROVED SUBMITTAL DATA AND SIGNED PROPOSAL.
THESE TERMS ARE INDEPENDENT OF, AND ARE NOT CONTINGENT UPON THE TIME OR MANNER IN WHICH PURCHASER MAY RECEIVE PAYMENT FROM OTHERS.
NO DAY OF FACTORY START-UP IS INCLUDED AND REQUIRED FOR WARRANTY. PAYMENT FOR MATERIALS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE AUTHORIZED START-UP IS CONDUCTED.

ACCEPTED DATE _____

Review Date: 11/17/23

Rex Smith

NAME OF PURCHASER _____

REVIEWED BY HYDRA SERVICE PUMP REP. _____

bypass pump attachments



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TO: C/O High Springs, FL

ATTN: Jason

PHONE

FAX:

EMAIL:

FROM: Rex Smith

EMAIL: rex@hydraservice.net

DATE: November 17, 2023

QUOTE: 231117-2RS

REF: 4" Atlas copco Hoses & Accessories

ENG FIRM

- 2 set of adaptors for camlock 4" suction and 4" discharge - 1280019997
- 1 40' float set
- 1 4" X 20' suction hoses with camlock fittings
- 1 4" X 50' Discharge hoses with camlock fittings
- 1 1280930691 - 4" Bolt / Gasket Kit

Freight is included in this quote

TOTAL PRICE, F.O.B. JOB, FREIGHT ALLOWED

\$2,588.00

PLUS ANY FEDERAL,

STATE OR LOCAL TAXES WHICH MAY APPLY. TERMS ARE NET 30 DAYS. PRICES ARE FIRM 30 DAYS

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FOR MATERIALS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE AUTHORIZED START-UP IS CONDUCTED.

ACCEPTED DATE _____

Review Date: 11/17/23

Rex Smith

NAME OF PURCHASER

REVIEWED BY HYDRA SERVICE PUMP REP.

New Business Item #1



Commission Agenda Item Request Form

MEETING DATE: APRIL 11, 2024

SUBJECT: DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON PLACEMENT OF A HISTORICAL MARKER IN WALTER HOWARD PARK BY THE HIGH SPRINGS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ALACHUA COUNTY COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT.

AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND RECREATION

PREPARED BY: ANGELA N. STONE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Summary

THE HIGH SPRINGS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ALACHUA COUNTY COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT HAS REACHED OUT TO THE CITY REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PLACE A HISTORICAL MARKER AT WALTER HOWARD PARK. THE HISTORICAL MARKER WILL EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE HISTORY OF RACIAL VIOLENCE AND LYNCHING.

ATTACHMENTS: LETTER OF REQUEST FROM ACCRP HIGH SPRINGS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR VELORIA A. KELLY

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:



March 6, 2024

High Springs City Commission
23718 W. US Highway 27
High Springs, FL 32643
citymanager@highsprings.gov

The High Springs Subcommittee of the Alachua County Community Remembrance Project is requesting permission to place a historical marker in Walter Howard Park, 18651 NW 250th Street, High Springs, Florida 32643. The historical marker will educate our community about our history of racial violence and lynching.

By way of, background and reminder of the work completed to date, attached is a news article detailing Alachua County's journey. The link below will allow you to read the article and view the videos online.

[Alachua County's Journey to Truth and Reconciliation \(adobe.com\)](#)

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Veloria A. Kelly'.

Veloria A. Kelly
Chair, High Springs Subcommittee



ALACHUA COUNTY'S JOURNEY TO TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

FEATURE STORY

“Our goal is to educate the public about our history and the legacy it has left in our disparities. It is not about placing blame,” said Jackie Davis, EJI liaison and steering committee member for the Alachua County Community Remembrance Project.

Beginning in 2018 and continuing over the past six years, Alachua County and hundreds of community members have embarked on a Truth and Reconciliation project in partnership with the [Equal Justice Initiative](#) (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama. The project shines a light on the dark side of our county’s history and looks for healing.

The result of that work has led to the creation of a unique county-wide effort unlike anywhere else in Florida – and arguably the nation – at a time when talking about race relations and slavery has been considered controversial by some.

Talks of truth and reconciliation, particularly commemorating those who lost their lives locally through racial terror, were sparked by a debate over the removal of a Confederate statue that was prominently displayed outside the Alachua County Administration Building on the corner of South Main Street and West University Avenue.

Inscribed on the 113-year-old statue's base were the words, “In the cause of right, they died a martyr’s death.” For many, those words were even more problematic than the structure itself.

Alachua County officials had been conversing with concerned residents for more than a year to discuss the disposition and replacement of the

controversial figure, nicknamed “Old Joe,” which remained throughout the Jim Crow era.

In the end, the Kirby Smith chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which unveiled the statue on Robert E. Lee's birthday in 1904, volunteered in 2017 to pay to have it moved to a local cemetery where Confederate soldiers were buried.

For many local residents, it was the first step toward healing.

During the statue discussions, then-County Commissioner Robert Hutchinson suggested the county should honor lynching victims with a statue or markers at the sites of these atrocities.

Alachua County Confederate statue removal. Story from the Gainesville St



Alachua County Community Remembrance Project

In January 2020, the [Alachua County Community Remembrance Project](#) (ACCRP) was launched after county officials and community members first visited the site of EJI's [Legacy Museum and its National Memorial to Peace and Justice](#), which show visitors the harsh realities of life for Black residents living through the Jim Crow era.

“The site, dedicated to lynching victims, is stunning,” said Diedre Houchen, the county’s equity and community outreach manager, who organized a follow-up trip to the memorial in 2022. “It’s a very solemn experience. The artwork conveys a profound message of freedom and pain.”



Sam
Ellis
Excel, AL
November 21, 1898

Henry
Williams
Excel, AL
November 2, 1897

George
Fuller
Old Grove, AL
November 28, 1900

Phreia
Pope
Lanham, AL
November 21, 1898

Jars on display at the Equal Justice Initiative's National Memorial for Peace and Justice hold soil collected from sites where lynchings occurred.

Through open dialogue and the help of historians and eight subcommittees, residents have recognized those who lost their lives unjustly while also exploring how racism played a role in our history and its effects in the present day.

The process was encouraged by EJI, which called on communities across the country to research local lynchings. Lynching is defined as a racially motivated, extrajudicial killing carried out by more than one person who didn't face legal consequences for their actions.

The Alachua County Historical Commission found 46 lynchings occurring between 1867 and 1926, the most of any county in Florida. Though many more are still unaccounted for, EJI requires two forms of confirmation to prove the lynching occurred.

Commissioner Chuck Chestnut IV said he was shocked to learn about the extent of the atrocities. He believes sharing the history has brought the community together, despite criticism that it would further divide people.

In February of 2020, the county held its first major event, "The Memorial to Honor the Victims of Lynching" at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

"We need to recognize that our history is not great in terms of how African Americans were treated, and having diversity in these discussions is key," Chestnut said. "It's about understanding, not blaming or shaming anyone."

Memorial and Candle Lighting for Victims of Lynching in Alachua County



Acknowledging the past, looking to the future

The era of racial terrorism and racist policies has left a persistent mark on Alachua County. An example is how zoning laws were constructed to concentrate Black residents and poverty. Only through acknowledging and talking about the remaining challenges can true healing continue.

[Read the report, "Understanding Racial Inequity in Alachua County."](#)

“There is a misconception that talking about the history somehow deepens animosity, but I think it’s the converse of that,” said Dr. Jacque Micieli-Voutsinas, an assistant professor of Museum Studies at the University of Florida. “It doesn’t mean it’s easy work or that it’s not uncomfortable at times, but it’s necessary work to move forward.”

Equal Justice Initiative activities

Part of the initiative called for a series of community events: Soil collection ceremonies, essay contests, historical markers and community quilts. Each one pays tribute to lynching victims and is critical to EJI’s Truth and Reconciliation model.

Alachua County has hosted soil collection events with jars provided by EJI. Soil from the site where someone was lynched is placed in two separate jars. One is kept for the community, while the other is sent to the Legacy Museum to join others from across the country to preserve and protect the memory of those lost.



Alachua County and community leaders unveil a “Lynching in America” historical marker at the county’s administration building in Gainesville, Florida on Oct. 23, 2021.

Historical markers also serve as a prominent presence to educate communities, while community quilts are made to memorialize each lynching victim individually.

To educate the younger generation, high schools hold [essay contests](#) where students are challenged to write about historical events and connect them to present-day issues.

Cities step up

ACCRP established subcommittees for each municipality to identify each community's history and the enduring legacies they face today.

In Alachua, for example, community leaders and researchers discovered the storied life of Matthew Lewey, who served in various roles during a time of oppression. Lewey not only served in the Civil War but went on to become the mayor of Newnansville (Alachua), was elected to the House of Representatives and was Florida's first Black newspaper editor (Gainesville Sentinel).

The County Commission declared Dec. 18, 2023 as [Matthew Lewey Day](#) in Alachua County.

The City of Newberry's effort included adding the lynching victims known as the "Newberry Six" into the high school curriculum after extensive research from the late historian Patricia Hilliard-Nunn. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 2018, the town held a community picnic, shared stories, and heard a presentation from students at Newberry High School about the town's history of racial terror.

“It ended up being the most positive, loving moment that it could have possibly been,” said Newberry Mayor Jordan Marlowe, who admittedly didn’t know how the community would handle the conversations.

[Learn more about the soil collection ceremonies.](#)

When Jianna Williams was elected the first Black female mayor in Micanopy history, she made the Truth and Reconciliation project a priority. She [held a ceremony](#) at the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center, where dozens of community members showed up to participate.

“This has given our town healing with sensitivity,” Williams said. “It’s about finding ways to heal from that trauma and conscious ways to grow from it. It’s about a diverse group of people with a common goal to unify and educate. I think it’s great the county has made this a priority.”

The site of the Confederate statue comes full circle

In addition to those efforts, on June 19, 2023, the county unveiled the Sankofa bird statue to honor [Hilliard-Nunn](#), who dedicated years of her life to informing others about the county’s history of racism, slavery and lynchings.

The mythical creature, which sits in the same site where the Confederate monument once stood, is an adinkra symbol from the Akan people of Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana and serves as a reminder to bring the past forward to remember, amend, and understand and indicates the pursuit of knowledge.

Alachua County Sankofa Statue Honors Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn



Digital Heritage Trail Map

The digital heritage map is the most recent project to emerge from the community. Subcommittees and a host of community partners have helped identify 141 locations that have historical significance for Black residents.

Among the locations are churches, historical Black-owned businesses, cemeteries, lynching sites and schools. The map pushes back against the systematic, century-long effort to erase Black history.

The map shows Gainesville has the most identified locations with 31, while the smaller cities have dozens more that residents can take a small tour to view. Some historical markers have been placed at the sites, with many more planned for the future.

The map is still in its first phase and will be periodically updated as more locations are available.

[View the map and learn more about each location.](#)

The work continues

There is still much to do to fulfill the challenges the Equal Justice Initiative laid out. The Alachua County community and the people involved in this effort are devoted to seeing it through to completion.

“We continue to move forward despite how polarizing these topics can be. Truth is the cornerstone of any meaningful reconciliation and the idea of reconciliation is what drives us,” said Deputy County Manager Carl Smart. “It’s such a difficult issue to talk about for a lot of folks, almost like it’s an unwritten rule or a blemish on the community. But without talking about it, there is no healing.”

Among the dozens of local events Alachua County and its Community Remembrance Project have hosted since 2018 include:

- Soil collection ceremonies in Gainesville, Newberry, High Springs, Micanopy, Hawthorne-Waldo, Alachua-Newnansville and Montecocha-Gordon-Lacrosse
- Held panel discussions and remembrance ceremonies with historians to discuss lynchings, victims, renaming Confederate memorials, racial terror and relevant books.
- High School essay contests throughout Gainesville, Newberry High School and for students in High Springs, Alachua-Newnansville and Montecocha-Gordon-Lacrosse, Micanopy and Hawthorne-Waldo.
- Placed historical markers in Newberry, Alachua-Newnansville, at the Alachua County Administration Building and the Martin Luther King Jr. Multi-purpose Center in Gainesville.
- Candlelight vigils and memorial services for victims of lynchings.
- The Sankofa bird memorial dedication and launching of the ACCRP website.

See the [full event calendar](#) and links to each event.

Story by Andrew Caplan, Alachua County public information officer. Caplan is a former investigative reporter and editor with 10 years of experience covering state and local governments.

New Business Item #2



Commission Agenda Item Request Form

MEETING DATE: APRIL 11, 2024

SUBJECT: DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ARC HOSPICE OF FLORIDA'S EXPANSION OF HOSPICE SERVICES

AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT: COMMISSION

PREPARED BY: CITY CLERK

RECOMMENDED ACTION: DECIDED IF THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT

Summary

ARC HOSPICE OF FLORIDA HAS ASKED FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO SUBMIT TO TALLAHASSEE FOR THEIR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPLICATION TO PROVIDE HOSPICE SERVICES IN REGION 3A. THE STATE HAS DETERMINED A FINDING OF NEED FOR MORE HOSPICE CARE SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS IN FLORIDA. LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM RURAL CITIES IS HELPFUL TO INCLUDE IN THEIR APPLICATION TO THE STATE.

THERE ARE UNIQUE CHALLENGES FACED BY RURAL COMMUNITIES IN ACCESSING HOSPICE CARE, SUCH AS THE BURDEN OF TRAVEL AND THE ASSOCIATED COSTS IN SEEKING HOSPICE CARE. ARC HOSPICE OF FLORIDA FEELS THAT THEY CAN HELP MINIMIZE THESE HARDSHIPS BY HELPING RURAL RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO CARE AND COMFORT IN THEIR OWN HOMES.

ATTACHMENTS: ROUGH DRAFT LETTER

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER: _____

23718 W US HWY 27
High Springs, Florida 32643



Telephone: (386) 454-1416
Facsimile: (386) 454-2126
Web: www.highsprings.gov

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the City of High Springs City Commissioners, I am writing to express our support for the approval of Arc Hospice of Florida's special circumstances application to provide hospice services in region 3A. We understand the unique challenges faced by rural communities like ours in accessing hospice care for those who need it most. It is important to us to address these concerns, and we believe that the addition of Arc Hospice of Florida would be a benefit to our rural communities.

Arc Hospice of Florida's commitment to delivering high-quality, community-based hospice care would offer substantial benefits to the residents of High Springs. Their dedication to providing compassionate end-of-life care will greatly assist our community members and their families in facing these trying times with dignity and comfort.

One of the primary challenges confronting families in rural areas like High Springs is the burden of travel and the associated costs when seeking hospice care. By approving Arc Hospice of Florida's special circumstances application, we can help to minimize these hardships, ensuring that our residents have access to the care they need, in the comfort of their own homes.

We ask you to approve Arc Hospice of Florida's application to provide hospice services in region 3A. This decision will have a profound impact on the well-being of our community and would go a long way toward ensuring that all residents have access to quality palliative care during life's most challenging moments.

Sincerely,

Katherine Weitz
City of High Springs Board of City Commissioners

New Business Item #3



Commission Agenda Item Request Form

MEETING DATE: APRIL 11, 2024

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL TO SIGN CHECKS AND INVESTMENT DOCUMENTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 2-97 OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES:

AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT: CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: ANGELA STONE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: AUTHORIZE MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN CHECKS AND INVESTMENTS DOCUMENTS PER SECTION 2 – 97.

Summary

THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZES PERSONNEL TO SIGN INVESTMENT DOCUMENTS AND CHECKS FOR THE CITY'S ACCOUNTS. SECTION 2-97 OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES, WITH OUR NEW CITY MANAGER ON BOARD WE WILL NOW NEED TO REDESIGNATE THE MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY CLERK TO SIGN ALL INVESTMENT DOCUMENTS AND CHECKS. WE ARE RENAMING EVERYONE AS THE BANK WILL NEED THIS FOR THEIR DOCUMENTATION TO SEND US THE NEW SIGNATURE PAPERWORK ON THE ACCOUNTS.

ATTACHMENTS: SECTION 2 – 97 OF THE HIGH SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTION 2012-D

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER: YES

Sec. 2-97. - Signatures on checks.

- (a) All checks for the payment of money by the city shall be signed by two officers of the city as provided in this section.
- (b) The city manager and the city clerk are designated as the two officers to countersign all checks for payment of money by the city.
- (c) If there should be a vacancy in the position of city manager or city clerk, the mayor-commissioner is authorized to countersign all checks for payment of money by the city, together with the city manager or city clerk, whichever position shall be occupied at that time.

(Ord. No. 79-19, §§ 1—3, 11-27-1979)

RESOLUTION 2012-D

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR SIGNING CHECKS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in order to establish a check issuing procedure providing proper safeguards for City funds, the Commissioners desire to implement a procedure that is both practical and efficient.

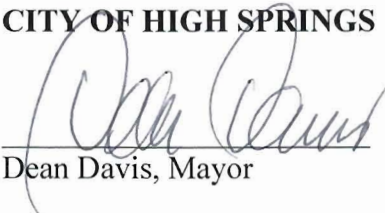
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HIGH SPRINGS CITY COMMISSION THAT:

SECTION ONE: All City of High Springs checks issued in payment of City expenses shall continue to require two signatures. All checks shall require the signature of either the Mayor or Vice Mayor and the signature of either the City Manager or City Clerk.

SECTION TWO: This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED in regular session of the High Springs City Commission this 8th day of March, 2012.

CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS


Dean Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jenny L. Parham, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Raymond M. Ivey, City Attorney