

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEWBERRY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX FOR WILD SPACES PUBLIC PLACES AND INFRASTRUCTURE; ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING PROPOSED ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION AMONGST ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA CITIES; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2016, Alachua County, Florida voters approved “Wild Spaces Public Places,” an eight -year, one-half percent sales tax to be collected in the County to acquire and improve conservation lands and create, improve, and maintain parks and recreational facilities within the County;

**WHEREAS**, Alachua County, Florida placed a referendum on the ballot for November 8, 2022 whereby a one-percent sales tax was to be imposed, if passed, for the purpose of funding Wild Spaces Public Places and infrastructure starting on January 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the ballot initiative was passed by a majority of voters in the November 8, 2022 election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alachua County Commission has proposed \$3 million in grant funds to the City of Gainesville, Florida and an additional \$3 million collectively to all nine (9) Alachua County Cities;

**WHEREAS**, the nine (9) cities in Alachua County, Florida have agreed upon a proposed distribution of the grants to cities in Alachua County;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed distribution is the in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Newberry, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alachua County League of Cities approved an agreed upon distribution of the funds pledged to cities in Alachua County, Florida;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Newberry, Florida as follows:

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true.

**Section 2.** The City hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and distribution of Wild Spaces Public Places grant funds as generally described below in support of either option:

**1. Excluding Gainesville**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Town of La Crosse	\$375,000
Town of Micanopy	\$375,000
City of Waldo	\$375,000
City of Archer	\$375,000
City of Hawthorne	\$375,000
City of High Springs	\$375,000
City of Newberry	\$375,000
City of Alachua	\$375,000
City of Gainesville	\$0.00

**2. Even Split**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Town of La Crosse	\$333,333
Town of Micanopy	\$333,333
City of Waldo	\$333,333
City of Archer	\$333,333
City of Hawthorne	\$333,333
City of High Springs	\$333,333
City of Newberry	\$333,333
City of Alachua	\$333,333
City of Gainesville	\$333,333

**Section 3.** The City finds that participation in the receipt of Wild Spaces Public Places grant funds would be in the best interest of the city and its citizens.

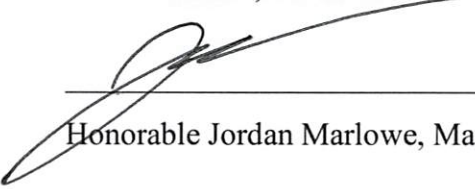
**Section 4.** The Mayor and the City Clerk, as attesting witness, are hereby authorized to execute any formal agreement implementing or supporting a unified plan for the allocation and distribution of any Wild Spaces Public Places grant monies and all other necessary and customary documents in furtherance thereof on behalf of the City.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED,** by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Commission of the City of Newberry, Florida, at a regular meeting, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.



**BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
NEWBERRY, FLORIDA:**

  
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Honorable Jordan Marlowe, Mayor

Attest, By the Clerk of the  
City Commission of The City Of  
Newberry, Florida:

  
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Judy S. Rice, City Clerk

Approved As To Form And  
Legality:

  
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City Attorney