



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, March 3, 2026

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Ben Marciano
Pro Tem Jay A. Musleh
Council Member Kristen M. Dreyer
Council Member James P. Hilty Sr
Council Member Barry Mansfield
Council President Ire J. Bethea Sr

2a. New Employees

- Jaime Antonetti, Growth Management
- Nakita Daniels, Growth Management
- Ben Maxson, Growth Management

3. Public Notice

Public Notice for the March 3, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on January 29, 2026

4. Proclamations and Awards

- 4a.** Presentation of the Flood Awareness Week Proclamation to City Engineering Department Director, Sean Lanier; Civil Engineer, Payal Pandya; and to Civil Engineer, Austin Cash
- 4b.** Recognition of Ocala Police Department Excelsior Award by the Commission of Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation

5. Presentations

- 5a.** Engineering & Water Resources Department Director, Sean Lanier - Ocala Vulnerability Assessment

6. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of Council or the public request specific items to be removed for separate discussion and action.

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 6a.** One-year lease for office space at Ocala International Airport with Ascente Aviation LLC, with a monthly receivables amount of \$1,369

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

- 6b.** Annual renewal of the office and hangar lease with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for lease-year revenues of \$54,874

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

- 6c.** One-year renewal of contract with Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc., for specialty grounds maintenance services with expenditure amount not to exceed \$72,600

Presentation By: Greg Vandeventer

- 6d.** Resolution 2026-15 to approve and adopt the Marion County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6e.** Reappointment of Jane Cosand to the Ocala Historic Preservation Advisory Board for a new three-year term ending March 1, 2029

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

- 6f.** Reappointment of Dustin Magamoll to the Board of Adjustment for a new four-year term ending March 1, 2030

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

- 6g.** Appointment of Erica Gibb to the Board of Adjustment for the remainder of an unexpired four-year term ending March 1, 2028

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

- 6h.** Reappointment of Michael Kroitor and Shirley J. Wright to the Municipal Code Enforcement Board for new three-year terms ending March 1, 2029

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

- 6i.** City Council meeting minutes

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

7. Consent Agenda Items Held for Discussion

Should any items be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, they will be discussed at this time.

8. Introduction and First Readings of Ordinances

(Second and Final Reading - March 17, 2026)

- 8a.** Ordinance 2026-9 to adopt recommended changes to actuarial assumptions and methods for the City of Ocala General Employees' Pension Plan, as outlined in the 2014-2024 Experience Study

Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh

9. Public Hearings / Second and Final Readings / Adoption of Ordinances

- 9a.** Ordinance 2026-7 to rezone approximately 2.26 acres for properties located in the 1400 block of NE 14th Street (Parcel 26496-005-00 & 26496-005-01) from RO, Residential Office, and R-1, Single Family Residential, to R-3, Multi-Family Residential (Case ZON25-0016) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Introduced By: James P. Hilty Sr

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 9b.** Ordinance 2026-8 to rezone two properties totaling approximately 30.49-acres located at 5019 W Silver Springs Blvd and the parcel adjacent to the east (Parcel 23180-000-00 & 23176-003-00) from PD, Planned Development, to M-1, Light Industrial (Case ZON25-0018) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Emily Johnson

Introduced By: Kristen M. Dreyer

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

10. General Business

- 10a.** One-Year renewal of Agreement for Tree Trimming and Line Clearance Services with Davey Tree Expert Company in an amount not to exceed \$2,541,543

Presentation By: Chad Lynch

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 10b.** Contract extension and expansion for Supervisory Control Data Acquisition Software Services with Survalent Technology Corporation for a total initial cost of \$339,541

Presentation By: Chad Lynch

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 10c.** Five-year renewal with Davenport Group for server virtualization software, VMware, maintenance and support in an estimated expenditure of \$171,648
- Presentation By:** Christopher Ramos
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr
- SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield
- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10d.** Utilization of a cooperative purchasing agreement with Government Finance Officers Association for consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$233,000
- Presentation By:** Christopher Ramos
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Kristen M. Dreyer
- SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield
- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10e.** Three-year Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., to provide citywide geographic information system software with an estimated aggregate expenditure of \$180,900
- Presentation By:** Kelly Vann
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr
- SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer
- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10f.** One-year renewal of contract service agreement with American Pipe & Tank, Inc, for the provision of wastewater services with an aggregate expenditure not to exceed \$100,000
- Presentation By:** Sean Lanier
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh
- SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield
- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10g.** One-year renewal of contract with Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc., for ground maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$261,900
- Presentation By:** Greg Vandeventer
- RESULT:** PULLED

- 10h.** First Amendment to the Agreement for Third Party Liability/Workers' Compensation Claims Administration Services between the City of Ocala and PMA Management Corp. renewing the agreement for an additional three-year term and establishing a total contract sum not to exceed \$802,239

Presentation By: Todd Swanson

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 10i.** Continued utilization of the State of Florida's contract with WEX Bank for fuel card services for renewal term expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$96,000

Presentation By: Michael Balken

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 10j.** Utilization of a cooperative purchasing agreement with Iteris, Inc., for the purchase of traffic signal travel time readers with connected vehicle capability in the amount of \$384,000

Presentation By: Darren Park

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 10k.** Purchase and Sale Agreement for approximately 6.65 acres of real property located east of NW Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., identified by Parcel ID: 25502-000-00, in an amount not to exceed \$550,000

Presentation By: Darren Park

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 10l.** Budget Resolution 2026-130 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to transfer funds from the Stormwater Reserve for Contingency account to purchase parcel 25502-000-00 in the amount of \$550,000

Presentation By: Darren Park

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 10m.** Budget Resolution 2026-131 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to appropriate grant funding from the Florida Department of Transportation for the design and construction of fuel farm, wash rack, and parking concrete pads in the amount of \$478,285 and transfer funds from the Reserve for Projects account in the amount of \$119,572

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 10n.** Three-year renewal of the lease with Enterprise Leasing Company of Florida LLC at the Ocala International Airport for annual rent and fees of approximately \$410,374

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 10o.** Three-year renewal of the lease with Avis/Budget Rental Car, LLC, at the Ocala International Airport for annual rent and fees of approximately \$310,368

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

Family Fun Day, Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, location Tusawilla Park

Public School Planning Official (PSPO) meeting, Wednesday, April 1, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, location Live Stock Pavillion

PCA update

13. Ocala Police Department Report

Overview of Crime and Traffic Stops

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

Unit Responses

Service calls update

Department Highlights

15. City Attorney's Report

16. Public Comments

Lourene Ek, 5907 SW 59th Street, Ocala, FL, read words of wisdom to City Council from past presidents

Jason Tolbert, 201 NE 37th Court, Ocala, FL, thanked the Ocala Police Department and Mayor Marciano for their community support efforts

Larry Johnson, 5360 NE 16th Street, Ocala, FL, requested an honorary street be named after his late father

Darnitha Johnson, CEO, Royal Queen's Apartment Founder, commented on domestic violence/child abuse/sexual assault awareness education

Dr. Manes Pierre, requested Mayor Marciano investigate time fraud allegedly committed by an Ocala police officer

Jean Rickman, Economic Development Coordinator for Congresswoman Kat Cammack, 2630 SE 3rd Street, Ocala, FL, commented on the Fiscal Year 2027 congressional appropriations for programmatic/language requests

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - CRA Board meeting - 3:45pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, March 24, 2026 - TPO meeting - 3:00pm - Marion County Board of County Commissioners Auditorium
- Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, April 21, 2026 - CRA Board meeting - 3:45pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, April 21, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - TPO meeting - 3:00pm - Marion County Board of County Commissioners Auditorium
- Thursday, April 30, 2026 - City Council Strategic Planning Session - 8:00am - Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place

17a. Power Cost Adjustment Report - January 2026

17b. Fully Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

18. Comments by Mayor

Dignity House visit

Internet Crimes Against Children Program

19. Comments by City Council Members

Council Member Hilty shared his wonderful experience visiting Washington, D.C., to discuss public utility challenges

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:24 PM