



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, January 21, 2025

3:15 PM

1. Call to Order

NOTE: Following the Call to Order, the City Council will participate in a private, attorney-client meeting for approximately thirty minutes. At the end of that meeting (approximately 3:45 PM), City Council will return to reopen the regular meeting, announce the conclusion of the private, attorney-client meeting and to address the remainder of the agenda items.

2. Roll Call

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

Excused: Council Member Barry Mansfield

3. Public Notice

Public Notice for the January 21, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on January 8, 2025

4. Proclamations and Awards

- 4a. Presentation of the Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award to Sandra Seibert
- 4b. Service Award - Lieutenant Charles Hunt IV - Ocala Police Department - 15 Years of Service
- 4c. Service Award - Matthew Grow - Ocala International Airport - 20 Years of Service

5. Presentations

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: Ire J. Bethea Sr
SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr
AYE: Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, Musleh, and Dreyer
EXCUSED: Mansfield

- 6a.** Approve the donation of two surplus vehicles to the Estella Byrd Whitman Community Health Center with an estimated residual auction value of \$3,573
Presentation By: John King
- 6b.** Approve award of a two-year contract to SG Power Pros, LLC for load-bank testing for emergency power generators with an estimated aggregate expenditure of \$86,270
Presentation By: John King
- 6c.** Approve the donation of two surplus vehicles to Wear Gloves, Inc. with an estimated residual auction value of \$18,362
Presentation By: John King
- 6d.** Approve the purchase of a Siemens UC150 charger from Siemens Industry, Inc., utilizing a Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \$61,485
Presentation By: John King
- 6e.** Approve a contract for the rehabilitation of the Clarke residence located at 2612 NE 22nd Ave. to Stejack, LLC for a total project cost not to exceed \$66,048
Presentation By: James Haynes
- 6f.** Approve a request from Team Delva Properties Inc. for reimbursement of fees associated with the production of an affordable housing unit in the amount of \$8,188
Presentation By: James Haynes
- 6g.** Approve a request from Habitat for Humanity of Marion County for reimbursement of fees associated with the production of an affordable housing unit in the amount of \$3,285
Presentation By: James Haynes
- 6h.** Approve additional expenditures for the purchase of firefighter bunker gear and supplies from Municipal Equipment Co., LLC in the amount of \$50,000
Presentation By: Clint Welborn
- 6i.** Approve minutes from January 7, 2025 City Council meeting
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

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

- 9a.** Adopt Ordinance 2025-1 to rezone approximately 4.63 acres for property located at 1712 SE Lake Weir Avenue (Parcel 2920-010-008) from INST, Institutional to B-2A, Limited Community Business (Case ZON24-45752) (Quasi-Judicial) - Previously postponed from October 15, 2024, November 19, 2024 and December 3, 2024, City Council meetings

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

AYE: Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, and Musleh

NAY: Dreyer

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 9b.** Adopt Ordinance 2025-15 to rezone 1.14 acres from R-2, Two-Family Residential, to R-3, Multi-Family Residential, for property located in the 700 block of SW Third Street (Parcel 2848-002-001) (Case: ZON24-0003) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 9c.** Adopt Resolution 2025-10 to abrogate approximately 0.06 acres of the eastern 164 feet of the alley between SW Second Avenue and SW Third Avenue (Parcel 2854-025-010) (Case: ABR23-45350) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 9d.** Adopt Resolution 2025-11 vacating Parcel # 22817-000-00 located in Blocks 557-559 (Saving Mercy Corporation) from the West End Ocala Plat (PLV24-0001) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10. General Business

- 10a.** Termination for Convenience of the Agreement between the City of Ocala and Sky Elements

Presentation By: Christopher Watt

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10b.** Approve award of a three-year contract to Dragonfly Pond Works, LLC for stormwater ground maintenance services for the City's southeast section in the amount of \$343,980

Presentation By: Darren Park

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10c.** Authorize the City Engineer to issue a change order to the Construction Services Agreement with Commercial Industrial Corp. to facilitate the construction of a roundabout on SW 44th Avenue and increase the contract value by \$1,025,808

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10d.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-125 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to appropriate funds from the Infrastructure Surtax Reserve to support the construction of a roundabout on SW 44th Avenue in the amount of \$1,025,808

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10e.** Approve expenditures for utility services provided by Duke Energy, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2024-25 with an estimated expenditure of \$130,000

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10f.** Approve the purchase of five vehicles for various City departments in the amount of \$278,602

Presentation By: John King

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10g.** Approve Marion County's standard professional services agreement for Emergency Solutions Grant Program funding for outreach services in the amount of \$100,000

Presentation By: James Haynes

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10h.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-126 to approve and appropriate the City of Ocala's Emergency Solutions Grant program funding for outreach services in the amount of \$100,000

Presentation By: James Haynes

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10i.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-127 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate funding for the City of Ocala's Home Investment Partnership Program in the amount of \$256,344

Presentation By: James Haynes

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10j.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-128 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate 2024-25 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program grant funding in the amount of \$125,519

Presentation By: James Haynes

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10k.** Adopt Resolution 2025-12 to accept a Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement for Hurricane Helene, DR-4828, Agreement Number Z4947 and approve the delegation of authority to City Manager, Peter Lee, to execute funding agreements with any amendments as the authorized agent and sign compliance documents

Presentation By: Peter Brill

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10l.** Adopt Resolution 2025-13 to accept a Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement for Hurricane Milton, DR-4834, Agreement Number Z4977 and approve the delegation of authority to City Manager, Peter Lee, to execute funding agreements with any amendments as authorized agent and sign compliance documents

Presentation By: Peter Brill

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10m.** Approve one-year renewals of the contracts with PFM Asset Management, LLC, Sawgrass Asset Management, LLC, and Seix Investment Advisors, LLC for the provision of investment manager services for the City's treasury funds with an estimated aggregate expenditure of \$180,000

Presentation By: Peter Brill

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

- 10n.** Approve expenditures under contract with CenturyLink/Lumen Technologies for internet bandwidth/metropolitan area network circuits for the City and its customers in the amount of \$293,063

Presentation By: Mel Poole

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

Parking Garage No. 2 public meetings scheduled for January 30, 2025, at 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Solid Waste Industry meeting scheduled for February 5, 2025, and solid waste workshop scheduled for February 13, 2025

Winter weather advisory update

13. Ocala Police Department Report**Overview of Crime and Traffic Stops****Department Highlights****14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report****Unit Responses****Call Type Spotlights****Department Highlights****15. City Attorney's Report****16. Public Comments**

Natalie Caban, 1208 SE 18th Street, proposed an initiative to address transportation barriers for low-income single mothers

Kent Guinn, 320 NW 3rd Avenue, commented on Art Rojas v. City of Ocala case

Robert Reed, 5851 SW 63rd Street, commented on a vehicle accident

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Tuesday, January 28, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO Meeting - Marion County Commissioners Auditorium

- Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council Meeting - Council Chambers

- Thursday, February 13, 2025 - 12:00pm - City Council Workshop: Sanitation - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Meeting - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council Meeting - Council Chambers

17a. Monthly budget to actual report and Capital Improvement Project status report as of November 30, 2024

17b. Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

18. Comments by Mayor**Step Challenge Update****Planning Department recognition****19. Comments by City Council Members**

Council Member Bethea commented on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day events

Council President Dreyer thanked Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead for replacing the American flag in the City Council Chambers

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:12 pm