



Ocala City Council Agenda - Final

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Meeting Information

Location

Ocala City Hall
110 SE Watula Avenue
Second Floor - Council Chambers
Ocala, Florida

<https://www.ocalafl.gov/meetings>

Time

4:00 PM

Council Members

Kristen Dreyer, Council President
Ire Bethea Sr., Pro Tem
James P. Hilty Sr.
Barry Mansfield
Jay A. Musleh

Mayor

Ben Marciano

City Manager

Peter Lee

Mission Statement

The City of Ocala provides fiscally responsible services consistent with the community's current and future expectations.

City Council's Strategic Priorities

Priority 1: Economic hub
Priority 2: Fiscally sustainable
Priority 3: Engaged workforce
Priority 4: Operational excellence
Priority 5: Quality of place

WELCOME!

Citizens are encouraged to participate in City of Ocala meetings. Speakers wishing to provide public comments to the City Council should complete a written public comment form and shall submit said form to the City Clerk prior to the meeting being called to order. Unless otherwise permitted, no person shall be permitted to provide public comments to City Council if they have not completed and submitted a public comment card prior to the meeting being called to order. Speakers will be limited to 3 (three) minutes. Additional time may be granted by the Council President. When recognized, state name and address. Citizen groups are asked to name a spokesperson.

The City of Ocala encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers limit their comments to specific motions and direct their comments to the Council. Cell phones should be turned off or set to vibrate.

The order of agenda items may be changed if deemed appropriate by City Council.

Citizens are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the City Clerk before meetings for inclusion into the public record. Citizens may also provide input to council members via office visits, phone calls, letters and e-mail that will become public record. In some instances, i.e., Quasi-Judicial Hearings, these particular contacts may be prohibited.

APPEALS

Any person who desires to appeal any decision at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for this purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

ADA COMPLIANCE

If reasonable accommodations are needed for you to participate in this meeting, please call the City Manager's Office at 352-629-8401 at least 48 hours in advance so arrangements can be made.

1. Call to Order**2. Roll Call**

- 2a. New Employees
- Rachel Herman, Information Technology
 - Demetrius Franklin, Public Works
 - David Ilimalcota, Public Works

3. Public Notice**4. Proclamations and Awards**

- 4a. [Presentation of the Water Conservation Month Proclamation to Ocala Water Resources Assistant Director Rusella Bowes-Johnson, Government Affairs Regional Manager, Southwest Florida Water Management District Carrieann Adkins, and to Intergovernmental Coordinator, St. Johns River Water Management District William White](#)
- 4b. [Presentation of the Fair Housing Month Proclamation to James Haynes, Director of Community Development Services and staff, Community Legal Services, Marion County Community Services, Ocala Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, Housing Finance Authority of Marion County, Ocala/Marion Association of Realtors, and City of Ocala's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee](#)

5. Presentations

- 5a. [The Annual Marion Cultural Alliance \(MCA\) presentation by Jaye Baillie, Executive Director of the MCA at Brick City Center for the Arts](#)

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.

- 6a. [Approve Task Work Order No. 1 under the City's continuing professional engineering services agreement with McKim & Creed, Inc., for the provision of engineering services related to the Collection System Action Plan and Power Outage Contingency Plan in the amount of \\$57,570](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6b. [Approve Florida Department of Environmental Protection Petroleum Cleanup Participation Program Agreement for Art Park and West Lake Tusawilla with a City copayment of \\$25,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6c. [Approve the purchase of a retractable file system for the Ocala Police Department's Records Division utilizing a Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \\$69,995](#)

Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 6d. [Approve the purchase of a 200kW generator from Cummins, Inc. utilizing a Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \\$67,515](#)

Presentation By: John King

- 6e. [Approve award of contracts to Stejack Construction, LLC, and Central Florida Equity Builders, LLC, for residential rehabilitation services for the Brown residence located on NW 11th Avenue with a total project cost not to exceed \\$54,385](#)

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 6f. [Approve one-year contract renewal of the agreement with Cellebrite, Inc., for forensic software with an estimated expenditure of \\$86,380](#)

Presentation By: Joshua Sasso

- 6g. [Approve an electric easement to Duke Energy on City owned parcel No. 37517-000-00](#)

Presentation By: Tracy Taylor

- 6h. [Approve appointment of Angie Clifton to a four-year term ending March 1, 2029, and Wendy Kebrdle to an unexpired term ending March 1, 2026, on the North Magnolia Redevelopment Advisory Committee](#)

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

- 6i. [Approve minutes from March 18, 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

(Second and Final Reading - April 15, 2025)

- 8a.** [Introduce Ordinance 2025- 22 to rezone two parcels of land containing approximately 1.34 acres, located at 1533 and 1541 NE 14th Street \(Parcel 26486-000-00 and 26486-001-00\) from RO, Residential Office, to R-3, Multi-Family Residential \(Case ZON25-0003\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#) **ORD-2025-22**

9. Public Hearings / Second and Final Readings / Adoption of Ordinances**10. General Business**

- 10a.** [Approve the continued use of the State of Florida Alternative Source Agreement for the purchase of bulletproof vests from Federal Eastern International in an amount not to exceed \\$198,215](#)

Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 10b.** [Approve the utilization of the General Services Administration's Multiple Award Schedule for the purchase of a Lenco BearCat armored vehicle in the amount of \\$378,165](#)

Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 10c.** [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-141 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to appropriate funds from the Infrastructure Sales Surtax Reserve for Fund Balance account to purchase a Lenco BearCat armored vehicle in the amount of \\$378,165](#) **BR-2025-141**

Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 10d.** [Approve one-year renewal of contract with American Pipe & Tank, Inc., for the provision of wastewater services with an aggregate expenditure not to exceed \\$100,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10e.** [Approve award of contract with All Webbs Enterprises, Inc., for the construction of two Upper Floridan Aquifer Wells at Water Treatment Plant No. 2 with a bid of \\$1,117,700 plus a 10 percent contingency of \\$111,770 and the cost of nine alternate bid items equaling \\$250,000 for a total expenditure of \\$1,479,470](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10f.** [Approve additional expenditures and associated task work orders under the City's continuing professional engineering services agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation increasing the aggregate threshold from \\$500,000 to \\$1,000,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

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- 10g.** [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-142 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to appropriate funds from the Stormwater Reserve for Contingencies account for continuing professional engineering services in the amount of \\$500,000](#) **[BR-2025-142](#)**
- Presentation By: Sean Lanier
- 10h.** [Approve the First Amendment and the additional expenditures under the piggyback agreement with Utility Metering Solutions, LLC, for the installation and integration of a fixed network metering system for the Water Resources Department in the estimated amount of \\$700,000](#)
- Presentation By: Sean Lanier
- 10i.** [Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. LPA0709 between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Ocala for the Lower Floridan Aquifer Conversion \(Phase V\) Project to appropriate additional funding in the amount of \\$250,000](#)
- Presentation By: Sean Lanier
- 10j.** [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-143 appropriating additional funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Lower Floridan Aquifer Conversion \(Phase V\) Project in the amount of \\$250,000](#) **[BR-2025-143](#)**
- Presentation By: Sean Lanier
- 10k.** [Approve award of a three-year contract to Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc., for the provision of stormwater grounds maintenance services for the City's northwest section in the amount of \\$193,158](#)
- Presentation By: Darren Park
- 10l.** [Approve a two-year multi-award contract for mowing and lot clearing contract to Native Tree of Central Florida, Inc., and Pure Cuts Lawn and Maintenance, LLC, with an aggregate value not to exceed \\$400,000](#)
- Presentation By: Jeff Shrum
- 10m.** [Approve the purchase of Microsoft 365 cloud subscription and server and desktop licenses from SHI International utilizing a Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \\$303,545](#)
- Presentation By: Joshua Sasso
- 11. Internal Auditor's Report**
- 12. City Manager's Report**
- 13. Ocala Police Department Report**
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14. **Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report**
15. **City Attorney's Report**
16. **Public Comments**
17. **Informational Items and Calendaring Items**
 - Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - 12:00pm and 5:30pm - Parking Garage No. 2 Public Information Sessions - IHMC
 - Thursday, April 10, 2025 - 8:30am to 2:00pm - City Council Annual Strategic Planning Session - Reilly Arts Center
 - Tuesday, April 15, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, April 15, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - 12:00pm - City Council Workshop Re: Water Rate Study - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 6, 2025 - 3:30pm - Audit Committee meeting- Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 6, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - 12:00pm - City Council Workshop Re: Solid Waste/Sanitation - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO Meeting - Marion County Commission Auditorium
- 17a. [Informational Update: Dearmin Substation Transformer Purchase and Cost Escalation](#)
- 17b. [Power Cost Adjustment Report - February 2025](#)
- 17c. [Monthly budget to actual report and Capital Improvement Project status report as of February 28, 2025](#)
- 17d. [Executed Contracts Under \\$50,000](#)
18. **Comments by Mayor**
19. **Comments by City Council Members**
20. **Adjournment**