



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, July 15, 2025

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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

a. New Employees

- Richard Crile, Electric
- Clay Surdam, Electric

3. Public Notice

- **Public Notice for the July 15, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on June 10, 2025**

4. Proclamations and Awards

- 4a.** The Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award will be presented to Ashley Gerds
- 4b.** Service Award - Doug Peebles - Director of Ocala Electric Utility - 25 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: Barry Mansfield

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

- 6a.** Approve additional expenditures for field service assembly and testing services for power transformers under the agreement with Virginia Transformer in the estimated amount of \$98,700

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

- 6b.** Approve a task work order with McFarland Johnson, Inc. to provide design services for the T-Hangar Taxilane Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$85,506
Presentation By: Matthew Grow
- 6c.** Approve additional expenditures under the agreement with Chuck's Stokes Electric of Central Florida, Inc. in the amount of \$62,059 for a contract total of \$502,059
Presentation By: Darren Park
- 6d.** Approve expenditures for utility services provided by SECO Energy for Fiscal Year 2024-25 with an estimated expenditure of \$76,000
Presentation By: Peter Brill
- 6e.** Approve the sale and purchase contract of Surplus Parcel #2260-171-009 to Laverne and Nathaniel Abiaka in the amount of \$13,168
Presentation By: Tracy Taylor
- 6f.** Approve Jeff Shrum, Growth Management Director, and Tom Duncan, Transit Administrator, as designated "Officials" for the Federal Transit Administration Transit Award Management System
Presentation By: Tom Duncan
- 6g.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-164 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to appropriate a donation for the development of current and future exhibits at the Discovery Center in the amount of \$15,000
Presentation By: John Spencer
- 6h.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-165 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate community donations for K-9 related expenses in the amount of \$1,100
Presentation By: Michael Balken
- 6i.** Approve the purchase of various inventory items for Ocala Fiber Network from multiple vendors in an amount not to exceed \$160,838
Presentation By: Mel Poole
- 6j.** Approve appointment of and establish compensation for Dana Dammar as Assistant City Attorney
Presentation By: William E. Sexton
- 6k.** Approve minutes from July 1, 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.** Public Hearing to consider an amendment to a Site Concurrency Development Agreement pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes (New Old Town Village LLC) for approximately 38.9 acres located in the 4300-4600 block of E Silver Springs Boulevard (Parcels 27028-004-03, 27028-004-00, 27028-004-01, 27029-000-02, 27028-003-00, and a portion of 2735-000-002) (DMA23-45430); this is the second of two public hearings; the first was held on June 9, 2025, before the Planning and Zoning Commission

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 9b.** Adopt Resolution 2025-29 to abrogate a portion of NE 47th Court between Block I, Lot 2 and Block F, Lot 17 of Glynnwood Unit 1 as recorded in Plat Book G, Page 91, of the public records of Marion County, Florida (Parcels 2735-0006-017 & 2735-009-002) (Case ABR23-45418) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9c.** Adopt Ordinance 2025-29 to change the Future Land Use designation on approximately 0.78 acres for property located in the 1900 block of NE 49th Avenue (Parcels 2735-006-017 and 2735-009-002) from Neighborhood to Low Intensity (Case LUC23-45427) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

Introduced By: Ire J. Bethea Sr

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9d.** Adopt Ordinance 2025-30 to rezone approximately 6.83 acres for property located at the southwestern corner of the intersection at NE 49th Avenue and E Silver Springs Boulevard (Parcel 2735-000-002, 2735-009-001, 2735-009-002, 2735-006-017, and a portion of parcel 27028-004-03) from PD, Planned Development, R-1, Single-Family Residential, & B-2, Community Business, to PD, Planned Development (Case PD23-45431) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

Introduced By: James P. Hilty Sr

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 9e.** Adopt Ordinance 2025-31 to rezone approximately 0.59 acres for property located at the southwestern corner of the intersection at NE 49th Avenue and E Silver Springs Boulevard (a portion of 2735-000-002) from PD, Planned Development, to B-2, Community Business (Case ZON23-45419) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

Introduced By: Barry Mansfield

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9f.** Adopt Resolution 2025-30 to approve a resolution for a Planned Development Plan and Standards Book for property located at the southwestern corner of the intersection at NE 49th Avenue and E Silver Springs Boulevard (Parcel 2735-000-002, 2735-009-001, 2735-009-002, 2735-006-017, and a portion of parcel 27028-004-03), approximately 6.83 acres (Case No. PD23-45431) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9g.** Adopt Ordinance 2025-33 to rezone approximately 18.24 acres for the property located southwest of the intersection at SW 48th Avenue and SW 49th Place (Parcel 23832-000-00 and a portion of 23894-002-00) from R-3, Multi-Family Residential, to B-2, Community Business (Case ZON25-0007) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Emily Johnson

Introduced By: Ire J. Bethea Sr

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

10. General Business

- 10a.** Adopt Resolution 2025-34 providing for the reimposition of non-ad valorem Fire Assessments, establishing proposed rates for Fiscal Year 2025-26, directing preparation of the Fire Assessment Roll, setting a date for a public hearing, and directing publication and mailing notices of proposed Fire Assessments

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10b.** Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 tentative millage rates: Basic City - 6.6177; District A - 1.7185; District B - 1.6332; District C - 1.4699

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10c.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-166 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to provide a supplemental appropriation to reconcile cash balance forward accounts and for the continuation of projects not completed in Fiscal Year 2023-24 in the amount of \$3,786,945

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10d.** Approve a task work order with Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, PLLC, for design services for the A12 Hangar Infrastructure project in the amount of \$147,741

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10e.** Approve a task work order with McFarland Johnson, Inc. to provide design services for fuel farm expansion, aircraft wash pad and vehicle parking pads in the amount not to exceed \$102,117

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10f.** Approve a contract between the City of Ocala and Cummins, Inc D/B/A Cummins Sales and Service for engine and transmission replacement services on an as-needed basis not to exceed \$1,340,270

Presentation By: Tom Duncan

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10g.** Approve a one-year renewal with HM Insurance Group to provide stop-loss insurance for the City's self-insured health plan, with an expenditure of \$1,977,347

Presentation By: Todd Swanson

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10h.** Approval of agreement with Marion County School Board for the School Resource Officer Program with receivables over three years of \$5,946,781

Presentation By: Mike Balken

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

11. Internal Auditor's Report**12. City Manager's Report**

- **City's storm preparation**

13. Ocala Police Department Report

- **Overview of Crime and Traffic Stops**
- **Department Highlights**

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

- **Unit Responses**
- **Service calls update**
- **Department Highlights**

15. City Attorney's Report

15a. Approve the Special Election Qualifying Procedures and Schedule

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

16. Public Comments

- **David Layman, 4567 NE 6th Street, commented on fiber installation issues**
- **Jerry Lourenco, 2350 NW 27th Avenue, commented on the invitation to bid for the disposal of Class 1 and Class 3 solid waste**

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Tuesday, August 5, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - 12:00pm - City Council Workshop Re: FY 2025-26 Budget - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 26, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO Meeting - Marion County BOCC Auditorium
- Monday, September 1, 2025 - Labor Day Holiday - City offices closed
- Tuesday, September 2, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Thursday, September 11, 2025 - 5:01pm - City Council Special Meeting re: Fire Assessment - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO Meeting - Marion County BOCC Auditorium

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

17b. Monthly budget to actual report and Capital Improvement Project status report as of May 31, 2025

18. Comments by Mayor

- **Recognition of the Parks & Recreation Department and Ocala Main Street for 4th of July celebration**
- **Recognition of the Electric Department for storm response**
- **Workout with the Mayor event scheduled for Saturday, July 19, 2025, at 9 am, location Tusawila Park**

19. Comments by City Council Members**20. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 5:44 pm