



Ocala City Council Agenda - Revised

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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

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

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.

Revised 2/13/26 - Moved item 10f. to 10c.**1. Call to Order****2. Roll Call**

- 2a. New Employees
 - Obi Nga, Engineering
 - Ronke Stallworth, Growth Management
 - Mariana Prieto, Growth Management
 - John Bazemore, Growth Management
 - David Sablan, Growth Management
 - Edwin Carreras Rivera, Growth Management
 - Hope Demetropoulos, Water Resources

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

- 4a. The Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award will be presented to Kevin Christian
- 4b. Presentation of the Engineers Week Proclamation to Alan Garri, Vice President, Kimley Horn, and to Mackenzie Fix, President, Forest Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society
- 4c. Service Award - Fire Captain Anthony Ortiz - 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.

- 6a. Budget Resolution 2026-127 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to accept and appropriate program income for the City of Ocala's Community Development Block Grant program in the amount of \$23,429 BR-2026-127

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 6b. Additional expenditures under the cooperative purchasing agreement with Carahsoft Technology Corp. for Juniper support solutions through BlueAlly in the amount of \$45,551.56, for an increased aggregate contract expenditure of \$93,179

Presentation By: Kenneth Jamerson

- 6c. Adjustment to Mayor and City Council vehicle allowances

Presentation By: Todd Swanson

6d. [Budget Resolution 2026-128 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to transfer funds from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies account to increase vehicle allowances for the Mayor and City Council in the amount of \\$22,400](#) [BR-2026-128](#)

Presentation By: Todd Swanson

6e. [Reappointment of Joshua DeMonte to the Ocala Historic Preservation Advisory Board for a new three-year term ending March 1, 2029](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

6f. [Reappointment of Howard Gunn and Tanya Hanks to the Ocala Housing Authority Board for new four-year terms ending March 3, 2030](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

6g. [Reappointment of Jean Floten to the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission for a new four-year term ending March 1, 2030](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

6h. [Reappointment of James Hartley to the Board of Adjustment for a new four-year term ending March 1, 2030](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

6i. [Reappointment of Kevin Steiner to the Municipal Code Enforcement Board for a new three-year term ending March 1, 2029](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

6j. [Reappointment of Elgin Carelock and TamBoura Jenkins to the Planning and Zoning Commission for new three-year terms ending March 1, 2029](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

6k. [Reappointment of Rick Gullet to the Utility Advisory Board for a new four-year term ending November 4, 2030](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

6l. [Reappointment of Robert DuMond to the Tree Commission for a new four-year term ending March 1, 2030](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

6m. [February 3, 2026 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 3, 2026)

8a. 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)

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8b. 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)

ORD-2026-8**9. Public Hearings / Second and Final Readings / Adoption of Ordinances**

9a. The sale of beer, wine and liquor for on-premise consumption for 3100 College Road Holdings, LLLP, doing business as Paddock Market located at 3100 SW College Road, Unit 300 (Parcel 23735-002-00) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

10. General Business

10a. Purchase of Sulzer Pumps and Equipment from Hydra Services Inc., for Fiscal Year 2026 with an estimated annual expenditure of \$250,000

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

10b. Community Development Block Grant 2025 grant agreement totaling \$510,378

Presentation By: James Haynes

10c. Budget Resolution 2026-129 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to appropriate the City of Ocala's Community Development Block Grant allocation totaling \$510,378

Presentation By: James Haynes

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10d. Five-year lease agreement for Brick City Center for the Arts between the Marion Cultural Alliance and the City of Ocala

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

10e. Additional expenditures under the contract with Morse Communications Inc. for physical security equipment with an increased aggregate expenditure of \$116,929

Presentation By: Christopher Ramos

10f. [Contract for the renovation and expansion of Ocala Police Department's Real Time Crime Center to FSV Construction Company in the amount of \\$992,054](#)

Presentation By: Michael Balken

10g. [The purchase of six 250 kVA regulators from Sunbelt Solomon Services, LLC in the amount of \\$105,084](#)

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

10h. [Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement with Alan Jay Fleet Sales for the purchase of a 2026 Ford T-350 van for the Ocala Police Department in the amount of \\$148,885](#)

Presentation By: Liza Warmuth

10i. [Resolution 2026-14 amending the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for design and construction of fuel farm, wash rack, and parking concrete pads to increase funding in the amount of \\$478,285](#)

[RES-2026-14](#)

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

13. Ocala Police Department Report

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

15. City Attorney's Report

16. Public Comments

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- 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. [Fully Executed Contracts Under \\$50,000](#)

18. Comments by Mayor

19. Comments by City Council Members

20. Adjournment