



Ocala City Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Regular Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The Ocala City Council held a meeting at the Ocala City Hall on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

a. Opening Ceremony

1. Invocation - Chaplain Sydney Hart

2. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Welcome and Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Reuben Kent Guinn	Mayor	Present	
James P. Hilty Sr.	President Pro-Tem	Present	
Kristen M. Dreyer	Council Member	Present	
Barry Mansfield	Council Member	Present	
Jay A. Musleh	Council Member	Present	
Ire J. Bethea Sr.	Council President	Present	

Municipal Officers/Others Present: The meeting was also attended by City Manager Sandra Wilson, Assistant City Attorney Patrick Gilligan, Assistant City Manager Bill Kauffman, Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead, Assistant City Manager Pete Lee, City Clerk Angel Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk Pamela Omichinski, Fire Chief Clint Welborn, Police Chief Michael Balken, Internal Auditor Randall Bridgeman, Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola, Marketing & Communication Manager Ashley Dobbs, Urban Design Coordinator Aubrey Hale, Budget Director Tammi Haslam, City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier, Director of Public Works Darren Park, Director of Telecommunications Mel Poole, Director of Parks & Recreation Preston Pooser, Strategic & Legislative Affairs Adm Jeannine Robbins, Director of Finance Emory Roberts, Director of HR/Risk Management Chris Watt, Cultural Arts & Sciences Division Head Laura Walker, Interim Director of Electric Utility Doug Peebles, IT Network Security Officer Christopher Ramos, Ocala Police Dept Representative, IT Representative, The Press and other interested parties.

2. Public Notice

Public Notice for the January 4, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on December 21, 2021

3. Proclamations & Awards

a. Proclamation - Florida Arbor Day/Peggy S. Cash Day

Mayor Guinn presented a proclamation for Florida Arbor Day and Peggy S. Cash. He discussed how Arbor Day helps preserve the trees in the community. The City will be planting a red maple tree to honor City employee Peggy S. Cash who passed away on March 12, 2021. The City proclaims January 21, 2022, as Florida Arbor Day and Peggy S. Cash Day.

Mr. Cash stated his wife loved her career with the City. He thanked the City for honoring his wife with a proclamation.

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the dedication ceremony will be held at Citizen Circle, on January 21, 2022, at 3 p.m.

b. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mayor Guinn presented a proclamation for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He discussed how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a leader in the Civil Rights movement and inspired generations. The City proclaims January 17, 2022, as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Dwan Thomas thanked the City and Council President Bethea for supporting the community. He noted Youth Day is scheduled on January 15, 2022, at Howard Academy and the Park event is scheduled on January 17, 2022. He encouraged the public to participate in the festivities to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

4. Presentations

5. Public Comments

6. Public Hearings

- a. Tabled to February 1, 2022 Council Meeting** a Chapter 163 Concurrency Development Agreement for approximately 23.51 acres of property located at 2550 SE 24th Street (Parcel # 29850-000-27) (CDA21-44540). This is the second of two public hearings. The first public hearing was held on December 21, 2021.

Presentation by Aubrey Hale

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented there was an amendment to the Chapter 163 Concurrency Development Agreement and City staff has not had a chance to review the amendment. He noted the change is not substantial and the City Attorneys have reviewed the proposed amendment.

Assistant City Attorney Gilligan agreed the changes are not substantial.

Mr. Chighizola commented the attorney representing the HOA property owner emailed the City requesting the new amendment language. The City is unable to send the new amendment language at this time.

Council President Bethea asked Council if they would like to postpone discussion on the item until the next meeting.

Council agreed to postpone discussion until the next meeting.

Chris Roper, 420 S. Orange Avenue, stated he is an attorney with Akerman LLP representing the applicant. He noted legal documents were sent to the City in November, which were never incorporated into the agenda packet. He asked Council if they would like him to discuss the changes and present a presentation.

Council agreed to the presentation.

Mr. Roper commented they have been working with the City to execute the project for over a year. The City issued a staff report recommending approval and they concur with staff's recommendation. The goal is to receive zoning approval and a developer agreement, to implement the Comprehensive Plan Amendment approved by the City last year. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment will allow the construction of 320 multi-family units as an alternative to the 180 single-family units. The 180 single-family units were previously approved by the City in 2006.

The 320 multi-family unit cap will provide less density and the future land use classification on this property is Low Intensity. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment requires a traffic study and developers' agreement that incorporates the study findings. A traffic study was performed and approved on October 13, 2021. Furthermore, the traffic study resulted in the following requirements: SE 24th Street be updated to a two-lane road, execute a cooperation agreement with ARC and proportionate share improvements. He noted the extension of 25th Avenue is not associated with this project.

The traffic Study indicated the following is not needed: extension or bypass Fluid Routing Systems through the property. To note, the developer's agreement proposes a 50-foot-wide buffer along the west boundary of the property and the City code requires only a 10-foot buffer. The applicant voluntarily agreed to donate a share of the right-of-way to establish the 25th Avenue connection in the future.

Mr. Chighizola advised Council the Albright property is not the only property, and noted he has a PowerPoint presentation to show the scope of the entire project. The City has been receiving inquiries from adjacent property owners regarding traffic impacts. To note, the City does not disagree with Mr. Roper's changes or comments.

Urban Design Coordinator Aubrey Hale presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council. He provided an overview of the context map, which shows the property is pending zoning status. The City adopted a comprehensive plan policy to allow 180 single-family units in 2006. The policy was amended in 2021 to allow comparable 320 multi-family dwelling units. The trip

generation calculations for 320 multi-family dwelling units amounts to 166 peak hour trips, which is comparable to 180 single-family units.

To note, no zoning was applied during the annexation process in 2006. The Haselden property to the north, currently zoned R-1A, is going through the PD rezoning process. The 7-11 Gas Station is under site plan and subdivision review. In the Early 1990's, City Council decided not to extend SE 25th Avenue beyond the current location prior to the Devonshire subdivision. In 2014, the City considered an application for a Walmart grocery store on the parcel owned by John Rudniansky, which was denied by City Council.

In 2015, City Council returned the platted right-of-way to Woodland Villages. He discussed four projects in the area under review by the City, such as the Albright property, Haselden property, 7-11 & RM Maricamp property and 5-lot commercial subdivision. The Albright Agreement proposes a future extension of SE 24th Street to provide access points to a future development and provide adequate frontage. To note, 7-11 and Haselden are proposing secondary access points. The intersection of SE 25th and Maricamp enhancements are currently under review as part of the traffic studies.

Additional lanes and driveway alignments will be required as a result of the traffic studies. The Albright impacts are limited to signal timing adjustments at SE 24th Street and SR464. In addition, the extension of the eastbound lane and additional signage.

Council Member Musleh asked if SE 24th Street will have a traffic light. Mr. Hale responded when the policy was initially created SE 24th Street was going to connect to a lighted intersection.

Mr. Chighizola commented SE 24th Street will consist of a right-in and right-out, with a deceleration lane.

Council Member Musleh requested clarification regarding the Chapter 163 Concurrency Development Agreement and proposed 320 multi-family dwelling units. Mr. Chighizola responded the proposal consists of additional improvements. He noted the trips are reserved for the Albright property.

Council President Pro Tem Hilty expressed concern the proposed project will increase traffic. Mr. Chighizola responded the City has a policy in effect with Fluid Routing System to release or sell the right-of-way when they redevelop. When the policy was enacted, Fluid Routing was expected to be redeveloped into a retail space; however, with Covid, they have many new contracts. The release of right-of-way would not affect Fluid Routings parking; however, it might impact their gate security. The plan is to give the developer access to the intersection.

Council Member Musleh asked if the Chapter 163 Concurrency Development Agreement is approved tonight, does Council retain control of the development of the property. Mr.

Chighizola responded yes, Council can add additional development control language to the agreement. Furthermore, during plan review Council can make further recommendations. The traffic study shows the property meets concurrency and the developer would be able to continue development of the parcel. He noted a signalized intersection would be appropriate.

Council Member Musleh expressed concern the developer would not want a property without a signalized intersection.

Council President Pro Tem Hilty expressed concern the right in and right out will cause a traffic hazard with multiple U-turns.

Mayor Guinn suggested Council approve the Chapter 163 Concurrency Development Agreement. He noted FDOT encourages U-turns.

Amber Gartner, 101 E Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, FL, stated she is representing Kimley-Horn and noted the traffic study was reviewed with City staff. The right-in and right-out will satisfactorily address the access needs for the site and will consist of U-turns. The traffic study shows 40 trips during the peak hours, which is not a significant increase in traffic.

Council Member Dreyer asked how extending the left turn lane improves the traffic flow. Ms. Gartner responded extending the left turn lane allows for additional stacking and development traffic. Furthermore, FDOT encourages U-turns and development will not significantly increase traffic.

Council Member Dreyer asked how many trips were generated for the Maricamp commercial site. Mr. Chighizola responded approximately 112 trips. The improvements required for this site are two deceleration lanes.

Mike Sizemore, 2205 SE 24th Avenue, stated he is the President of the Board of Directors for Woodland Villages. He expressed concern regarding increased traffic due to the number of developments in the area. He questioned how the City can calculate traffic for a single development site, such as the Albright property, given the amount of overall proposed development. He requested Council thoroughly evaluate the traffic impacts.

Rock Gibboney, 597 NE 47th Terrace, expressed concern regarding increased traffic. He recognized Council Member Dreyer and Council President Pro Tem Hilty for visiting the site. He requested Council thoroughly evaluate the traffic impacts.

Council President Bethea asked Council if they would like to postpone discussion on the item until the next meeting.

Assistant City Attorney Gilligan commented he reviewed the proposed changes. The only

significant change is regarding the access easement, the language of which was added by Assistant City Attorney Gooding. He noted an easement cannot be encumbered and the City has not determined the easement is adequate.

Council Member Dreyer asked what happens if the easement is not adequate. Assistant City Attorney Gilligan responded the responsibility falls with the Albright property owner. The easement issue is not the City's responsibility.

Mr. Chighizola commented the City requires access to a public right-of-way. The Moody's are not part of the agreement and they must grant permission to allow the Albright property to access their easement.

Mr. Roper commented the easement is already in place. The easement runs with the title to the Albright property. To note, the change request reviewed by the City is regarding a private easement to determine sufficiency.

Mayor Guinn commented on the Heath Brook development. He requested Council approve the Chapter 163 Concurrency Development Agreement for the City and developer to move forward.

Clay Albright, 2550 SE 24th Street, Ocala, FL, stated all projects have problems that need to be remedied. He requested Council use their discretion when making tough decisions. He discussed the ample buffering around the property. The proposed development includes a large non-disturbed buffer. To note, Maricamp to 24th Street was never maintained by the City.

The City granted Wawa a connection permit to 24th Street and never notified the County. He noted ARC commercial development has stalled development of the property. Furthermore, legal arrangements were made to obtain extra frontage to create a 60-foot right-of-way to meet City/County standards.

Council President Bethea expressed concern regarding increased traffic. He asked if the developers in the area are working together to remedy the traffic concerns.

Council President Pro Tem Hilty noted 25th Street has traffic issues as well.

Mr. Chighizola commented staff has had multiple conversations with FDOT and they have been very cooperative. He noted a resurfacing project is moving forward in 2023, for 25th and 24th. Furthermore, FDOT will be reducing the speed limit from 55 to 50 miles per hour, with median landscaping. On SR464 there is capacity but noted the trips have decreased due to the COVID pandemic. He anticipates the trips will increase in the future.

Council Member Dreyer asked if Council President Pro Tem Hilty does not favor the project or

has traffic concerns. Council President Pro Tem Hilty responded he is concerned about the traffic generated from all the proposed developments in the area. He noted 25th Street will need to be developed in the future to mitigate traffic.

Mr. Chighizola commented if the City extends 25th Street, more trips will be going north. He noted the Hazelton and 7-11 development project have nothing to do with the Albright property.

Mr. Roper stated each project will present solutions to issues. He noted they are proposing to reconstruct SE 24th Street and make a profit share payment for upgrades. Furthermore, they are offering right-of-way for the future connection to 25th Street. He requested Council be proactive regarding the right-of-way commitment. He suggested Hazelton share the burden of dedicating the right-of-way strip. He further requested for a 30-day continuance if Council did not want to approve this item tonight.

Council Member Musleh made a motion to continue discussion of the item until the City Council meeting scheduled on February 1, 2022.

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

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay A. Musleh, Council Member
SECONDER:	Barry Mansfield, Council Member
AYES:	Hilty Sr., Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, Bethea Sr.

- b. Tabled Ordinance 2022-13 to February 1, 2022 Council Meeting** for a zoning change to R-3, Multi-Family Residential, for approximately 23.51 acres of property located at 2550 SE 24th Street (Parcel # 29850-000-27) (Case ZON21-44541) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation by Aubrey Hale

Introduced by Council Member, Jay A. Musleh December 21, 2021

The item was tabled until the City Council meeting scheduled on February 1, 2022.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay A. Musleh, Council Member
SECONDER:	James P. Hilty Sr., President Pro-Tem
AYES:	Hilty Sr., Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, Bethea Sr.

- c. Opened a Public Hearing for a Concurrency Development Agreement** between the City of Ocala, W.G. One Corp, and Country Green, LLP for property located in the 4300 block of SW 20th Street (Parcels # 23320-005-25 and 23812-000-00/Wintergreen PD) (CDA21-44613). This is the first of two public hearings. The second and final public hearing will be held on January 18, 2022.

Presentation by Tye Chighizola

Council President Bethea opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented no action is required and the next public hearing will be held on January 18, 2022. To note, items 6c and 6d are related. In 2008, construction started on the roadway with the understanding that the Wintergreen property owner would be donating the right-of-way. The Ransome Group started the four-lane road south of SW 20th Street, but construction stopped due to economic issues in 2009. Over the past few years, staff has been working with the Wintergreen property owner concerning the development approvals for his property and the donation of the right-of-way.

The City needs the right-of-way to complete this segment of the road, which is part of the beltway around the City. The agreements give the property owner the option to move forward with a Planned Development (PD), which will reserve a number of trips. To reserve the trips, the property owner must donate the right-of-way to the City. At the next meeting, the City will present a donation agreement in addition to the Chapter 163 Concurrency Development Agreement. Furthermore, the right-of-way will offset the offsite impacts generated by the development. To note, without the donation of right-of-way, FDOT will not give the City money to finish the roadway, which is needed to move trips and property development.

Council President Bethea closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

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

- d. Opened a Public Hearing for a Concurrency Development Agreement between the City of Ocala and Country Green, LLP for property located in the 5300 block of SW 20th Street (Parcel # 23320-005-03/Country Green PD) (CDA21-44612). This is the first of two public hearings. The second and final public hearing will be held on January 18, 2022.

Presentation by Tye Chighizola

Council President Bethea opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the project is considered a Planned Development (PD), with a mixed use of commercial/residential. He noted staff recommends approval to receive the right-of-way donation.

Council President Bethea closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

7. Second and Final Reading of Ordinances - None**8. General Business**

- a. **Approved** one-year renewal of contract for various Water Resources improvement projects with Miller Pipeline, LLC in the amount of \$2,000,000

Presentation by Sean Lanier

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay A. Musleh, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kristen M. Dreyer, Council Member
AYES:	Hilty Sr., Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, Bethea Sr.

- b. Approved** Second Amendment to Florida Department of Corrections contract #W1070 to reduce the number of inmate work squads from two to one for an expenditure reduction of \$100,619

Presentation by Darren Park

Council Member Musleh asked how they created an expenditure reduction. Director of Public Works Darren Park responded they revaluated their organization during the pandemic.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James P. Hilty Sr., President Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Barry Mansfield, Council Member
AYES:	Hilty Sr., Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, Bethea Sr.

- c. Adopted Resolution 2022-16** to accept a donation of the public art piece, Legacy, into the City's public art collection valued at \$30,000

Presentation by Laura Walker

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James P. Hilty Sr., President Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Kristen M. Dreyer, Council Member
AYES:	Hilty Sr., Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, Bethea Sr.

- d. Adopted Resolution 2022-17** amending the Electric Power Cost Adjustment Rate for monthly electric energy billing effective February 1, 2022

Presentation by Doug Peebles

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

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jay A. Musleh, Council Member
SECONDER: Barry Mansfield, Council Member
AYES: Hilty Sr., Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, Bethea Sr.

- e. **Adopted Budget Resolution 2022-121** transferring funds from the Electric Reserve for Contingencies to the Rate Stabilization Reserves in the amount of \$8,000,000

Presentation by Tammi Haslam

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

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr., President Pro-Tem
SECONDER: Barry Mansfield, Council Member
AYES: Hilty Sr., Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, Bethea Sr.

9. **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 [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer, Council Member
SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr., President Pro-Tem
AYES: Hilty Sr., Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, Bethea Sr.

- a. **Adopted Budget Resolution 2022-122** amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget to accept and appropriate sponsorship funds for the 2022 Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series totaling \$19,000

Presentation by Tammi Haslam

- b. **Pulled** agreement for installation of a custom suspension art piece for the Mary Sue Rich Community Center by Virginia Kistler for \$60,000

Presentation by Laura Walker

- c. **Approved** accepting a Victims of Crime Act grant received from the State of Florida, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$70,643

Presentation by Michael Balken

- d. **Adopted Budget Resolution 2022-123** amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget to accept and appropriate Victims of Crime Act grant funds received from the State of Florida, Office of the Attorney General in the amount of \$70,643

Presentation by Michael Balken

- e. **Approved** accepting a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$13,395

Presentation by Michael Balken

- f. **Adopted Budget Resolution 2022-124** amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget to accept and appropriate a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$13,395

Presentation by Michael Balken

- g. **Approved** the purchase of firefighter bunker gear utilizing a Lake County competitive contract in the amount of \$83,208

Presentation by Clint Welborn

- h. **Adopted Resolution 2022-18** appointing Council Member Kristen M. Dreyer to serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)

Presentation by James Haynes

10. **Consent Agenda Items Held for Discussion**

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

11. **Introduction and First Reading of Ordinances**

(Second and Final Reading - January 18, 2022)

- a. **Introduced Ordinance 2022-14** for a zoning change from M-1, Light Industrial, to B-4, General Business, for approximately 2.22 acres of property located at 1011 SW Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue (Case ZON21-44561) (Quasi-Judicial)

Introduced by Council Member, Jay A. Musleh

RESULT: INTRODUCED

Next: 1/18/2022 5:00 PM

- b. **Introduced Ordinance 2022-15** to annex approximately 88.73 acres located northeast of the intersection of SW 7th Avenue and SW 32nd Street, including Lake Louise (Case ANX21-0005)

Introduced by Council Member, James Hilty Sr.

RESULT: INTRODUCED

Next: 1/18/2022 5:00 PM

- c. **Introduced Ordinance 2022-16** for a zoning change from O-1, Office, to R-3, Multi-Family Residential, for property located at the southeast corner of the intersection of SE 30th Avenue and SE 18th Street, approximately 2.91 acres (Case ZON21-44560) (Quasi-Judicial)

Introduced by Council Member, Barry Mansfield

RESULT: INTRODUCED**Next: 1/18/2022 5:00 PM**

- d. Introduced Ordinance 2022-17** to annex approximately 17.93 acres located at 2600-2610 NW 46th Terrace and 2765 NW 49th Avenue (Case ANX09-0003)

Introduced by Council Member, Kristen M. Dreyer

RESULT: INTRODUCED**Next: 1/18/2022 5:00 PM**

- e. Introduced Ordinance 2022-18** for a change in land use from Commercial (County) to Low Intensity (City) for approximately 17.94 acres located at 2600-2610 NW 46th Terrace and 2765 NW 49th Avenue (Case LUC09-0009) (Quasi-Judicial).

Introduced by Council Member, James Hilty Sr.

RESULT: INTRODUCED**Next: 1/18/2022 5:00 PM**

- f. Introduced Ordinance 2022-19** for a rezoning from B-2, Community Business (County), to SC, Shopping Center (City), for approximately 17.94 acres located at 2600-2610 NW 46th Terrace and 2765 NW 49th Avenue (Case ZON09-0009) (Quasi-Judicial).

Introduced by Council Member, Jay A. Musleh

RESULT: INTRODUCED**Next: 1/18/2022 5:00 PM**

12. Internal Auditor's Report - None

13. City Manager's Report

a. Vacancy Report

City Manager Sandra Wilson presented the vacancy report to Council.

b. Discovery Science Center Expansion Grant Options

Cultural Arts & Sciences Division Head Laura Walker discussed the Discovery Science Center expansion grant options. The funding source is the Economic Development Administration recovery funds and the application grant amount is \$3 million. The application is due January 21, 2022, and the Discovery Science Center is considered an eligible entity under City Government. The Foundation has discussed creating a brick & mortar addition, which amounts to \$15 million in project costs and will be considered a Phase 3. Furthermore, they discussed creating an indoor and outdoor exhibit between the two buildings, to allow the expansion of the Discovery Science Center.

The expansion will promote STEAM education in the outdoor exhibit. The plan includes interactive outdoor science pieces and water play. She requested feedback from Council.

City Manager Sandra Wilson asked Council if they would like to pursue the grant.

Council President Pro Tem Hilty requested clarification on the grant amount. Ms. Walker responded the grant amount is \$3 million. The City is working on the budget to determine actual costs, which is subject to change due to the awarded grant amount.

Council President Bethea commented the grant amount dictates how many art pieces can be purchased.

Council Member Musleh asked if the grant applies to the outdoor expansion only. Ms. Walker responded that is correct. The outdoor space will be court yarded and part of the Discovery Science Center.

Council President Pro Tem Hilty stated this is a great opportunity for Discovery Science Center.

Council concurred and agreed to move forward with the grant application.

c. 36th Avenue Overpass Update

City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier provided an update on the 36th Avenue overpass. The NE 36th Avenue Widening Project consists of the following: railroad overpass, widening to four lanes, new access roadway, new master arm signal, drainage improvements and new streetlights. The initial contract amount was \$16 million and change order increased the cost to \$17 million. The projects construction started on September 23, 2019 and construction completed on December 16, 2021. The construction of the bridge was at no cost to the City, however the City incurred utility adjustment costs in the right-of-way.

To note, OEU completed \$600,000 worth of pole relocation expenses and Water Resources paid \$800,000 for waterline relocation expenses. The total project cost expensed to the City amounted to \$1.4 million. He shared photos of the project transformation with Council.

Mayor Guinn asked if train traffic has increased. Furthermore, he asked if improvements are needed for 25th street. Mr. Lanier stated he will provide the train traffic increase report to Council. He noted the traffic analysis for 25th Street determined improvements are not needed at this time.

Council President Bethea congratulated the City on the improvements made to 36th Avenue.

d. Council Workshops

City Manager Sandra Wilson commented Council received a list of the 2022 Legislator Priorities that were presented to Council in October 2021. She noted Council has the opportunity to add priorities to the list. She asked Council if they would like to participate in

meetings with the Delegation Members.

City Manager Sandra Wilson requested Council schedule the following workshops:

- Attorney Services & Early Voting - January 25, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.
- Solid Waste/Recycling and Animal Control Services - February 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.
- Strategic Planning Session - February 22, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Council agreed with the proposed workshop dates.

14. Police and Fire Department Report

Police Chief Mike Balken – Public Safety Opioid Response Efforts

Police Chief Balken discussed the public safety Opioid response efforts for December 20, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The Police Departments Opioid response efforts remain neutral, overdose deaths increased by 100%, Narcan leave behind decreased by 33% and Amnesty participation decreased by 27%. The Police Department is working hard on filling vacancies and training new officers.

	Dec 20 - 31, 2020	Dec 20 - 31, 2021	% Change	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD % Change
Overdose Responses	5	5	0%	351	306	-13%
Overdose Deaths	1	2	+100%	44	45	+2%
Narcan Deployments	3	2	-33%	146	124	-15%
Amnesty Participants	0	1	~	145	106	-27%

Fire Chief Clint Welborn – Public Safety Opioid Response Efforts & Community Paramedicine

Fire Chief Welborn discussed the public safety Opioid response efforts and community paramedicine program. The overdose response efforts decreased by 50%, overdose deaths is 0 and Narcan leave behind is 1. For the month of December, 331 people have enrolled in the Opioid Recovery Project and they had a total of 128 community paramedicine graduates. The Narcan leave behind for the OD2A Program amounts to 115 participants and trained 55 individuals to administer Narcan.

	Dec 20 - 31, 2020	Dec 20 - 31, 2021	% Change	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD % Change
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Overdose Responses	4	2	-50%	215	208	-3%
Overdose Deaths	0	0	0%	17	7	-59%
Narcan Left Behind	0	1	~	34	32	-6%

15. Mayor's Report

16. City Attorney's Report

17. Informational Items

a. Calendaring Items

b. Comments by Mayor

Mayor Guinn invited the public to participate in the MLK Jr. Day events

c. Comments by Council Members

Council Member Hilty questioned the letter received from Mr. Jeff Gold

Council Member Hilty asked if Council needs to take action on the letter received from Mr. Jeff Gold. City Manager Sandra Wilson requested Council forward her the letter and she will inform Council if action is needed.

Council President Bethea thanked those for attending his daughter's homegoing services

d. Informational

e. Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

f. Monthly Budget to Actual Report as of November 30, 2021 and Capital Improvement Project Status Report

g. Power Cost Adjustment Report - November 2021

18. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Ire J. Bethea Sr.
Council President

Angel B. Jacobs
City Clerk