



Ocala

City Council

Minutes

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, January 3, 2023

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

a. Opening Ceremony

1. Invocation - Chaplain Josh Mader
2. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Welcome and Roll Call

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

Municipal Officers/Others Present: The meeting was also attended by City Manager Peter Lee, City Attorney William Sexton, Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead, Deputy City Clerk Pamela Omichinski, Fire Chief Clint Welborn, Police Chief Michael Balken, Internal Auditor Randall Bridgeman, Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola, Planning Director Patricia Hitchcock, Director of Facilities & Fleet Management John King, Sr. Budget Analyst Cindy Krepps, City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier, Director of Public Works Darren Park, Director of Electric Utility Doug Peebles, Director of Telecommunications Mel Poole, Director of Parks & Recreation Preston Pooser, Director of Finance Emory Roberts, Procurement & Contracting Officer Daphne Robinson, Chief of Staff Chris Watt, Ocala Police Dept Representative, IT Representative, The Press and other interested parties.

c. New Employees

- Jason Albright - Water Resources
- Matthew Frieauf - Water Resources
- Danielle Gloege - Water Resources
- Daniel Reaves - Water Resources

2. Public Notice

Public Notice for the January 3, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on December 8, 2022

3. Proclamations & Awards

- 3a.** National Human Trafficking Prevention Month Proclamation presented to Ocala Police Department Victim Advocacy Supervisor, Donna Guinn; OPD Detective Crystal

Blanton; Victim Advocates, Deborah Tucker, Polly Tyler; and Dawn Westgate Executive Director at Kimberly's Center for Child Protection

Mayor Guinn presented a proclamation for National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The City proclaims January 2023, as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Department Victim Advocacy Supervisor Donna Guinn discussed the departments awareness efforts in the community. She invited Council to attend the Awareness event sponsored by Kimberly's Center, on January 12, 2023.

3b. Marion County's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day Proclamation will be presented to Ms. Paula Leahmon Williams, Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission President

Mayor Guinn presented a proclamation for Marion County's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day. The City proclaims January 16, 2023, as Marion County's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission President Paula Leahmon Williams thanked the City for the proclamation. The Commission will continue their support efforts in the community.

4. Presentations

4a. Ocklawaha River Restoration Presentation - Presentation by Margaret Spontak

Margaret Spontak discussed the Ocklawaha River Restoration Project. She provided a brief overview of the history of the Great Florida Riverway connection system and Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. She discussed proposed steps towards a partial restoration that would result in river water levels returning to historic levels and restore the historic river channel. The project contributes to the revitalization of the Silver Springs Community Redevelopment Area and environmental sustainability, which is expected to increase visitation and tourism. The project will accomplish a key goal for Silver Springs recovery as part of Florida Springs Institute's Silver Springs Restoration Plan.

The plan includes recovering the submerged springs of the Ocklawaha, and the economic data supports projected visitor increases. To note, Florida TaxWatch supports the restoration project. She summarized the project's business case for investment and environmental sustainability. The goal is to create a strong partnership with the counties, to remedy the water resource issue.

Council President Hilty thanked Ms. Spontak for the presentation.

5. Public Comments

Brian Creekbaum, 103 NE 31st Terrace, commented on animal control services

Brian Creekbaum, 103 NE 31st Terrace, discussed a conversation he had with the Marion

County Animal Control director relating to City access to the County shelters in the event the City resumed their own animal control services; the director agreed it was possible. Mr. Creekbaum reviewed a timeline of animal control discussions and comments from Council members, City staff, County Commissioners and County staff.

6. Public Hearings

7. Second and Final Reading of Ordinances - None

8. General Business

- 8a.** Approve award of a two-year contract to Miller Pipeline, LLC, for the Water Resources Improvement Program with an estimated aggregate expenditure of \$4,000,000

Council President Hilty requested more information regarding the selection process. City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier responded the City evaluated two local contractors. To note, Miller Pipeline, LLC was the only contractor with a water resources improvement program contract.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 8b.** Approve award of a two-year contract to Charles White Fence, Inc., for the provision of as-needed fence installation and repair services, citywide, with an estimated aggregate expenditure of \$196,452

Council President Hilty asked if the City received only one bid. Procurement & Contracting Officer Daphne Robinson responded yes; the City solicited to 769 vendors.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 8c.** Approve one-year renewal with Oracle America, Inc. for the NetSuite hosting of GovSense software in the cloud for \$213,052

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 8d.** Approve one-year renewal with GovSense, LLC for software maintenance and support in the amount of \$69,666

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 8e.** Approve former Assistant City Attorney W. James Gooding III's request to represent the Grand Oaks Planned Development property owner (Leon Ocala Holdings III LLC)

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

9. 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: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 9a.** Approve Change Order #1 with Gee Asphalt Systems, Inc. for asphalt crack seal/fog seal of Runway 18/36 at Ocala International Airport in the amount of \$76,064
- 9b.** Approve use of the State of Florida Department of Management Services alternate source agreement for the purchase of a dispatch radio console from Motorola, Inc. for the 9-1-1 Communications Center expansion in the amount of \$59,729
- 9c.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2023-117 amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget to transfer funds from the Infrastructure Surtax Reserve for Fund Balance to support replace a transfer switch for the Ocala Police Department in the amount of \$60,643
- 9d.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2023-118 amending the FY23 Budget to appropriate funds from the building fund reserve for building-related expenses in the amount of \$284,903
- 9e.** Approve Special Meeting City Council Minutes from August 5, 2022
- 9f.** Approve Special Meeting City Council Minutes from August 26, 2022

9g. See Item 10

9h. Approve Regular Meeting City Council Minutes from November 15, 2022

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.

9g. Approve Special City Council Meeting Minutes from September 1, 2022

Council President Hilty requested Council review the corrections made to the meeting minutes.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

11. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinances - None

11a. Introduce Ordinance 2023-27 to rezone from M-1, Light Industrial, to M-2, Medium Industrial, for certain property located at 2340 NW 27th Avenue, approximately 10.89 acres (Case ZON22-44908) (Quasi-Judicial)

Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh

RESULT: INTRODUCED

12. Internal Auditor's Report - None

13. City Manager's Report

Legislative Delegation Lunch scheduled on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Mary Sue Rich Community Center grand opening scheduled on January 10, 2023, at 11 am

Animal Control Workshop tentatively scheduled on Tuesday, February 14, 2023

City Manager Pete Lee commented the City will invite Marion County and the Humane Society to the pending meeting.

Utility Advisory Board recommendation

City Manager Pete Lee commented the Utility Advisory Board recommended increasing the PCA rate; however, the City recommends not taking action at this time, due to decreased natural gas prices.

Council President Hilty concurs with Mr. Lee.

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 19, 2022 to December 31, 2022. The Police Department's Opioid response efforts 8, overdose deaths 1, Narcan leave behind 2 and Amnesty participation 3. He provided a brief overview of the departments support efforts in the community.

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 6, overdose deaths 0 and Narcan leave behind 0. For the month of December, 418 people have enrolled in the Opioid Recovery Project and they had a total of 224 community paramedicine graduates. The Narcan leave behind for the OD2A Program amounts to 112 participants, and 2,293 calls for service (YTD 25,641).

15. Mayor's Report**Mayor Guinn commented on the proposed panhandling ordinance**

Mayor Guinn commented the City is working on drafting a new Panhandling Ordinance and shared a photo depicting a local panhandler.

16. City Attorney's Report**17. Informational Items****17a. Calendaring Items**

- Mary Sue Rich Community Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Tuesday, January 10, 11:00am - 1821 NW 21st Avenue

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 16 - City Offices closed

17b. Comments by Mayor**17c. Comments by Council Members****Council Member Bethea discussed upcoming MLK Jr. Day events**

Council Member Bethea encouraged the public to attend upcoming MLK Jr. Day events.

Council Member Bethea commented on a prayer vigil in response to a New Year's Eve shooting

Council Member Bethea thanked the community for coming together to host a prayer vigil in response to a New Year's Eve shooting. He suggested collaborating with Ocala Police Department and local organizations to combat gun violence in the community.

Council President Hilty commented on the Treasury report

Council President Hilty requested more information regarding the \$20 million debit. Director of

Finance Emory Roberts responded the \$20 million was allocated to a separate account. The budget balance fluctuates yearly; and the City received tax revenue last month, which will balance the debited amount.

Council President Hilty asked if the rate of return is annualized. Mr. Roberts responded no, quarterly. Furthermore, the City allocated funds from the Investment Manager Fund to pay the debt/pre-payment for the pension.

Council President Hilty asked what the interest rate is for the \$60 million loan. Mr. Roberts responded 3% fixed rate.

17d. Informational

17d1. Power Cost Adjustment Report - November 2022

17d2. Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

17d3. Treasury Cash and Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2022

18. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:52 pm

Minutes

James P. Hilty Sr.
Council President

Angel B. Jacobs
City Clerk