



Ocala

City Council

Minutes

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, October 15, 2024

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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

Municipal Officers/Others Present: The meeting was also attended by City Manager Peter Lee, City Attorney William Sexton, Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead, City Clerk Angel Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk Pamela Omichinski, Fire Chief Clint Welborn, Police Chief Michael Balken, Internal Auditor Randall Bridgeman, Assistant Finance Director Peter Brill, City Projects Director Tye Chighizola, Sanitation Division Head Dwayne Drake, Multimedia & Communications Coordinator Danielle Dyals, Director of Airport Matthew Grow, Planning Director Aubrey Hale, Budget Director Tammi Haslam, Community Development Services Director James Haynes, Director of Parks & Recreation Julie Johnson, HR/Risk Management Director Devan Kikendall, City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier, Chief Financial Officer Janice Mitchell, Director of Public Works Darren Park, Director of Electric Utility Doug Peebles, Director of Ocala Fiber Network Mel Poole, IT Director Christopher Ramos, Strategic & Legislative Affairs Administrator Jeannine Robbins, Procurement & Contracting Officer Daphne Robinson, Growth Management Director Jeff Shrum, Chief of Staff Chris Watt, Ocala Police Dept Representative, IT Representative, The Press and other interested parties.

2a. New Employees

- Keishaun Snead, Electric
- Eric McKernan, Public Works
- Daniel Pelletier, Public Works
- Raymond Sandoval, Public Works
- Dominick Walters, Public Works

3. Public Notice

- **Public Notice for the October 15, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on September 9, 2024**

4. Proclamations and Awards

- 4a.** The Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award will be presented to Jessica Cole

Mayor Marciano presented the Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award honoring Jessica Cole's contributions and service to the Marion County Hospital District.

Ms. Cole thanked the Mayor for the recognition and spoke of her love of the community.

- b.** Mayor Ben Marciano will present the Key to the City to Mr. Frank J. DeLuca

Mayor Marciano presented the Key to the City honoring Frank J. DeLuca's contributions to the City of Ocala.

Mr. DeLuca thanked the Mayor and Council for the award.

- 4c.** The Mobility Week Proclamation will be presented to Tom Duncan, Transit Administrator

Mayor Marciano presented a proclamation for Mobility Week. The City proclaims October 25, 2024 to November 2, 2024, as Mobility Week.

- 4d.** Service Award - Robyn Preston - Water Resources Department - 20 Years of Service

Mayor Marciano and City Manager Pete Lee presented a service award to Robyn Preston in appreciation of his 20 years of service to the City of Ocala.

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: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Dreyer

- 6a.** Approve a Grant Agreement between the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation and the City of Ocala for a new mural on the downtown water tank in the amount of \$15,000

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

- 6b.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-106 amending Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to appropriate grant funding from the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation for a new mural on the downtown water tank in the amount of \$15,000

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

- 6c.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-107 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to appropriate funding donated by Fine Arts for Ocala for a new mural on the downtown water tank in the amount of \$15,000

- Presentation By: Aubrey Hale
- 6d.** Approve the Ridge at Heath Brook Phase 2 Final Plat and Developer's Agreement
- Presentation By: Aubrey Hale
- 6e.** Approve a one-year renewal of the piggyback agreement with Precision Sidewalk Safety Corp. for the provision of concrete sidewalk trip hazard repairs with an estimated expenditure of \$75,000
- Presentation By: Darren Park
- 6f.** Approve the sixth amendment to the agreement with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. for single-stream curbside recycling for an additional contract expenditure of \$98,782
- Presentation By: Darren Park
- 6g.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-108 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to transfer funds from the Sanitation Reserve for Contingencies for single-stream curbside recycling in the amount of \$98,782
- Presentation By: Darren Park
- 6h.** Approve award of development opportunity and an Affordable Housing Agreement to D & S Development, LLC for the construction and sale of an affordable housing unit on surplus property (parcel ID 2260-194-007) located in West Ocala
- Presentation By: James Haynes
- 6i.** Approve award of development opportunity and an Affordable Housing Agreement with D & S Development, LLC to construct and sell an affordable housing unit on surplus property (parcel ID 2856-006-013) located in West Ocala
- Presentation By: James Haynes
- 6j.** Approve award of development opportunity and an Affordable Housing Agreement with D & S Development, LLC to construct and sell an affordable housing unit on surplus property (parcel ID 25686-001-00) located in West Ocala
- Presentation By: James Haynes
- 6k.** Approve award of development opportunity and an Affordable Housing Agreement with D & S Development, LLC to construct and sell an affordable housing unit on surplus property (parcel ID 2856-006-015) located in West Ocala
- Presentation By: James Haynes
- 6l.** Adopt Resolution 2025-3 accepting the donation of two travel trailers from the Florida Division of Emergency Management
- Presentation By: Clint Welborn
- 6m.** Approve a First Amendment to renew the Continuing Professional Transit Design Services with Kimley-Horn and Associates for one year not to exceed \$90,000
- Presentation By: Tom Duncan
- 6n.** Approve reappointment of City Clerk, Angel Jacobs
- Presentation By: Christopher Watt

- 6o.** Approve reappointment of City Manager, Peter Lee
Presentation By: Christopher Watt
- 6p.** Approve reappointment of City Attorney, William Sexton
Presentation By: Christopher Watt
- 6q.** Approve reappointment of Police Chief, Michael Balken
Presentation By: Christopher Watt
- 6r.** Approve reappointment of Internal Auditor, Randall E. Bridgeman
Presentation By: Christopher Watt
- 6s.** Approve City Council meeting minutes from October 1, 2024
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.** Adopt Resolution 2025-4 for the downtown event zone to allow alcoholic beverage sales (beer, wine, and liquor) as part of the 2024 Ocala Art Festival Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27, 2024 (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

Council President Mansfield opened the public hearing.

Growth Management Director Jeff Shrum discussed a resolution for the Downtown event zone. The proposed resolution will allow alcoholic beverage sales for the 2024 Ocala Art Festival on October 26 and 27, 2024; staff recommends approval.

No public comment.

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Dreyer

- 9b.** Adopt Ordinance 2024-29 to rezone approximately 10.02 acres for property located at the northeast and southeast corners of SW 60th Avenue and SW 43rd Street Road to PD, Planned Development (Parcel 23833-000-01 and 23833-000-02) (Case PD23-45260) (Quasi-Judicial) -Previously postponed from the April 16, 2024, July 16, 2024, and

September 17, 2024, City Council meetings

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Introduced By: James P. Hilty Sr

Council President Mansfield opened the public hearing for items 9(b) and 9(c).

Senior Planner Endira Madraveren discussed the adoption of Ordinance 2024-29 and Resolution 2024-23. The applicant requested to rezone the property to Planned Development to allow a multifamily development project. She reviewed the changes made to the proposal since the original PD Plan presented at the May 7, 2024 City Council meeting, including architectural revisions, a reduction of total units from 96 to 88 by adjusting floors plans to include eight three-bedroom units, an additional dumpster pad, and additional vegetative screening along SW 43rd Street Road. Staff recommends approval.

Jimmy Gooding, Attorney, 1531 SE 36th Avenue, spoke on the proposed new changes. The long-term plan for the property is a multifamily use with shared infrastructure. Mr. Gooding noted the name change to Ocala Landings Apartments. He discussed some of the steps the developer has taken to address the Hunt Club residents' concerns, including the reduced unit count and the vegetative screening. He noted the property in question has always been intended to be multi-family, and displayed a copy of the original plat that notates ingress and egress along only SW 43rd Street Road. He stated the HOA, Master Developer, and the owner of the property had the opportunity to restrict the property to owner-occupied condos at the time and did not. He emphasized his opinion that the proposed design will minimize impact on the Hunt Club. He reviewed the changes from the original layout and commented there will be a reduction in traffic from the original layout due to the reduced unit count. As well, he compared the new architecture design and expected amenities with other recent projects in the area.

Council Member Dreyer arrived at 4:40 pm.

Mike McCool, Hunt Club, 5910 SW 43rd Street Road, spoke in opposition of the proposed development project. The community prefers the applicant develop a high-quality luxury product for homeownership.

Carolyn McCool, Hunt Club, 5910 SW 43rd Street Road, spoke in opposition of the proposed development project. She requested Council consider a compatible zoning use. She presented images of a luxury development that is compatible with the surrounding area.

Jake Gidman, Hunt Club, 5750 SW 43rd Street Road, spoke in opposition of the proposed development project. He explained how the applicant failed to make significant modifications to the conceptual plan and presented no interior pictures. He stated the Bergman development is not a luxury product the applicant should copy.

Kevin Miner, Hunt Club, 4420 SW 58th Court, spoke in opposition of the proposed

development project. He provided a brief overview of the applicant's rejections to the Hunt Club's requests. The applicant failed to provide information regarding the interior design.

Nancy Soto, Hunt Club, 5845 SW 43rd Street Road, spoke in opposition of the proposed development project. The applicant has not identified a solution for an emergency exit. She provided a brief overview of safety concerns and traffic data.

Paul Joseph, Hunt Club, 5800 SW 43rd Place, spoke in opposition of the proposed development project. He presented evidence for Council to consider supporting a denial of the proposed development.

James McCool, Hunt Club, 5910 SW 43rd Street Road, spoke in opposition of the proposed development project. He requested the applicant develop a high-quality project that is compatible with the surrounding area.

Jennifer Skelton, Hunt Club, 5765 SW 43rd Street Road, spoke in opposition of the proposed development project. She requested the applicant develop a high-quality project that is compatible with the surrounding area.

Micheal Delevolkey, Hunt Club resident and HOA President, 4280 SW 58th Avenue, spoke in opposition of the proposed development project. The Hunt Club residents have been very cooperative and eager to work with the applicant. The applicant has failed to produce a list of amenities. Furthermore, the residents denied submitting financial information to the applicant because the request violates Chapter 720 of the Florida State Statute.

Attorney Jimmy Gooding addressed comments from the Hunt Club residents. He denied making any negative comments to the media regarding the residents and stated the HOA budget information he requested is not illegal to provide; in fact, Marion County used to have an ordinance that required HOAs to submit the information. He provided a brief overview of the submitted information. The applicant is not required to submit interior information; and the property was platted without dual access. He believes there is no proven reduction in property values regarding single-family versus multifamily. The applicant should not be required to have a certain level of amenities to charge a certain amount of rent.

Mayor Marciano questioned if there is a possibility of dual access? Planning Director Aubrey Hale explained Building Code Sec. 122.216 which talks about the requirement for additional access. The applicant did not request a variation from the code through the PD and will therefore be subject to a requirement for an emergency access point. The emergency access point will be worked into the site plan design. He noted it does not have to be a separate designated paved access area; it just has to be highlighted enough for emergency personnel to notice.

Council Member Musleh stated Council has never approved a multifamily project with a focus on interior design. He favors the applicant's proposed development plan.

Council Member Hilty concurs with Council Member Musleh.

Council President Mansfield concurs with Council Member Musleh. The proposed development will support teachers, nurses, and firefighters in the community. He commented the product is needed in that area, and agreed the interior design is not something Council should be considering in their decision.

Council Member Hilty stated the Hunt Club missed an opportunity to revise the agreement in 2005.

Mr. Hale requested the motion for the resolution to include the revised PD standards that was provided here today.

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 9c.** Adopt Resolution 2024-23 concerning a PD, Planned Development Plan, including PD standards for property located at the northeast and southeast corners of SW 60th Avenue and SW 43rd Street (Parcel 23833-000-01 and 23833-000-02) (Case PD23-45260) (Quasi-Judicial) - Previously postponed from the April 16, 2024, July 16, 2024, and September 17, 2024, City Council meetings

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Amended motion: Adopt Resolution 2024-23 concerning a PD, Planned Development Plan, including revised PD standards for property located at the northeast and southeast corners of SW 60th Avenue and SW 43rd Street (Parcel 23833-000-01 and 23833-000-02) (Case PD23-45260) (Quasi-Judicial) - Previously postponed from the April 16, 2024, July 16, 2024, and September 17, 2024, City Council meetings

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9d.** Adopt Ordinance 2025-1 to rezone approximately 4.63 acres for property located at 1712 SE Lake Weir Avenue (Parcel 2920-010-008) from INST, Institutional to B-2A, Limited Community Business (Case ZON24-45752) (Quasi-Judicial) - Request to postpone until November 19, 2024 City Council meeting

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh

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

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9e. Adopt Ordinance 2025-2 to rezone approximately 8.85 acres of a 9.16 acre property located in the 2600 block of NE 36th Avenue (Parcel 24241-010-00) from M-1, Light Industrial, to M-2, Medium Industrial (Case ZON24-45799) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Introduced By: James P. Hilty Sr

Senior Planner Endira Madraveren discussed the adoption of Ordinance 2025-2. The applicant requested to rezone the property from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (Medium Industrial), to maintain the light industrial character in the area. She provided a brief overview of the following: property's history, zoning, and staff findings. To note, the Planning & Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

No public comment.

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

10. General Business

- 10a. Approve a two-year contract renewal for drone show services for Fourth of July events with Sky Elements, LLC in the amount of \$300,000

Presentation By: Amy Casaletto

City Manager Pete commented Council may consider postponing this item as, Marion County Board of County Commissioners will be considering on November 5 to contribute \$75,000 a year for two years. Mr. Lee advised traditional fireworks are more cost effective compared to drone shows, however there are no locations within the City limits where a fireworks show would not be a safety concern. The public requested a longer drone show for the next event, which is why the price has doubled as compared to the 2024 show. The City will follow-up with Marion County to see if they will share the drone show cost.

Council Member Bethea favors postponing the request to November 19th based on if the County will donate or not. The location would also be a factor. Tusawilla Park would

not be big enough, then the show could end up in Marion County.

Council President Mansfield suggested sharing the cost with Marion County and recruiting commercial sponsors. He would prefer a longer show.

Council Member Musleh favors postponing discussion to the next meeting scheduled for November 5, 2024. The drone show benefits individuals in the community who suffer from PTSD or other sensitivities to loud sounds, as well as animals. He suggested the drone show is better and he thinks it needs to be something to promote our downtown area.

Council Member Dreyer stated she is ready to vote in favor of the request. The drone show is a safer option that received great feedback from the public. She would like a longer drone show. Regardless, this is the safest option and would like to move forward. She questioned why Council is considering postponing the item; Council had requested the drone show as it is presented tonight, with or without the County's contribution.

Mr. Lee stated the City will work on soliciting sponsors for next year's event. The plan is to defer the cost as much as possible to be fiscally responsible. Last year's drones weren't 3D which is why the longer show would amount to \$300,000. The public response was overwhelmingly positive which is a reason to continue with the drone show.

Mayor Marciano spoke in favor of traditional fireworks. He requested staff produce a cost analysis to compare the two options. He thinks Council owes the community to investigate what the cost of traditional fireworks are compared to drones. He is in favor of traditional fireworks.

Council agreed to table discussion to the next meeting scheduled for November 5, 2024.

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

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 10b.** Approve the purchase of four R-Mag circuit breakers for various substations from WESCO Distribution in the amount of \$175,397

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

AYE: Dreyer, Bethea Sr, Musleh, and Mansfield

ABSENT: Hilty Sr

- 10c.** Approve three two-year renewal contracts for cemetery grounds maintenance services with Solo Cats Services, LLC, Terry Clark Services, LLC, and Rock's Handy Man and Lawn Service, LLC, with an estimated aggregate contract expenditure of \$100,280

Presentation By: Darren Park

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 10d.** Approve a one-year renewal of and additional expenditures under the agreement for as-needed electrical repair and installation services in the amount of \$200,000

Presentation By: Gary Crews

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 10e.** Approve a five-year renewal of the agreement with Fusus by Axon for hardware and software purchases in an estimated amount not to exceed \$844,208

Presentation By: Joshua Sasso

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 10f.** Approve the use of multiple cooperative purchase agreements for the purchase of 104 vehicles and equipment for various City departments in the amount of \$8,696,281

Presentation By: John King

Director of Facilities & Fleet Management John King confirmed the City is replacing vehicles over 12-years old (100,000 miles) with Council Member Bethea.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10g.** Approve Affordable Housing Agreement with Gainesville Neighborhood Housing and Development Corporation, and the donation of property located at 1641 NW 4th Street (Parcel ID: 2260-086-026) to construct and sell an affordable housing unit in West Ocala

Presentation By: James Haynes

Director of Community Development Services James Haynes clarified the solicitation and non-profit recruitment process with Council Member Hilty. Mr. Hilty asked how Community Development became engaged with City of Gainesville Neighborhood Housing and Development Corporation. City Manager Lee stated staff preempted that for non-profits.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

- 10h.** Approve Affordable Housing Agreement with Gainesville Neighborhood Housing and Development Corporation, and the donation of property located at 220 NW 19th Avenue (Parcel ID: 2260-127-002) to construct and sell an affordable housing unit in West Ocala

Presentation By: James Haynes

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

12a. Fiscal Year 2025 Strategic Initiatives Update

City Manager Pete Lee stated Council received a packet for the Fiscal Year 2025 Strategic Initiatives. The packet includes the following: milestones, communication objects, nine initiatives, and executive summary.

- Update on Hurricane Milton recovery

City Manager Pete Lee discussed the City's outstanding emergency response efforts during Hurricane Milton. Staff did a great job. 44,700 sandbags were distributed from Jervey Gantt, Ed Croskey Center and Tusawilla Park. Critical facilities were shuttered. The City of Ocala received about 6.7 inches of rain with no significant flooding occurring. Public Works did awesome work the week before to get debris from the Hurricane Helene cleaned up prior to this storm. There was minor damage to roofs and signage, and no employees were injured on the job. Four signalized intersections lost power and were run on generators until power was restored. OEU had 289 power outages with 19,544 customers impacted. All power was restored by noon on Saturday. The Mary Sue Rich Community Center was open for business on Saturday. He thanked OFR Battalion Chief Pat Feagle, Ocala Fire Rescue and Ocala Police Department for manning the EOC and for their hard work keeping everyone safe.

- **TPO meeting scheduled for October 22, 2024, at 3:00 pm**
- **State of the City presentation scheduled for October 16, 2024**

13. Ocala Police Department Report

- **Police Chief Mike Balken – Public Safety Opioid Response Efforts**

Police Chief Mike Balken discussed the public safety Opioid response efforts for September 30, 2024 to October 13, 2024. The Police Departments Opioid response efforts 1, overdose deaths 0, Narcan leave behind 0, and Amnesty participation 0. He provided a brief overview of the department's emergency response efforts for Hurricane Milton. 15 members of the Hurricane Response team was dispatched to Palmetto, Florida, to lend their assistance.

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

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

Fire Chief Clint Welborn discussed the public safety Opioid response efforts and community paramedicine program, for September 30, 2024 to October 13, 2024. The overdose response efforts 0, overdose deaths 0, Narcan leave behind 0. For the month, community paramedicine calls 25, OD2A calls 40, service calls 1,119, and unit responses 1,197. He provided a brief overview of the department's emergency response efforts for Hurricane Milton.

15. City Attorney's Report

15a. Approval of and authorization to execute Corrective Special Warranty Deed between the City of Ocala and Airport 7 Ocala, LLC

City Attorney Sexton discussed the Corrective Special Warranty Deed between the City of Ocala and Airport 7 Ocala, LLC. He provided a brief overview of the proposed

changes to the deed. He requested City Council approve the Corrective Special Warranty Deed.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- **Request for private attorney-client meeting November 5, 2024, at 3:00 pm**

City Attorney Sexton requested to schedule a private attorney client meeting with City Council to discuss a case settlement on November 5, 2024. A verbatim transcript of the meeting will be available to the public.

Council agreed to schedule the proposed meeting.

16. Public Comments

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Tuesday, October 22, 2024 - TPO Meeting - 3:00pm, Marion County Commission Auditorium
- Tuesday, October 29, 2024 - City Council Workshop re: OFN Study results - 12:00pm, Council Chambers
- Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - City Council Meeting - 4:00pm, Council Chambers
- Monday, November 11, 2024 - Veterans Day Holiday - City Offices closed
- Tuesday, November 19, 2024 - Community Redevelopment Area Agency meeting - 3:45pm, Council Chambers
- Tuesday, November 19, 2024 - City Council Meeting - 4:00pm, Council Chambers
- Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, 2024 - Thanksgiving Day Holiday - City Offices closed

17a. Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

18. Comments by Mayor

- **Recognized City staff for their efforts during the storm**

Mayor Marciano recognized City staff for their emergency response efforts for Hurricane Milton.

- **Final workout with the Mayor event success**

Mayor Marciano stated the final workout was a great success with over 300 attendees. Furthermore, the public was enthralled with the healthy smoothie bar and new equipment inside the Mary Sue Rich Center.

- **Mayor's Step Challenge**

Mayor Marciano reported the Step Challenge will start in January 2025. The City will promote

the challenge on social media. The winner's charity of choice will receive a \$1,000 donation.

19. Comments by City Council Members

Council President Mansfield and City Council Members recognized City staff for their emergency response efforts during the hurricanes

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:29 pm

Minutes

Barry Mansfield
Council President

Angel B. Jacobs
City Clerk