



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, March 17, 2026

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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

Excused: Mayor Ben Marciano

a. New Employees

- Landon Kopacz, Electric
- Mason Pieron, Electric
- Dunell Laster, Public Works
- Jose Perez, Public Works
- James Rodriguez, Public Works

3. Public Notice

- **Public Notice for the March 17, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on February 18, 2026**

4. Proclamations and Awards

4a. The Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award will be presented to Brett Stanley

RESULT: PULLED

4b. Presentation of the National Minority Health Month Proclamation to Levonda Goodson, Estella Byrd Whitman Wellness Chief Executive Officer

4c. Presentation of the Ocala Lions Club Appreciation Day Proclamation to Ocala Lions Club President Barry Fies, and members LeeAnn Endicott, Diane and John Renyhart, and Garry Adel

4d. Presentation of the Procurement Month Proclamation to the Director of Procurement and Contracting Officer, Daphne Robinson and staff members

4e. Service Award - Randolph Hahn - Ocala Electric Utility Chief Regulatory & Compliance Officer - 25 Years of Service

4f. Service Award - Karen Cupp - Planning & Zoning Manager - 30 Years of Service

5. Presentations

- 5a.** Update on Estella Byrd Whitman Wellness & Community Resource Center - Levonda Goodson, Chief Executive Officer

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

- 6a.** Award of the contract for rehabilitation of the McGirth residence located at 1941 NW Fifth Street to The Ford Design Group, LLC, for a total project cost not to exceed \$72,000

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 6b.** Award of the contract for rehabilitation of the Medina residence located at 1445 NE 22nd Street to Resipro, LLC, for a total project cost not to exceed \$55,805

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 6c.** Award of the contract for rehabilitation of the Braithwaite residence located at 2832 NE 18th Court to The Ford Design Group, LLC, for a total project cost not to exceed \$51,965

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 6d.** Appointment of Linda Wilkerson to an unexpired term ending March 1, 2029, on the West Ocala Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

- 6e.** Reappointment of Rachel Perez to a new term ending March 1, 2030, on the East Ocala Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

- 6f.** Reappointment of Wendy Kebrdle to a four-year term ending March 1, 2030, on the North Magnolia Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

- 6g.** Utilization of Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing agreement with Cummins, Inc., for the purchase of a 60kW generator for Water Resources in the amount of \$50,276

Presentation By: John King

- 6h.** Amendment to Developer's Agreement (Emerson Pointe Phase 1 and Phase 1A) to add Phase 2

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

- 6i. West Oak Phase 3 Residential Developer's Agreement

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

- 6j. Purchase of ShinMaywa pumps and equipment from Power & Pumps Inc., for Fiscal Year 2025-26 with an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000

Presentation By: Rusella Bowes-Johnson

- 6k. Award two-year contract to Sulter Precision Cuts, LLC, for the provision of grounds maintenance services for City fire stations with an estimated aggregate expenditure of \$54,400

Presentation By: Clint Welborn

- 6l. City Council meeting minutes

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

RESULT: APPROVED

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. Ordinance 2026-9 to adopt recommended changes to actuarial assumptions and methods for the City of Ocala General Employees' Pension Plan, as outlined in the 2014-2024 Experience Study

Presentation By: Janice Mitchell

Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

10. General Business

- 10a. Utilization of multiple cooperative purchase agreements for the purchase of 15 vehicles and equipment for various city departments in the amount of \$1,717,330

Presentation By: John King

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10b.** Award of contract with Bentley Pinder Construction, LLC for a rebuild of the Woodbury residence located at 826 NW Sixth Avenue with a total project cost not to exceed \$138,320
- Presentation By:** James Haynes
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer
SECONDER: Barry Mansfield
AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10c.** Purchase of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories Protection and Automation Equipment from Power Connections, Inc., in the amount of \$124,036
- Presentation By:** Doug Peebles
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr
SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh
AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10d.** First Amendment for the one-year renewal of the contract with Lewis Steel Works, Inc., for front-loading steel waste containers with an aggregate expenditure not to exceed \$385,000
- Presentation By:** Darren Park
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer
SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh
AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10e.** Award of contract to Aquatic Renovation Systems, Inc., doing business as RenoSys Corp., for pool deck resurfacing services at the Jervey Gantt Aquatic Center in the amount of \$262,580
- Presentation By:** William Rodriguez-Cayro
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer
SECONDER: Barry Mansfield
AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10f.** One-year renewal of contract with Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc., for ground maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$261,900
- Presentation By:** Greg Vandeventer
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer
SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh
AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
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- 10g.** Award of two-year contract with Frank Fraunfelter, M.D., to serve as the Medical Director for Ocala Fire Rescue with an aggregate expenditure amount of \$110,000

Presentation By: Clint Welborn

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

- **Parking Garage Top Out, March 23, 2026, at 11:00 AM, location parking garage**
- **Citizen's Academy 12-week program, starts March 26, 2026, at 5:30 PM**
- **Skate Park grand opening, March 28, 2026**
- **Fort King event on March 28, 2026**
- **No Kings protest expected March 28, 2026**

13. Ocala Police Department Report

Overview of Crime and Traffic Stops

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

- **Unit Responses**
- **Service calls update**

15. City Attorney's Report

16. Public Comments

- **Jim Mikula, Rosewood Homeowners Association President, 3624 SE 18th Avenue, commented on public disturbances related to fiber installation vendors**

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Tuesday, March 24, 2026 - TPO meeting - 3:00pm - Marion County Board of County Commissioners Auditorium
 - Wednesday, April 1, 2026 - Joint Planning Workshop with the Marion County School Board, Board of County Commissioners and Municipalities - 9:00am - Southern Livestock Pavilion 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.** Monthly budget-to-actual report and Capital Improvement Project status report as of January 31, 2026
- 17b.** Executed Contracts Under \$50,000
- 17c.** Information item regarding the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the Provision of Building Inspection and Plan Review Services with M.T. Causley, LLC

18. Comments by Mayor**19. Comments by City Council Members****20. Adjournment****Adjourned at 5:27 PM**