Ocala

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City Council Synopsis

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Ben Marciano

Pro Tem Ire J. Bethea Sr

Council Member James P. Hilty Sr Council Member Jay A. Musleh Council President Kristen M. Dreyer

Excused: Council Member Barry Mansfield

- 2a. New Employees
 - Darren Hollin, Electric

3. Public Notice

Public Notice for the November 4, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on October 7, 2025

4. Proclamations and Awards

4a. Presentation of the Look Up Marion, Put Down the Phone Day Proclamation to Beth McCall, Executive Director of Marion County Children's Alliance

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.

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

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

EXCUSED: Mansfield

6a. One-year renewal of Connexo NetSense Service Maintenance Agreement with

Honeywell in the amount of \$55,619

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

6b. Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Financial Services for the purchase of decontamination equipment in the amount of \$6,373

Presentation By: Clint Welborn

6c. Budget Resolution 2026-108 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to accept and appropriate funds from the Florida Department of Financial Services for the purchase of decontamination equipment in the amount of \$6,373

Presentation By: Clint Welborn

6d. Purchase of two sets of battery-powered extrication equipment from North America Fire Equipment Co. Inc. in the amount of \$87,020

Presentation By: Clint Welborn

6e. Foundation waterproofing services contract with Stable Foundation Solutions, Inc. for an aggregate amount of \$61,200

Presentation By: John King

- 6f. See Item 7
- **6g.** Resolution 2026-5 to approve the Emergency Solutions Grant Program Agreement between Marion County and the City of Ocala with the goal to prevent further instances of homelessness and reduce the number of those currently experiencing literal homelessness in the amount of \$99,437

Presentation By: James Haynes

6h. Budget Resolution 2026-109 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to accept and appropriate Emergency Solutions Grant program funding from Marion County for outreach services in the amount of \$99,437

Presentation By: James Haynes

6i. Resolution 2026-6 to accept a Florida Department of Transportation grant for a Federal Aviation Administration grant match requirement for the Runway 36 Safety Area Grading project in the amount of \$9,509

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

6j. Budget Resolution 2026-110 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to appropriate grant funding from the Florida Department of Transportation for the design of the Runway 36 safety area grading in the amount of \$9,509

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

6k. Workers Compensation settlement in the matter of Betty Moore versus City of Ocala, Florida with a proposed settlement amount of \$75,000

Presentation By: William E Sexton

- 6l. See Item 7
- **6m.** October 21, 2025 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.

6f. Additional expenditures under the contract agreement for fencing installation services with Charles White Fencing in the amount of \$45,857

Presentation By: John KingRESULT: APPROVEDMOVER: Ire J. Bethea SrSECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

61. Renewal of Mark's Prime (Ocala Prime Partners Holdings, LLC) valet parking license

Presentation By: William Spinney

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

8. Introduction and First Readings of Ordinances

9. Public Hearings / Second and Final Readings / Adoption of Ordinances

10. General Business

10a. Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Ocala and Marion Opportunity Zone Investment I, LLC, for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the historic Hotel Marion property, with total City incentives not to exceed \$2,896,670

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale **RESULT:** PULLED

10b. Agreement for business creation, retention, and attraction services with the Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership, in the amount of \$190,000

Presentation By: Aubrey HaleRESULT: APPROVEDMOVER: James P. Hilty SrSECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10c. Contract with 2W Construction Corporation for a new build of the Thomas residence located at 1635 NW 24th Avenue for a total project cost not to exceed \$220,500

Presentation By: James Haynes
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr
SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10d. Contract with Stejack, LLC for a new build of the Coy residence located at 1922 NW Second Street for a total project cost not to exceed \$190,000

Presentation By: James HaynesRESULT: APPROVEDMOVER: James P. Hilty SrSECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10e. Renewal of Computer Information Systems software in an amount of \$203,844

Presentation By: Joshua SassoRESULT: APPROVEDMOVER: James P. Hilty SrSECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10f. A one-year renewal for underground and aerial fiber optic cable installation services from Service and Technology Network Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000

Presentation By: Kenneth Jamerson

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10g. Purchase of 95 LifePak CR2 Cellular Defibrillators in the amount of \$219,435

Presentation By: Michael BalkenRESULT: APPROVEDMOVER: Ire J. Bethea SrSECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10h. One-year contract extension with Osmose Utilities Services, Inc., through the Florida Municipal Power Agency, for continued inspection and remediation of underground equipment not to exceed \$200,000

Presentation By: Chad Lynch
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr
SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10i. One-year contract extension and price increase with Osmose Utilities Services, Inc., through Florida Municipal Power Agency, for continued inspection and treatment of wood utility poles not to exceed \$200,000

Presentation By: Chad LynchRESULT: APPROVEDMOVER: James P. Hilty SrSECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10j. One-year extension to the purchase and sale contract for 115 acres of non-aviation property at Ocala International Airport with InSite Real Estate Investment Properties, LLC

Presentation By: Matthew GrowRESULT: APPROVEDMOVER: James P. Hilty SrSECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10k. Resolution 2026-7 to accept a Florida Department of Transportation grant for a Federal Aviation Administration grant match requirement for the Terminal Apron Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$112,206

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

101. Budget Resolution 2026-111 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to appropriate grant funding from the Florida Department of Transportation for the construction of the rehabilitation of the terminal apron in the amount of \$112,206

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10m. Airport Development Inquiry Form, revised Airport Leasing and Property Development Policy, revised Airport Development Standards, and Airport Properties Website

Presentation By: Matthew GrowRESULT: APPROVEDMOVER: Ire J. Bethea SrSECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10n. Agreement between the Marion County Hospital District and City of Ocala to provide funding for medical services to overdose patients in the amount of \$199,999

Presentation By: Clint WelbornRESULT: APPROVEDMOVER: James P. Hilty SrSECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

100. Budget Resolution 2025-112 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to accept and appropriate funding from the Marion County Hospital District to provide medical services to overdose patients in the amount of \$199,999

Presentation By: Clint WelbornRESULT: ADOPTEDMOVER: Jay A. MuslehSECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

10p. Purchase of one automatic aid chest compression device and two Life Pak 35s from Stryker Sales Corporation utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \$140,811

Presentation By: Clint WelbornRESULT: APPROVEDMOVER: Ire J. Bethea SrSECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

ABSENT: Mansfield

11. Internal Auditor's Report

- 12. City Manager's Report
 - TPO meeting rescheduled to Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 3 pm, at the Board of County Commissioners Auditorium
 - City Employee Health Fair to be held November 5, 2025, from 11 am to 2 pm, at the Downtown Market
- 13. Ocala Police Department Report
 - Overview of Crime and Traffic Stops
 - Department Highlights
- 14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report
 - Unit Responses
 - Service calls update
 - Department Highlights
- 15. City Attorney's Report
- 16. Public Comments
 - Jason Tolbert, 201 NE 37th Court, Ocala, FL, commented on the homeless population problem in the City
 - Sandra Yager, Resident, commented on the homeless population problem in the City
 - Kristen Walden, 4601 SE 37th Court, expressed concerns about student safety due to hazardous traffic, inadequate sidewalks, and poor lighting on routes to school

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Tuesday, November 11, 2025 Veterans Day City Offices closed
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025 12:00pm City Council Workshop Re: Solid Waste Rate Council Chambers
- Thursday, November 13, 2025 3:00pm TPO Meeting Marion County BOCC Auditorium
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025 4:00pm City Council meeting Council Chambers
- Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28, 2025 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices closed
- Tuesday, December 2, 2025 4:00pm City Council meeting Council Chambers
- Tuesday, December 16, 2025 3:45pm CRA Board meeting Council Chambers
- Tuesday, December 16, 2025 4:00pm City Council meeting Council Chambers
- Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25, 2025 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Holidays City Offices closed
- Thursday, January 1, 2026 New Year's Day Holiday City Offices closed
- 17a. Power Cost Adjustment Report September 2025
- 17b. Fully Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

18. Comments by Mayor

- Healthy Ocala website traffic update
- State Road 40 safety improvements
- Mayor Marciano expressed concerns regarding the strategy for securing commercial tenants for the ground floor of the Downtown Hilton and also noted the presence of overgrown weeds on the property
- Resources for homeless individuals

19. Comments by City Council Members

- Council Member Hilty commented on the homeless population problem in the City
- Council Member Hilty invited City Council to tour a new dementia facility on November 14, 2025, at 10:00 am
- Council President Dreyer clarified City Council assignments to Boards/Commissions

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:02 pm