



# Ocala

## City Council

### Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34471

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**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

**4:00 PM**

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**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Mayor Ben Marciano  
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

**a. New Employees**

- Laura Eaglen, Human Resources
- Tyler Olender, Human Resources
- Anjali Singh, Human Resources
- Caleb Boyd, Electric
- Kyle Stender, Electric

**3. Public Notice**

- **Public Notice for the January 20, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on January 8, 2026**

**4. Proclamations and Awards**

- 4a.** Service Award - Rudy Charlot - Engineering Department - 25 Years of Service
- 4b.** The Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award will be presented to Ashley Gerds

**5. Presentations**

- 5a.** Ocala Fiber Update presented by Uptown Services

**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:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

- 6a.** Budget Resolution 2026-123 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to accept and appropriate grant funds from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the purchase of furniture and specialized equipment for the Real Time Crime Center in the amount of \$30,000

**Presentation By:** Michael Balken

- 6b.** Budget Resolution 2026-124 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to appropriate funds from the Police Trust and Agency Fund Reserve for the purchase of a dual-purpose K9 in the amount of \$13,300

**Presentation By:** Michael Balken

- 6c.** Budget Resolution 2026-125 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to accept and appropriate funds from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$8,000

**Presentation By:** Michael Balken

- 6d.** The addition of City-owned parcel 2246-011-002 to the affordable housing surplus property list

**Presentation By:** James Haynes

- 6e.** See Item 7

## **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.

- 6e.** Budget Resolution 2026-126 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recreation and Parks Fee Schedule

**Presentation By:** Julie Johnson

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

## **8. Introduction and First Readings of Ordinances**

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

- 9a.** Public Hearing to consider a Concurrency Development Agreement pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes (West Oak) for approximately 198.80 acres located south of NW 35th Street, east of NW 27th Avenue, north of NW 21st Street, and west of the Florida Northern Railroad Right-of-Way (CDA25-0001); this is the first of two public hearings; the second will be held on February 3, 2026, before the City Council

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

## **10. General Business**

- 10a.** Additional expenditures under the agreement with Oracle Elevator Holdco, Inc., for the City Hall elevator modernization project in the amount of \$188,545

**Presentation By:** John King

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

- 10b.** Task work order with Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, PLLC, to provide design and construction phase services for Runway 36 safety area grading in the amount of \$154,924

**Presentation By:** Matthew Grow

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

- 10c.** Award of the contract to Gulf Side Improvements, LLC, for a new build of the Woodbury residence located at 826 NW Sixth Avenue with a total project cost not to exceed \$100,016

**Presentation By:** James Haynes

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

**SECONDER:** Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10d.** Fifth amendment to the agreement with ElectRx and Health Solutions, LLC, renewing the contract for a two-year term in an amount not to exceed \$800,000

**Presentation By:** Todd Swanson

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Barry Mansfield

**SECONDER:** James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10e.** Purchase of an electric JLG Compact Crawler Boom Lift from Federal Contracts Company utilizing the General Services Administration Multiple Award Schedule in the amount of \$175,257

**Presentation By:** Gary Crews

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr

**SECONDER:** Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10f.** Award of the contract to replace the HVAC chiller for City Hall and Citizen Service Center to Sherman Mechanical Contractors in an amount not to exceed \$363,668

**Presentation By:** Gary Crews

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSTAIN:** Mansfield

- 10g.** One-year renewal of the agreement for as-needed electrical repair and installation services with Chuck Stokes Electric of Central Florida in the amount of \$125,000

**Presentation By:** Gary Crews

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Barry Mansfield

**SECONDER:** Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10h.** Additional expenditures under the Agreement for Overhead Door Repair, Maintenance, and Replacement with Material Handling Systems, Inc., for an increased aggregate expenditure not to exceed \$100,000

**Presentation By:** Gary Crews

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

- 10i.** Purchase of Grundfos pumps and consumable parts from FJ Nugent and Associates, Inc., with an estimated annual expenditure of \$300,000

**Presentation By:** Sean Lanier

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

**SECONDER:** James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10j.** Proposal from E-Z Go authorizing the manufacturing of 82 new golf carts and one new beverage cart for an aggregate expenditure not to exceed \$566,238

**Presentation By:** Julie Johnson

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

**SECONDER:** Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10k.** Resolution 2026-12 authorizing the City Manager, Assistant City Manager or Chief Financial Officer to execute Lease-Purchase Agreements with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, for 82 new golf carts and one new beverage cart for Ocala Golf Club in an amount not to exceed \$566,238

**Presentation By:** Julie Johnson

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10l.** Continued utilization of Sourcewell's Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with SHI International Corp. for the purchase of Microsoft 365 cloud subscriptions, server licenses, and desktop licenses in the amount of \$314,994

**Presentation By:** Joshua Sasso

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Barry Mansfield

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**11. Internal Auditor's Report**

**12. City Manager's Report**

- **Recognition of the upcoming retirement of Recreation and Parks Director Julie Johnson**
- **2026 State Legislative Priorities and Appropriation Priorities**

**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**

- **Darrin Williams, 3194 NW 16th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475, commented on interactions with staff of the City Manager's Office**
- **Kent Guinn, Douglas Law Firm representing Wire 3, 110 N Magnolia Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475, presented a letter of intent to City Council**
- **Jay Romachunran, CEO, Wire 3, requested City Council consider their offer regarding Ocala Fiber Net**

**17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items**

- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 - TPO Meeting - 3:00pm - McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium
- Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - Vision 2050 workshop - 12:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - CRA Board meeting - 3:45pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - CRA Board meeting - 3:45pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers

**17a.** Monthly budget-to-actual report and Capital Improvement Project status report as of November 30, 2025

**17b.** Fully Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

**18. Comments by Mayor**

- **Recreation and Park Director Julie Johnson's retirement**
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade**
- **Recognition of the Communications Department**
- **Recognition of Police Chief Mike Balken**

**19. Comments by City Council Members**

- **Council Member Dreyer commented on the 2026 Legislative Priorities and systemic failures of not institutionalizing the mentally ill**
- **Council Member Musleh congratulated Julie Johnson on her retirement**
- **Council President Bethea recognized City staff for hosting successful MLK Jr. Day events**

**20. Adjournment**

- **Adjourned at 5:42 pm**