



Ocala City Council Agenda - Final

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Meeting Information

Location

Ocala City Hall
110 SE Watula Avenue
Second Floor - Council Chambers
Ocala, Florida

<https://www.ocalafl.gov/meetings>

Time

4:00 PM

Council Members

Kristen Dreyer, Council President
Ire Bethea Sr., Pro Tem
James P. Hilty Sr.
Barry Mansfield
Jay A. Musleh

Mayor

Ben Marciano

City Manager

Peter Lee

Mission Statement

The City of Ocala provides fiscally responsible services consistent with the community's current and future expectations.

City Council's Strategic Priorities

Priority 1: Economic hub
Priority 2: Fiscally sustainable
Priority 3: Engaged workforce
Priority 4: Operational excellence
Priority 5: Quality of place

WELCOME!

Citizens are encouraged to participate in City of Ocala meetings. Speakers wishing to provide public comments to the City Council should complete a written public comment form and shall submit said form to the City Clerk prior to the meeting being called to order. Unless otherwise permitted, no person shall be permitted to provide public comments to City Council if they have not completed and submitted a public comment card prior to the meeting being called to order. Speakers will be limited to 3 (three) minutes. Additional time may be granted by the Council President. When recognized, state name and address. Citizen groups are asked to name a spokesperson.

The City of Ocala encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers limit their comments to specific motions and direct their comments to the Council. Cell phones should be turned off or set to vibrate.

The order of agenda items may be changed if deemed appropriate by City Council.

Citizens are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the City Clerk before meetings for inclusion into the public record. Citizens may also provide input to council members via office visits, phone calls, letters and e-mail that will become public record. In some instances, i.e., Quasi-Judicial Hearings, these particular contacts may be prohibited.

APPEALS

Any person who desires to appeal any decision at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for this purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

ADA COMPLIANCE

If reasonable accommodations are needed for you to participate in this meeting, please call the City Manager's Office at 352-629-8401 at least 48 hours in advance so arrangements can be made.

1. Call to Order**2. Roll Call**

- 2a. New Employees
- Cody Bruce, Electric
 - Jessica Marra, Information Technology
 - Daniel Patzer, Public Works

3. Public Notice**4. Proclamations and Awards**

- 4a. [Presentation of the Black History Month Proclamation to Pastor Tommy Brooks of New St. John Missionary Baptist Church and to Pastor Stanley Jacobs, Sr., of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church](#)
- 4b. [Presentation of the Ocala Art Group 75th Anniversary Celebration Proclamation to Ocala Art Group President Leona Asta](#)

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.

- 6a. [Approve the purchase of various inventory items for Ocala Fiber Network from multiple vendors in an amount not to exceed \\$71,964](#)

Presentation By: Mel Poole

- 6b. [Approve the Pine Oaks Preserve Conceptual Subdivision Plan, SUB24-45758](#)

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

- 6c. [Approve the Emerson Pointe PH 1A Final Plat, SUB23-45387](#)

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

- 6d. [Approve the Victims of Crime Act Grant Award for the 2024-2025 funding cycle from the State of Florida, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \\$59,412](#)

Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 6e. [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-129 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate Victims of Crime Act grant funds received from the State of Florida, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \\$59,412](#)

BR-2025-129

Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 6f. [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-130 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to appropriate a designated community donation for K-9 related expenses in the amount of \\$2,000](#) **[BR-2025-130](#)**

Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 6g. [Approve minutes from January 21, 2025 City Council meeting](#)

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

(Second and Final Reading - February 18, 2025)

- 8a. [Introduce Ordinance 2025-16 to rezone from M-1, Light Industrial, O-1, Office, MH, Mobile Home Park, and RO, Residential Office, to INST, Institutional, for properties located at 2211 Northeast 14th Street and 1409 Northeast 22nd Avenue \(Parcel 26394-000-00 and 26392-000-00\), approximately 5.57 acres \(Case ZON24-0007\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#) **[ORD-2025-16](#)**

- 8b. [Introduce Ordinance 2025-17 to rezone approximately 16.43 acres for property located approximately 40 feet north of the intersection of NE 28th Street and NE 23rd Avenue \(Parcel 24278-000-01\) from RO, Residential Office, R-1, Single-Family Residential, and R-2, Two-Family Residential, to PD, Planned Development \(Case PD24-45765\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#) **[ORD-2025-17](#)**

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

10. General Business

- 10a. [Approve Task Work Order #40 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the provision of engineering services related to the Water Master Plan update in the amount of \\$128,000](#)

Presentation By: Noel Cooper

- 10b. [Approve a one-year Florida Municipal Power Agency contract with Osmose Utility Services, Inc. for inspection and treatment of utility wood poles not to exceed \\$200,000](#)

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

- 10c. [Approve a one-year Florida Municipal Power Agency contract with Osmose Utility Services, Inc. for underground equipment inspection and remediation services not to exceed \\$200,000](#)

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

- 10d.** [Approve additional expenditures under the agreement with Marion Tree Trimming and Stump Removal, LLC and Flyway Access, LLC in the amount of \\$491,980 for a contract total not to exceed \\$1,251,980](#)

Presentation By: Darren Park

- 10e.** [Approve the contract for the sale purchase in the amount of \\$239,000 to acquire a half-acre parcel for a new drainage retention area](#)

Presentation By: Tracy Taylor

- 10f.** [Approve a five-year renewal of a Subscriber Service Agreement with Tri-Co Communications, Inc., with a total aggregate amount of \\$727,870](#)

Presentation By: Joshua Sasso

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

13. Ocala Police Department Report

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

15. City Attorney's Report

16. Public Comments

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Thursday, February 13, 2025 - 12:00pm - City Council Workshop re: Sanitation - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 3:45pm - Community Redevelopment Area Agency Board meeting - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO Meeting - Marion County Commissioners' Auditorium

- Tuesday, March 4, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council Meeting - Council Chambers

- Wednesday, March 12 - 9:00am - Joint Meeting MCPS, Municipalities & MCBCC - Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Auditorium

- Thursday, March 13 - 9:00am - Join City/County Workshop to discuss the Gap Analysis TDC - Location TBD

- 17a.** [Power Cost Adjustment Report - December 2024](#)

- 17b.** [Monthly budget to actual report and Capital Improvement Project status report as of December 31, 2024](#)

- 17c.** [Executed Contracts Under \\$50,000](#)

18. Comments by Mayor

19. Comments by City Council Members

20. Adjournment