



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, February 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 Barry Mansfield
Council Member Jay A. Musleh
Council President Kristen M. Dreyer

2a. New Employees

- Cody Bruce, Electric
- Jessica Marra, Information Technology
- Daniel Patzer, Public Works

3. Public Notice

- **Public Notice for the February 4, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on January 10, 2025**

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.

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 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
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
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)
Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh
- 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)
Introduced By: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

- Strategic Score Card

13. Ocala Police Department Report

- Overview of Crime and Traffic Stops

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

- Unit Responses
- Call Type Spotlights
- Department Highlights

15. City Attorney's Report

16. Public Comments

- Steven Janoski, 1900 NE 50th Avenue, commented on boarding houses located in Glynnwood

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 - Joint 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

- **Council President Dreyer highlighted the Linesman Competition to be held at the World Equestrian Center on February 28 and March 1, 2025**

18. Comments by Mayor

- **Kut Different Members recognition**
- **Fourth of July fireworks event proposal**

19. Comments by City Council Members

- **Council Member Hilty shared his wonderful experience attending the Visit Florida Event at the WEC**

Council President Dreyer requested the City review uses allowed within B-2 and B-2A zoning

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:49 pm