

### Ocala

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Ocala, FL 34471

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# City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

4:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order
  - a. Opening Ceremony
    - 1. Invocation Assistant City Attorney Jimmy Gooding
    - 2. Pledge of Allegiance
  - b. Welcome and Roll Call

Municipal Officers/Others Present: The meeting was also attended by Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead, Assistant City Attorney Gooding, City Clerk Angel Jacobs, Fire Chief Clint Welborn, Police Chief Michael Balken, Assistant Finance Director Peter Brill, Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola, Multimedia & Comm Coord Danielle Dyals, Budget Director Tammi Haslam, Contracting Officer Tiffany Kimball, Director of Facilities & Fleet Management John King, City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier, Director of Public Works Darren Park, Director of Telecommunications Mel Poole, Director of Parks & Recreation Preston Pooser, Director of Finance Emory Roberts, Director of HR/Risk Management Chris Watt, Director of Electric Utility Doug Peebles, SR Budget Analyst Sadie Daniels, Ocala Police Dept Representative, IT Representative and other interested parties.

**Present:** Mayor Reuben Kent Guinn

Pro Tem James P. Hilty Sr

Council Member Kristen M. Dreyer Council Member Barry Mansfield Council Member Jay A. Musleh Council President Ire J. Bethea Sr.

2. Public Notice

Public Notice for the March 15, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on February 15, 2022

3. Proclamations & Awards

**Excused:** 

**3a.** Government Finance Professionals' Week proclamation to be presented to Budget

#### Director Tammi Haslam

Mayor Guinn presented a proclamation for Government Finance Professionals Week. He discussed how the Florida Government Finance Officers Association supports professionals in the community. The City proclaims March 14, 2022 to March 18, 2022, as Government Finance Professionals' Week.

Budget Director Tammi Haslam thanked the City for the proclamation.

- **3b.** Service Award Veronica Martinez Customer Service Office 15 Years of Service
  - Mayor Guinn and Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead presented a service award to Veronica Martinez in appreciation of her 15 years of service to the City of Ocala. She started her career with the City of Ocala in 2007. During her career, she was promoted to multiple leadership positions and obtained educational certifications/degrees.
- **3c.** Service Award Sgt. Miguel A. Gauthier, Jr., Ocala Police Department 25 Years of Service

Mayor Guinn and Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead presented a service award to Miguel Gauthier in appreciation of his 25 years of service to the City of Ocala. He started his career with the Ocala Police Department in 1997. During his career, he was promoted to multiple leadership positions and received numerous recognition awards.

**3d.** Service Award - Captain Bradley Hardy - Fire Rescue - 15 Years of Service

Mayor Guinn and Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead presented a service award to Bradley Hardy in appreciation of his 15 years of service to the City of Ocala. He started his career with the City of Ocala in 2007. During his career, he was promoted to multiple leadership positions and looks forward to continuing to serve the residents in the community.

#### 4. Presentations

## Ocala Civic Theatre Board of Directors Presents Behind the Mask event scheduled on April 25, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Laurie Zink discussed the Behind the Mask fundraising event to Support the Ocala Civic Theater, scheduled on April 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. The City recruited a Broadway star and they will serve French cuisine for the creative black-tie event. To note, the theater is a rare gem; only one of thirty-two theaters across the nation. She thanked City Council for their support and encouraged the public to attend the event.

#### 5. Public Comments

### Jerry Lourenco, 2350 NW 27th Avenue, requested clarification on his business operations

Jerry Lourenco, 2350 NW 27th Avenue, requested clarification on his business operations. He questioned if they can continue operating under the DEP guidance/regulations, until City staff develops an ordinance. He explained the high standard operations of his facility to Council. He expressed concern their business operations will be cited by Ocala Code Enforcement.

Pete Lee stated the City is not DEP and the City Code defines Recycling Center. He explained the recycling process and noted the City assumes Mr. Lourenco's facility is operating in compliance with the City Code, noting there are no current Code Enforcement violations against his business.

Assistant City Attorney Gooding commented Mr. Lourenco must operate in compliance with the City Code and the Chapter 163 Developer's Agreement.

Mr. Lourenco's commented the Chapter 163 Developer's Agreement is not related to the recycling facility. He explained how his facility is considered a dirty MRF recycling center and the City Code does not specify the difference between a clean/dirty recycling center. He encouraged Council to update the outdated City Code from 30 years ago to reflect today's operations.

Assistant City Attorney Gooding commented Mr. Lourenco must operate in compliance with the City Code to avoid City violations. He explained how DEP and the City are separate.

Council President Pro Tem Hilty stated the matter will be addressed next week at the retreat.

Mayor Guinn noted the City is working hard on drafting an ordinance.

#### Glenn Fiorello, 838 SE 3rd Street, commented on the proposed parking garage project

Glenn Fiorello, 838 SE 3rd Street, commented on the proposed parking garage project. He discussed similar development projects in neighboring communities dealing with increased crime activity. He anticipates businesses will continue to close early due to the rise in crime.

Mayor Guinn questioned the increased crime comments. He noted Parkside Gardens crime rate is non-existent.

Mr. Fiorello expressed concern using taxpayer funds to build a garage in an area with existing crime activity. He encouraged Council to thoroughly evaluate the development project. He suggested the private sector pay to build the public garage.

# Brian Creekbaum, 103 NE 31st Terrace, discussed comments regarding the County Animal Control Services

Brian Creekbaum, 103 NE 31st Terrace, discussed Facebook comments received regarding the County Animal Control Services, which will be emailed to Council for review. The public comments expressed concern regarding delayed response time and neglected animals. He noted a volunteer stated the Department is significantly understaffed by 35%. He shared a report filed three weeks ago with the County Animal Control Services, which he received no response.

# Kristy Merchant, 3140 SE 35th Street, Ocala, FL 34471, commented on her brother's murder case

Kristy Merchant, 3140 SE 35th Street, Ocala, FL 34471, discussed her brother's murder at the Marion County jail. She questioned if withholding her mother's equipment is legal, since there is no pending case. She expressed concern regarding a City cover up.

Chief Balken stated the investigation involves child pornography and the laptop will not be released until the City receives approval from a judge.

#### 6. Public Hearings

6a. Approve a Concurrency Development Agreement between the City of Ocala, W.G. One Corp, and Country Green, LLP for property located in the 4300 block of SW 20th Street (Parcels # 23320-005-25 and 23812-000-00/Wintergreen PD) (CDA21-44613). This is the second of two public hearings. The first public hearing was held on January 4, 2022. Postponed from the January 18, 2022 and March 1, 2022 City Council Meetings. Request to postpone the public hearing to the April 19, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola suggested discussion be postponed to the next City Council meeting on April 5, 2022.

Assistant City Attorney Gooding explained the severity of the property dispute between two land developers and requested Council postpone discussion to April 19, 2022, to allow the City more time to remedy the matter.

Council agreed to postpone discussion to April 19, 2022.

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

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

6b. Approve a Concurrency Development Agreement between the City of Ocala and Country Green, LLP for property located at the 5300 block of SW 20th Street (Parcel # 23320-005-03/Country Green PD) (CDA21-44612). This is the second of two public hearings. The first public hearing was held on January 4, 2022. Postponed from the January 18, 2022 and March 1, 2022 City Council Meetings. Request to postpone the public hearing to the April 19, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

Assistant City Attorney Gooding requested Council postpone discussion to April 19, 2022.

Council agreed to postpone discussion to April 19, 2022.

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

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**6c.** Approve the sale of beer and wine for on-premise consumption for Soleil Confections, LLC d/b/a Soleil Bakery + Social House located at 56 SE 1st Ave Unit #101. (Quasi Judicial)

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the request is a new use located at 56 SE 1st Ave Unit #101 and staff recommends approval.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

6d. Approve the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption for 7-Eleven, Inc, a Texas Corporation d/b/a 7-Eleven #41828 located at 2811 NW 10th Street. (Quasi Judicial)

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the request is for a new 7-11 development project located at 2811 NW 10th Street and staff recommends approval.

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**6e.** Approve the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption for 7-Eleven, Inc, a Texas Corporation d/b/a 7-Eleven located at 24 NW 60th Ave. (Quasi Judicial)

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the request is for a new 7-11 development project located at 24 NW 60th Avenue and the application will come back to Council for approval of alcohol sales.

Fred Roberts, 40 SE 11th Avenue, stated they are following the preliminary procedure for alcohol permits. He suggested Council streamline the process for the public.

Mr. Chighizola stated the City would like to modify the ordinance to streamline the process. The City will present a draft ordinance in the future.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

Approve a Chapter 163 Development Agreement for approximately 26.63 acres of property located on the east side of SW 43rd Court in the 3600 block (across from Saddlewood Elementary) (DMA22-44686). This is the second of two public hearings. The first public hearing was held on March 1, 2022. Request to postpone until the April 19, 2022 City Council Meeting

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola requested discussion of the item be postponed to April 19, 2022.

Fred Roberts, 40 SE 11th Avenue, stated he is speaking on behalf of the applicant. He requested Council postpone discussion to April 19, 2022.

Council agreed to postpone discussion to April 19, 2022.

Timborn Jenkins, 3131 SW 41st Avenue, Ocala, FL, asked if he can speak on the development project. Council President Pro Tem Hilty responded yes; however, he encouraged him to speak during the public hearing scheduled on April 19, 2022.

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

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

Adopt Ordinance 2022-25 for a zoning change to R-3, Multi-family Residential, for approximately 15 acres of property located on the east side of SW 43rd Court in the 3600 block (across from Saddlewood Elementary) (Case ZON22-44645) (Quasi-Judicial). Request to postpone until the April 19, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

Introduced By: Barry Mansfield

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola requested discussion of the item be postponed to April 19, 2022.

Council agreed to postpone discussion to April 19, 2022.

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

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

#### 7. Second and Final Reading of Ordinances

(All are Public Hearings)

**7a.** Adopt Ordinance 2022-22 to amend and add ordinances under Chapter 70 Article I. In General, Section 70-39, 70-51, and 70-59 in accordance with new Environmental Protection Agency rules.

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

**Introduced By:** James P. Hilty Sr

City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier commented the agenda item supports the City goal of operational excellence. The proposed ordinance will update the Sewer Use Ordinance regarding EPA and FDEP regulations.

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**7b.** Adopt Ordinance 2022-23 to amend the Future Land Use designation from Employment Center (County) and Commercial (County) to Employment Center (City) for property located north of the curve where NW 40th Avenue transitions easterly to NW Third Street, approximately 71.58 acres. (Parcels #22844-002-00 and 22844-002-03) (Case LUC21-44528)

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

Introduced By: Kristen M. Dreyer

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the land use case was evaluated by the State of Florida and the property was annexed by the City. The request is to change the land use Employment Center (City) to design an industrial park and staff recommends approval.

Fred Roberts, 40 SE 11th Avenue, stated he is speaking on behalf of the applicant. He explained how the property was annexed by the City and is subject to rezoning. He noted items 7b and 7c are related (250-acre industrial catalytic project for the City). To note, Scannell Properties LLC, is one of the largest industrial developers in the United States. The proposed development project will create more employment opportunities in the City. The Commercial land use designation is being replaced by Employment Center, which will decrease traffic impacts.

Peachie Jackson, 4123 NW 2nd Street, Ocala, FL, stated she is the neighboring property owner. She expressed concern regarding limited project details and requested more information. Mr. Roberts explained the applicant plans on building an industrial warehouse (4 million square feet). To note, Ms. Jackson's property is part of the County, with an Employment Center land use designation.

Ms. Jackson commented her property is zoned for agricultural uses. Mr. Roberts believes her property has an Employment Center land use designation.

Mr. Roberts commented the traffic study and methodology was approved by the City. The lowest portion of the property is adjacent to Ms. Jackson's property and they will have ample buffering along the south boundary. To note, a portion of the drainage and retention area lies on Ms. Jackson's property, which will create additional spatial continuation.

Ms. Jackson requested she receive the full project details in writing. Mr. Roberts responded he will speak with her after the meeting to discuss the proposed project.

Mr. Chighizola commented the City will notify Ms. Jackson of the site plan review process.

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

Adopt Ordinance 2022-24 to rezone certain property from A-1, General Agriculture, M-1, Light Industrial and R-E, Residential Estate (County), to M-2, Medium Industrial (City), located north of the curve where NW 40th Avenue transitions easterly to NW Third Street, approximately 71.58 acres. (Parcels #22844-002-00 and 22844-002-03) (Case ZON21-44529) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

**Introduced By:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**7d.** Adopt Ordinance 2022-26 for a zoning change from INST, Institutional, to RO, Residential Office, for approximately 0.34 acres of property located at 819 NE 10th Street (Case ZON22-44635) (Quasi-Judicial).

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola **Introduced By:** Jay A. Musleh

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the change is necessary and the parcel was sold as surplus property by Temple Beth Shalom. The applicant is requesting a zoning change from INST (Institutional) to RO (Residential Office) and staff recommends approval.

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**7e.** Adopt Ordinance 2022-27 for a zoning change from B-1, Neighborhood Business, to M-2, Medium Industrial, for approximately 6.47 acres of property located between SW 44th Avenue and SW 46th Avenue in the 400 block (420 SW 44th Avenue) (Case ZON22-44636) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

Introduced By: James P. Hilty Sr

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola discussed a zoning change for approximately 6.47 acres of property located between SW 44th Avenue and SW 46th Avenue in the 400 block. He noted staff recommends approval.

Fred Roberts, 40 SE 11th Avenue, stated items 7f, 7g and 7h are related. He explained how some of the parcels are zoned Industrial and surrounded by Industrial zoning. The applicant is an experienced industrial property developer and they have completed several major projects in the corridor.

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**7f.** Adopt Ordinance 2022-28 to annex approximately 9.23 acres located between SW 44th Avenue and SW 46th Avenue in the 400 block (430 SW 44th Avenue) (Case ANX22-44640).

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola **Introduced By:** Barry Mansfield

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola explained how items 7e and 7f are related.

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**7g.** Adopt Ordinance 2022-29 for an amendment to the Future Land Use Designation from Commerce District (County) to Employment Center (City), for approximately 9.23 acres of property located between SW 44th Avenue and SW 46th Avenue in the 400 block (430 SW 44th Avenue) (Cases LUC22-44643).

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola **Introduced By:** Jay A. Musleh

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**7h.** Adopt Ordinance 2022-30 for a rezoning from A-1 General Agriculture (County), to M-2, Medium Industrial (City), for approximately 9.23 acres of property located between SW 44th Avenue and SW 46th Avenue in the 400 block (430 SW 44th Avenue) (Cases ZON22-44642) (Quasi-Judicial).

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

Introduced By: Barry Mansfield

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

#### 8. General Business

**8a.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2022-133 amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget for the carry forward of prior fiscal year grant funds totaling \$22,769,699

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**8b.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2022-134 amending the Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 budget to provide a supplemental appropriation to reconcile cash balance forward accounts and for the continuation of projects not completed in Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 in the amount of \$139,876,212

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**8c.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2022-135 amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget to transfer funds from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies and appropriate loan revenue to cover expenditures incurred as a result of a legal judgment totaling \$79,282,910.

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**8d.** Approve Task Work Order #2022-03 for architectural and engineering design services for construction of a SunTran ticket kiosk and restrooms located at Union Station in the amount of \$145,088.57

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**8e.** Approve contract with Blackwater Construction Services, Inc. for the renovation and expansion of the Ocala Police Department 911 Communication Center in the amount of \$306,772

Presentation By: Michael Balken

Council Member Musleh asked if the City only received one bid. Police Chief Balken responded the City posted an invitation to bid in January 2022; nine companies attended, and the City received only one bid. He noted Blackwater Construction Services, Inc. is a local business in the City.

Council Member Dreyer noted Blackwater Construction Services, Inc. has previously done business with the City.

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**8f.** Approve a change to section 3-2 of the Employee Handbook adding Juneteenth as a City holiday

Presentation By: Chris Watt

Staff requested the item be pulled.

**RESULT:** PULLED

**8g.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2022-137 accepting and appropriating a donation from the Fort King Heritage Foundation for the reconstruction of a blacksmith shop at the Fort King Historic Landmark in the amount of \$135,000

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

Charlie Stone, 5170 SW 110th Avenue, Ocala, FL, thanked City Council for considering their funding request. He explained how the Blacksmith is essential to the community. The contractor anticipates the development project will be completed in six months. To note, many residents in the community have expressed great interest in learning how to do blacksmith work, which is a favored trade in the United States. The goal is to reimburse the City for the entire funding cost.

Mayor Guinn shared his experience learning the blacksmith trade.

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**8h.** Approve contract with Dinkins Construction LLC for the design-build of an 1837 period blacksmith shop at Fort King National Historic Landmark in the amount of \$134,711

Presentation By: William Rodriguez-Cayro

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

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer
SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

### 9. 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

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

**ABSENT:** Bethea

**9a.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2022-136 amending the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget to appropriate additional funding for the Ocala Police Department communication center expansion in the amount of \$32,000.

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

**9b.** Approve contract with A.C. Schultes of Florida, Inc. for the abandonment of four drainage wells with a value not to exceed \$61,500

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

**9c.** Approve CRA Agenda Item to reappoint Summer Gill to the Downtown Ocala Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

**9d.** Approve CRA Agenda Item to reappoint Karl Kunz to the East Ocala Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

**9e.** Approve CRA Agenda Item to reappoint Carolyn Adams to the West Ocala Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

Presentation By: Tye Chighizola

**9f.** Approve amendment to the City's Purchase Assistance Policy

Presentation By: James Haynes

**9g.** Approve the First Amendment to City Redevelopment Agreement for Brewery in Midtown, LLC at 235 NE Watula Avenue

Presentation By: Peter Lee

**9h.** Approve three-year contract with Perfect Mind, Inc., to provide and support recreation and park management software services for a cost not to exceed \$92,146

Presentation By: John Spencer

**9i.** City Attorney Invoices February 2022

Presentation By: Robert W. Batsel, Jr.

9j. Approve Regular Meeting City Council Minutes for Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

#### 10. Consent Agenda Items Held for Discussion

Should any items be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, they will be discussed at this time.

- 11. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinances None
- 12. Internal Auditor's Report None
- 13. City Manager's Report

#### Tornado update regarding damage and shelters

Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead provided a tornado update regarding damage and closures. The City received no reported fatalities or serious injuries. To note, 3,500 customer outages were reported, and 184 units were red tagged. The City received help from numerous government and non-profit organizations. Many of the affected tenants have renter's insurance and pursued vacancies in other apartment complexes. Furthermore, local shelters are assisting

families displaced by the storm.

Currently, there are no displaced families. He anticipates the State of Florida will not be reimbursed by the Federal Government due to the tornado damage amount not meeting the threshold requirements. He expressed gratitude for all the City employees who helped during the tornado storm aftermath.

#### **County Animal Control Agreement**

Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead reported the City met with the County on March 10, 2022, to discuss the duration of the proposed agreement, termination language and service expectations. City staff will draft a revised agreement for the City Manager to review.

#### **Solid Waste Draft Ordinance**

Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead reported the City met with the City Attorney's Office to discuss drafting a Solid Waste Ordinance. City staff is working on drafting a Solid Waste Ordinance for Council to review.

#### 14. Police and Fire Department Report

#### Police Chief Mike Balken - Public Safety Opioid Response Efforts

Police Chief Balken discussed the public safety Opioid response efforts for February 28, 2022 to March 13, 2022. The Police Departments Opioid response efforts 8, overdose deaths 2, Narcan leave behind 6 and Amnesty participation 6. He noted the Sheriff's Office was awarded the Drug Unit of The Year Award by the Florida Narcotics Officer Association. He thanked City staff for the hard work during the tornado storm.

#### Fire Chief Clint Welborn – Public Safety Opioid Response Efforts & Community Paramedicine

Fire Chief Welborn discussed the public safety Opioid response efforts and community paramedicine program. The overdose response efforts 10, overdose deaths 0 and Narcan leave behind 2. For the month of March, 337 people have enrolled in the Opioid Recovery Project and they had a total of 135 community paramedicine graduates. The Narcan leave behind for the OD2A Program amounts to 74 participants and trained 104 individuals to administer Narcan. He thanked City staff for the hard work during the tornado storm.

#### 15. Mayor's Report

#### Mayor Guinn discussed the Welcome Home celebration for the Ocala Olympic Athletes

Mayor Guinn discussed the Welcome Home celebration for the Ocala Olympic Athletes. He noted the athletes will arrive in Ocala on March 24, 2022 and will return home on March 27, 2022.

Director of Parks & Recreation Preston Pooser discussed the upcoming events for the Olympic Athletes. He explained the agenda for March 25, 2022, which consists of a breakfast event (Church of Hope), panel interview, school visits, lunch and Black History Museum celebration. On Saturday, the athletes will be attending the following: morning event, Webber Center lunch,

community parade (location Webb Field to Square, at 5:00 p.m.) and recognition program. The City looks forward to celebrating the Ocala Olympic Athletes.

Mayor Guinn encouraged Council to attend the scheduled events.

### 16. City Attorney's Report

#### **Discount Sleep Update**

Assistant City Attorney Gooding the court approved a notice for the class of individuals who paid the fire user fee. The court ordered a hearing to be held on May 10, 2022, to discuss the proposed disbursement. Furthermore, the court ordered the City to mail the notice to each class member within 30-days after the order. The City executed an agreement with the Notice Company to manage the mailing of notices to the public.

#### City Attorney's Office available for workshop scheduled on March 28, 2022

Assistant City Attorney Gooding noted the City Attorney's Office is available to attend the City Council workshop scheduled on March 28, 2022.

#### 17. Informational Items

- 17a. Calendaring Items
- 17a1. Strategic Planning Session Tuesday, March 22nd 8:30am Hilton Garden Inn
- 17a2. City Council Work Session: Attorney Services Monday, March 28th 12:00pm noon
- 17b. Comments by Mayor
- 17c. Comments by Council Members

#### Council Member Dreyer thanked staff for their hard work during the tornado storm

#### Council Member Musleh requested City Attorney Batsel attend the March 28th workshop

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- 17d. Informational
- **17d1.** Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Annual Report
- 17d2. Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

#### 18. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:38 p.m.		
Ire Bethea Sr.	Angel B. Jacobs	
Council President	City Clerk	