



# Ocala

## City Council

### Minutes

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Ocala, FL 34471

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**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

**5:00 PM**

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**1. Call to Order**

- a. Opening Ceremony
  - 1. Invocation - Chaplain Gene Kenney
  - 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Welcome and Roll Call

**Present:** 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.

**Excused:** Mayor Reuben Kent Guinn

**2. Public Notice**

Public Notice for the January 18, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on December 21, 2021

**3. Proclamations & Awards**

**Service Award - Ronald Lirot - Public Works - 25 Years of Service**

City Manager Wilson presented a service award to Ronald Lirot in appreciation of his 25 years of service to the City of Ocala. He started his career with the Public Works Department in 1997. During his career, he was promoted to multiple leadership positions. Furthermore, he has been married to his lovely wife for 25-years.

Ronald Lirot thanked the Public Works Department for the opportunity to serve the public.

**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) Proclamation - Vice CRNA Chief of Ocala Regional Medical Center Tammy Privat**

City Manager Wilson presented a proclamation for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) Day. She discussed how CRNAs have provided care to patients in the United States for over 150-years. The City proclaims January 18, 2022, as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) Day.

Ms. Privat stated she is proud to be able to serve the citizens of Ocala.

**National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month Proclamation - Presented to Donna Guinn, Ocala Police Department Victim Advocacy Supervisor**

City Manager Wilson presented a proclamation for National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Day. She discussed how human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. The City proclaims January 22, 2022, as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Day.

Ms. Guinn encouraged the public to report human trafficking in the community. She noted the City has many resources available to help human trafficking victims, such as counseling. She thanked the City and public for their strong support.

**Dedication of Legacy Horse in Memory of Chief Greg Graham Proclamation - Presented to Mrs. Amy Graham**

City Manager Wilson presented a proclamation for the dedication of Legacy Horse in memory of Chief Greg Graham. She discussed how late Chief Graham supported the community and his many accomplishments. The Legacy Horse will be on display to the public at the Ocala Police Department. The City proclaims January 18, 2022, as the dedication of Legacy Horse in memory of Chief Greg Graham.

Police Chief Balken thanked the City for the dedication of Legacy Horse to honor late Chief Greg Graham.

**4. Presentations**

**Non-Profit ARPA Awards**

Assistant Finance Director Peter Brill discussed the non-profit ARPA Awards. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was enacted in March 2021 by President Joe Biden. In May 2021, the City presented a grant agreement for ARPA funding. In June 2021, the City received \$6.1 million and \$600,000 was allocated to 32 non-profit applicants in the community. He noted several non-profit organizations that received funding.

Community Foundation Executive Director Lauren Delorio thanked Council for supporting non-profit organizations in the community. She discussed how many non-profit organizations are struggling during the COVID pandemic. To note, many organizations have lost 50% of their recurring donations and grant funders are holding back on donating to non-profits. A survey was distributed to Council and she is available to answer any questions.

**5. Public Comments**

**Rock Gibbony, 597 NE 45th Terrace, thanked the City for the National Slavery & Human Trafficking proclamation**

Rock Gibbony thanked the City for the National Slavery & Human Trafficking proclamation. Research shows over 800,000 children are reported missing every year in the United States. He discussed the horrible things that happen to missing children in the United States. He noted Saudi Arabia has the highest human trafficking in the world. Furthermore, he encouraged the public to be vigilant in the community and report human trafficking.

**6. Public Hearings**

**6a. Approve a Donation Agreement between the City of Ocala, W.G. One Corp, and Country Green, LLP for properties that will be used for right of way concerning the extension of SW 44th Avenue.**

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola requested the item be withdrawn to a later date. Furthermore, he requested items 6b and 6c be postponed to the March 1, 2022, City Council meeting.

City Attorney Gooding commented the three documents are related to the remaining right-of-way to construct 44th Avenue. He noted there is ongoing litigation between two developers regarding the remaining right-of-way. One of the developers stated they will donate the right-of-way to the City, and they applied for concurrency for the development project. The City negotiated a property donation agreement pursuant to the developer donating the property to the City, to permit the City to build the remainder of the road with two concurrency developer agreements. The City received an email from the developer's attorney requesting the items be pulled from the agenda, because the agreements cannot be approved without the developers consent.

However, the City must open a public hearing since the items were advertised to the public. Furthermore, he requested the second public hearing be scheduled in March. The City grants concurrency to developers for projects that are near each other. To note, the concurrency concept arose during the Comprehensive Planning Statute in 1985. He discussed how the future land use element contains land use categories assigned to each property.

For each development, the City must determine there is concurrency and transportation services can be provided. A traffic study will be performed to determine if the roads/intersections meet the level of service outlined by the City. If the applicant agrees to donate the right-of-way, the City will agree the developer has concurrency based on the traffic study provided. In summary, concurrency development agreements assure developers they have concurrency and can proceed with developing their project from a transportation setting over the life of the project.

Mr. Chighizola commented the concurrency development agreements can be used for

land development opportunities, such as buffering and density.

City Attorney Gooding commented the focus of the development projects is transportation concurrency. He requested Council President Bethea open the public hearing for both of the items.

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

**RESULT:** WITHDRAWN

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

- 6b.** 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.

Council President Bethea opened the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola requested Council make a motion to postpone discussion of the item until March 1, 2022.

Council President Bethea closed the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.

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

**RESULT:** POSTPONED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 6c.** 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.

Council President Bethea opened the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola requested Council make a motion to postpone discussion of the item until March 1, 2022.

Council President Bethea closed the public hearing at 5:40 p.m.

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

**RESULT:** POSTPONED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

- AYE:** Hilty Sr, Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, and Bethea
- 6d.** Adopt Ordinance 2022-15 to annex approximately 88.73 acres located northeast of the intersection of SW 7th Avenue and SW 32nd Street, including Lake Louise (Case ANX21-0005)

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

Council President Bethea opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

City Attorney Gooding requested Council President Bethea open the public hearing for items 6e and 6f.

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented for the City to proceed with a transmittal to the State, the property must be annexed into the City. The land use amendment and policy amendment will be reviewed by the State after the annexation. The City will present an ordinance to Council in April, to adopt the land use and policy change. To note, the applicant is requesting a PD zoning change. The property is surrounded by low intensity land uses, which the applicant is proposing.

The City is requesting a policy change to limit the property to a PD development with a limited number of units (16 units per acre). The proposed development is a mix of single-family and multi-family units. The City requested the applicant perform a traffic study before the PD is approved. He noted staff recommends approval of the annexation and transmittal of the policy.

City Attorney Gooding provided an overview of the annexation process for new Council Members. The first item is requesting a motion for annexation of the property. To note, Council must decide what land use designation the property will be assigned. He provided an overview of the policy adoption process. The process to amend a comp plan involves two steps (transmittal to the State and adoption of ordinance by the City). He disclosed he previously represented the developer; however, he is not representing the developer regarding the proposed project.

Mr. Chighizola commented the policy will allow Council and staff to make recommendations regarding the projects development. He noted Council can reduce the land use category.

Council Member Mansfield asked what the land use is for the County. Mr. Chighizola responded medium density for the County. The property will be annexed as low intensity (3 to 18 units per acre) into the City. He noted the City and County have different land use category definitions.

Fred Roberts, 40 SE 11th Avenue, Ocala, FL, stated he is representing the applicant. He noted the City will be annexing a large parcel into the City. The developer has taken the necessary steps to have the property developed under City standards and in accordance with City Code. He provided an overview of the annexation and land use process. The

property will be subdivided for single-family and multi-family units.

Furthermore, the land use policy will address the PD zoning and limit the density cap. The plan is to develop 20-acres of multi-family and attached single-family units. Currently, the developer is working with the City to develop a PD plan. The land use policy will allow Council to make recommendations and limit industrial uses. The developer is performing a traffic study and a new signal light will be installed at the developer's expense.

Laurie Yonge, 600 SE 48th Avenue, Ocala, FL, stated he is an owner of one of the homes located in the existing platted subdivision. He questioned why the City has not discussed the process of vacating a plat or notified the property owners in the area. He expressed concern regarding a conflict of interest; City Attorney Gooding's law firm wrote a letter to City staff regarding the proposed development project. To note, the June neighborhood meeting minutes were never posted or received by the property owners. He requested the Planning & Zoning Commission thoroughly review the entire plan.

He expressed concern the proposed high-density development will increase traffic in the area. A letter was emailed to Council regarding his opposition to the proposed request. In summary, he requested Council not change the existing zoning.

Betsy Roberts, 189 Sunset Bay, unit 25D, Miramar Beach, FL, stated she is a homeowner in the subdivision. She expressed concern regarding the proposed rezoning and land use change. The proposed development will negatively impact the environment by increasing traffic, pollution and impacting wildlife. She requested Council thoroughly review the impacts the proposed development can have on the environment and vote no for land use/rezoning change. She distributed several pictures to Council.

Council President Pro Tem Hilty expressed concern regarding high traffic impacts. He requested the transmittal be submitted with the land use previously established without the low intensity.

Mr. Chighizola commented if a property is annexed into the City, the property will be assigned a land use adopted by the City. To note, the City cannot adopt the County's land use.

Council President Pro Tem Hilty asked if the City has a land use similar to the County. Mr. Chighizola responded the lowest land use will be neighborhood (5 units per acre single-family and 12 units per acre multi-family).

Council Member Mansfield commented the City is in great need of more housing opportunities. He expressed concern regarding the density. He questioned if the City has adequate safety resources available to support the proposed density.

Mr. Chighizola commented the policy will allow Council to make recommendations.

Mr. Roberts commented they cannot transmit without annexation of the property. He noted the property is within the urban growth boundary of the City and utilities are available. The comprehensive plan does not contemplate 4 units per acre. Furthermore, the code contemplates the lowest intensity (12 units per acre). He provided an overview of the 16 units per acre cap.

The PD plan will allow Council to make recommendations regarding the proposed development. The traffic study will include future traffic use and impacts. To note, notices were sent out to the public regarding the proposed development. The developer plans on performing a Threatened and Endangered Species (TNE) study with the PD plan to determine what species will be affected. In summary, the annexation/transmittal must take place first, before they can proceed with the PD plan.

Council Member Dreyer expressed concern the Police Department will not be equipped to handle the proposed density increase at this time. However, she agrees with annexation of the property into Ocala, to allow the City to have control over what gets developed on the property.

Mr. Yonge asked what is the total potential units allowed on the entire subdivision. He noted the existing infrastructure is outdated. He questioned why the City would want to add more units when traffic is already impacted in the area.

Council Member Musleh commented he agrees with annexing the property and transmittal. The PD planning process will allow Council to make recommendations and control development of the property. He noted the property must be annexed in order to perform a traffic study.

Joe London, 101 E Silver Springs Blvd, Suite 400, stated he is the hired engineer for the project. He noted the traffic engineers are performing the traffic study and the methodology was submitted to the City. The traffic study results show the following is needed: traffic signal light at the 7th Avenue & 32nd Street intersection, three lane expansion on 7th Avenue and lengthening the eastbound left turn lane. Furthermore, their client offered to pay for the needed improvements.

Council President Pro Tem Hilty asked who made the land use decision for low intensity. Mr. Chighizola responded the applicant requested low intensity. He noted they negotiated with the applicant regarding neighborhood land use, which is why they created the 1,146 cap. He provided an overview of the calculation process.

Council President Pro Tem Hilty expressed concern moving forward with the proposed request. He noted Council has very little information regarding the developments impacts on neighboring schools. Mr. Chighizola responded the City does not have concurrency

for the schools.

Council Member Mansfield asked if Council is only voting for annexation of the property tonight. Mr. Chighizola responded that is correct. He noted once the annexation takes place, the two amendments will be transferred to the State for review. When a property is annexed into the City, the property must be assigned a land use. Council has the authority to amend the policy and negotiate with the developer.

City Attorney Gooding clarified the three items and motions presented before Council.

Mr. Chighizola commented Council can amend the transmittal at the adoption hearing. He noted several State agencies will review the comp plan amendments.

Dana Yonge, 600 SE 48th Avenue, asked if the developer can choose to develop only single-family homes. Mr. Chighizola responded yes.

John Rudniansyn, 2441 NE 3rd Street, Ocala, FL, property owner, stated they will be installing a traffic light and expanding the roadway to three lanes. He noted they could choose to develop the property in the County and pay a 25% utility premium if the annexation is not approved. The property is located in an area that permits high density residential. Furthermore, he provided an overview of the flooding issues and needed improvements.

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr

**SECONDER:** Jay A. Musleh

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

- 6e.** Approve transmittal of a land use change from Medium Residential (County) to Low Intensity to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for approximately 88.73 acres of property located northeast of the intersection of SW 7th Avenue and SW 32nd Street, including Lake Louise (Case LUC21-0003).

Dana Yonge, 600 SE 48th Avenue, requested clarification on the medium and low intensity. Mr. Chighizola responded the City combined the land use categories. He provided an overview of the City land use categories. The neighborhood land use consists of single-family platted subdivision. Furthermore, medium/low intensity consist of commercial and residential.

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh



- SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer  
**AYE:** Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, and Bethea  
**NAY:** Hilty Sr
- 6f.** Approve transmittal of a future land use policy to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for approximately 88.73 acres of property located northeast of the intersection of SW 7th Avenue and SW 32nd Street, including Lake Louise (Case FLUP21-44568).

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the City will schedule a neighborhood meeting to address the traffic issues and concerns.

Council President Bethea requested the City mail notifications to the public.

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

- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh  
**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer  
**AYE:** Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, and Bethea  
**NAY:** Hilty Sr

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

(All are Public Hearings)

- 7a.** Adopt Ordinance 2022-14 for a zoning change from M-1, Light Industrial, to B-4, General Business, for approximately 2.22 acres of property located at 1011 SW Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue (Case ZON21-44561) (Quasi-Judicial)

**Introduced By:** Jay A. Musleh

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the request is a zoning change from M-1 (Light Industrial) to B-4 (General Business). The applicant plans on expanding their car dealership and staff recommends approval.

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

- RESULT:** ADOPTED  
**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh  
**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield  
**AYE:** Hilty Sr, Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, and Bethea
- 7b.** Adopt Ordinance 2022-16 for a zoning change from O-1, Office, to R-3, Multi-Family Residential, for property located at the southeast corner of the intersection of SE 30th Avenue and SE 18th Street, approximately 2.91 acres (Case ZON21-44560) (Quasi-Judicial)

**Introduced By:** Barry Mansfield

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the request is a zoning change

from O-1 (Office) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential). The City as discussed consolidating some of the zoning districts and staff recommends approval. Council President Pro Tem Hilty expressed concern the development will impact traffic in the area. Mr. Chighizola responded many of the trips will affect the intersection. He noted the applicant is only applying for a zoning change at this time. Council President Pro Tem Hilty commented Council should review all of the proposed developments together to see the impact on the community. 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, Musleh, and Bethea

- 7c. Adopt Ordinance 2022-17 to annex approximately 17.94 acres located at 2600-2610 NW 46th Terrace and 2765 NW 49th Avenue (Case ANX09-0003)

**Introduced By:** Kristen M. Dreyer

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola commented the properties were the subject of an annexation agreement between Second Nine Partners LLC and the City of Ocala executed on May 5, 2009. At the time, the property was not contiguous to the City limits, and was not eligible for annexation. The projects were therefore placed on hold. Presently, the property is contiguous to the City boundary and eligible for annexation. City staff recommends moving forward with annexation, land use, and zoning in accordance with the existing agreement.

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

- 7d. Adopt Ordinance 2022-18 for a change in land use from Commercial (County) to Low Intensity (City) for approximately 17.94 acres located at 2600-2610 NW 46th Terrace and 2765 NW 49th Avenue (Case LUC09-0009) (Quasi-Judicial).

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

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

- 7e. Adopt Ordinance 2022-19 for a rezoning from B-2, Community Business (County), to

SC, Shopping Center (City), for approximately 17.94 acres located at 2600-2610 NW 46th Terrace and 2765 NW 49th Avenue (Case ZON09-0009) (Quasi-Judicial).

**Introduced By:** Jay A. Musleh

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** James P. Hilty Sr

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

## **8. General Business**

- 8a.** Adopt Resolution 2022-19 accepting an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement #433304-2-94-01 from the Florida Department of Transportation for SunTran's public transit system capital expenses in the amount of \$1,233,575.

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

- 8b.** Approve contract with Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. for pavement maintenance and rehabilitation services not to exceed amount of \$3,000,000

Council Member Musleh thanked City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier for explaining the process over the phone earlier today.

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 8c.** Approve agreement for the creation and installation of a custom suspension art piece for the Mary Sue Rich Community Center by Virginia Kistler for \$60,000

Council Member Dreyer asked how artists get on the approved artist list. Cultural Arts & Sciences Division Head Laura Walker responded they perform an annual national artist call. She noted they performed an artist call last summer and they will be performing another artist call in two weeks. The artist portfolios are reviewed by the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission to be added to the list.

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr  
**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield  
**AYE:** Hilty Sr, Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, and 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.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED  
**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh  
**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield  
**AYE:** Hilty Sr, Dreyer, Mansfield, Musleh, and Bethea

- 9a.** Approve revisions to Downtown Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Commercial Building Improvement Grant Program.
- 9b.** Approve revisions to the East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Residential Paint Grant Program
- 9c.** Approve new grant program for residential façade and property improvements in North Magnolia Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)
- 9d.** Approve award of contract for Fort King tennis court resurfacing to David Bullock, Inc. d/b/a BAB Tennis Courts in the amount of \$72,600
- 9e.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2022-125 amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget to appropriate a designated community donation to purchase a K-9 and associated expenses in the amount of \$35,000
- 9f.** Approve the Perpetual Drainage Easement and Joint Use Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for DRA#133.
- 9g.** Approve contract for rehabilitation of the Taylor residence located on SW 2nd St. to R & R Builders, LLC for a total project cost not to exceed \$54,884
- 9h.** Approve December 2021 city attorney invoices for general city business legal services in the amount of \$30,582.75 and for risk management-related legal services in the amount of \$25,473.25
- 9i.** Approve Regular Meeting City Council Minutes for Tuesday, December 21, 2021
- 9j.** Approve Regular Meeting City Council Minutes for Tuesday, January 4, 2022

**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**

Strategic Planning Session rescheduled to Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 12 p.m.

Attorney Services & Early Voting Workshop scheduled on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 12 p.m.

Solid Waste/Recycling & Animal Control Workshop scheduled on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 12 p.m.

Council Member Mansfield asked who will be attending the Delegation next week. City Manager Sandra Wilson responded City staff and Council President Pro Tem Hilty will be presenting the legislative priorities to the lobbyists.

**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 January 1, 2022 to January 16, 2022. The Police Departments Opioid response efforts 11, overdose deaths 3, Narcan leave behind 2 and Amnesty participation 4. The Police Department is working hard on filling vacancies. He noted several Police Officers and non-sworn members are on leave due to COVID. Furthermore, the Police Officer involved in a crash yesterday was released from the hospital. He thanked Council for their comments regarding the Police Departments ability to manage and respond to population growth. The Police Department is behind in budgeting for staffing needs.

Council President Bethea commented Council is available to assist the Police Department and provide resources.

**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 3. For the month of January, 334 people have enrolled in the Opioid Recovery Project and they had a total of 132 community paramedicine graduates. The Narcan leave behind for the OD2A Program amounts to 48 participants and trained 16 individuals to administer Narcan.

**15. Mayor's Report****16. City Attorney's Report****17. Informational Items****17a. Calendaring Items**

1. City Council Work Session: Attorney Services & Early Voting - January 25th, 12pm Noon
2. City Council Work Session: Solid Waste/Recycling & Animal Control - February 8th, 12pm Noon

17b. Comments by Mayor

17c. Comments by Council Members

**17c1.** Approve changing the start time of City Council meetings to 4:00pm, beginning the first meeting in March, 2022

Council President Bethea commented the meeting time was changed to 5 p.m. due to a previous Council Member's school schedule. He asked Council if they would like to switch back to a 4 p.m. start time.

Council agreed with changing the meeting start time to 4 p.m. in March.

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola noted there are some public hearings that need to occur after 5 p.m. to comply with Florida statutes.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

Council Member Dreyer requested clarification on waiving a conflict of interest

Council Member Dreyer requested clarification on waiving a conflict of interest for City Attorney Gooding. City Attorney Gooding responded there is no conflict of interest if they are representing a client on a matter that does not involve the City. He noted there is no conflict of interest on the discussed land use matter. Furthermore, they are extremely conscientious about avoiding conflicts with the City when representing their clients.

Council President Bethea commented on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. events

Council President Bethea expressed gratitude for everyone that participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. events.

d. Informational

1. Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

## **18. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

## **Minutes**

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Ire J. Bethea Sr.  
Council President

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Angel B. Jacobs  
City Clerk