



Ocala City Council Agenda - Final

Tuesday, April 15, 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
 - Hunter Spink, Electric
 - Joseph Dweck, Electric

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

- 4a. [Proclamation calling for a General Election for Tuesday, September 16, 2025](#)
- 4b. [Presentation of the Arbor Day Proclamation to Charlita Whitehead, Economic Development and Cultural Arts Project Coordinator, and to Amy Casaletto, Recreation and Parks Special Services Division Head](#)
- 4c. [Presentation of the Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award to Joshua Musikantow](#)
- 4d. [Service Award - Jarvis Mulkey - Recreation & Parks Department - 25 Years of Service](#)

5. Presentations

- 5a. [Presentation of the Active Marion Project by Marion County Hospital District Chief Operating Officer, Debra Velez, and Vice President of Community Health Programs, Jessica Cole](#)

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 award of development opportunity to, and an Affordable Housing Agreement with, the Habitat for Humanity of Marion County Inc. to construct and sell an affordable housing unit on surplus property in West Ocala](#)

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 6b. [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-144 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate program income for the City of Ocala's State Housing Initiative Program grant in the amount of \\$19,846](#)

BR-2025-144

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 6c. [Adopt Resolution 2025-17 appointing Bridgette Delva and Rhanda Mckown to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for unexpired three-year terms ending December 31, 2025](#) **[RES-2025-17](#)**
Presentation By: James Haynes
- 6d. [Adopt Resolution 2025-18 to approve the City of Ocala's Local Housing Assistance Plan for 2025-2028](#) **[RES-2025-18](#)**
Presentation By: James Haynes
- 6e. [Adopt Resolution 2025-19 approving Amendment #2 to Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to extend the end date of the agreement to June 1, 2026](#) **[RES-2025-19](#)**
Presentation By: Matthew Grow
- 6f. [Approve Second Amendment to the Ground Lease between the City of Ocala, Marion County Sheriff's Office, and the Marion County Board of County Commissioners with first lease year revenue of \\$18,103](#)
Presentation By: Matthew Grow
- 6g. [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-145 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate a donation from Kimberly's Center for Child Protection to purchase Cellebrite licensing totaling \\$8,800](#) **[BR-2025-145](#)**
Presentation By: Michael Balken
- 6h. [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-146 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate funds from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to upgrade equipment at the Ocala Police Department's district offices in the amount of \\$32,000](#) **[BR-2025-146](#)**
Presentation By: Michael Balken
- 6i. [Approve Amendment No. 2 to Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement No. LPS0025 extending the expiration date for the Foxwood Farms Water Quality Improvement Project](#)
Presentation By: Sean Lanier
- 6j. [Adopt Resolution 2025-20 approving an Off-System Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for improvements within City rights-of-way](#) **[RES-2025-20](#)**
Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6k. [Approve First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Design-Build Services for the Downtown Parking Garage No. 2 with SSC Construction Management, LLC, for a reduction in the Guaranteed Maximum Price in the amount of \\$61,375](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6l. [Approve minutes from April 1, 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

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

- 9a. [Adopt Ordinance 2025- 22 to rezone two parcels of land containing approximately 1.34 acres, located at 1533 and 1541 NE 14th Street \(Parcel 26486-000-00 and 26486-001-00\) from RO, Residential Office, to R-3, Multi-Family Residential \(Case ZON25-0003\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Introduced by: Jay A. Musleh

10. General Business

- 10a. [Approve one one-year renewal of the agreement with C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc., for Transportation Rehabilitation Improvement Program projects in an amount not to exceed \\$3,000,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10b. [Approve one-year renewal of the agreement with Marion Rock, LLC, for drainage rehabilitation improvement projects in an amount not to exceed \\$1,250,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10c. [Approve the purchase of Grundfos pumps and consumable parts from FJ Nugent and Associates, Inc., with an estimated annual expenditure of \\$460,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10d. [Approve Second Amendment to the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with In-Depth, Inc., for tank inspection and cleaning of the City's water storage tanks with an increased annual expenditure of \\$150,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10e. [Approve award of contract to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for the State Road 40 traffic signalization project at SW/NW 46th Avenue in the amount of \\$1,897,490, plus 10 percent contingency, for a total expenditure not to exceed \\$2,087,239](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10f. [Approve additional expenditures under the Agreement for Yard and Wood Waste Disposal Services with D&G Solutions Group, LLC, for an increased aggregate expenditure amount of \\$2,248,259](#)

Presentation By: Darren Park

- 10g. [Approve an agreement between the City of Ocala and Creative Outdoor Advertising, Inc. for the placement, maintenance, and advertising of transit benches](#)

Presentation By: Tom Duncan

- 10h. [Approve utilization of OMNIA Partners' cooperative purchasing agreement with Advance Auto Parts for the purchase of automotive parts and accessories with an aggregate expenditure of \\$285,000](#)

Presentation By: John King

- 10i. [Approve the annual renewal for the Service and Maintenance Agreement for video surveillance and access control systems with Morse Communications in an estimated amount of \\$112,206](#)

Presentation By: Christopher Ramos

- 10j. [Approve award of a five-year contract to OTI Fiber, LLC, d/b/a Opticatel, to provide dark fiber connections for Ocala Fiber Network in the aggregate amount of \\$181,440](#)

Presentation By: Mel Poole

- 10k. [Approve three-year renewal of the agreement for school security officer services with Trinity Catholic High School with receivables in the amount of \\$320,436](#)

Presentation By: Angy Scroble

- 10l. [Approve utilization of cooperative purchasing agreements with 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., and Ad-Vance Personnel Services, Inc., for the provision of temporary staffing services with an aggregate expenditure amount of \\$400,000](#)

Presentation By: Devan Kikendall

- 10m. [Vote for one applicant to be appointed to the Tree Commission for an unexpired four-year term ending March 1, 2029](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

- 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**
 - Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - 12:00pm - City Council Workshop Re: Water Rate Study - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 6, 2025 - 3:30pm - Audit Committee meeting- Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 6, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - 12:00pm - City Council Workshop Re: Solid Waste/Sanitation - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
 - Monday, May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day Holiday - City Offices closed
 - Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO Meeting - Marion County Commission Auditorium
- 18. **Comments by Mayor**
- 19. **Comments by City Council Members**
- 20. **Adjournment**