



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, April 15, 2025

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: 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

Excused: Mayor Ben Marciano

2a. New Employees

- Hunter Spink, Electric
- Joseph Dweck, Electric

3. Public Notice

- **Public Notice for the April 15, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on March 21, 2025**

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

RESULT: POSTPONED

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.

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 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

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

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 6d.** Adopt Resolution 2025-18 to approve the City of Ocala's Local Housing Assistance Plan for 2025-2028

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

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 Celebrite licensing totaling \$8,800

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

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

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6k.** See Item 7

- 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.

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 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

RESULT: PULLED

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

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

Presentation By: Mel Poole

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 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

Amended motion: Appointed Taylor Sherer to the Tree Commission for an unexpired four-year term ending March 1, 2029 by ballot vote

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

- **Inspector Of The Year Award**
- **Transportation and EMS Impact fees**

13. Ocala Police Department Report

- **Overview of Crime and Traffic Stops**

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

- **Unit Responses**
- **Service calls update**
- **Department Highlights**

15. City Attorney's Report

- **Approve proposed bodily injury settlement in the Exline and Wright claims**

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

16. Public Comments

- **Karen Hartsell, 1536 E Silver Springs Boulevard, expressed concern regarding construction impacts**
- **Natalie Rector, 1508 SE Fort King Street, spoke in support of local government**

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**

Adjourned at 5:32 pm