



Ocala City Council Agenda - **Revised**

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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

Ire Bethea Sr., Council President
Jay A. Musleh, Pro Tem
Kristen Dreyer
James P. Hilty Sr.
Barry Mansfield

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.

Revised 1/5/26: Added item 4d, pulled 10e.**1. Call to Order****2. Roll Call**

- 2a. New Employees
- Kenneth Geary, Facilities
 - William Polykronis, Facilities
 - John Shinnick, Facilities
 - Gary Bozeman, Public Works

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

4a. [Presentation of the Arbor Day Proclamation to the Presidents of Pioneer Garden Club Jacqua Ballas and Marjorie Hendon](#)

4b. [Presentation of the Newton A. Perry Day Proclamation to Jessica Fieldhouse, Ocala Main Street Executive Director, and to Delee Perry, daughter of the late Newton A. Perry](#)

4c. [Presentation of the Marion County's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day Proclamation to Ms. Paula Leahmon, President of Marion County's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission, Inc.](#)

4d. Presentation of the late Honorable Mrs. Mary Sue Rich Proclamation to the family of Mrs. Mary Sue Rich **2026-0552**

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.

6a. [Fiscal Year 2026-27 tentative budget calendar](#)

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

6b. [Budget Resolution 2026-119 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to appropriate funds from the Police Trust and Agency Fund reserve account to supplement the purchase of handheld x-ray equipment in the amount of \\$48,515](#) **BR-2026-119**

Presentation By: Michael Balken

6c. [Certified administrative costs for SunTran's Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget as required by Section 341.071 of the Florida Statutes](#)

Presentation By: Tom Duncan

- 6d. [Four-year renewal agreement with Truist Bank for comprehensive banking services through May 31, 2030](#)

Presentation By: Peter Brill

- 6e. [Resolution 2026-10 to accept the donation of outdoor sculpture “Flamingo”, valued at \\$9,500 into the City’s public art collection for permanent display at Tuscawilla Park](#)

[RES-2026-10](#)

Presentation By: Emily Parkman

- 6f. [Resolution 2026-11 to appoint members to the City of Ocala’s Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for three-year terms ending December 31, 2028](#)

[RES-2026-11](#)

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 6g. [Budget Resolution 2026-120 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to accept and appropriate program income for the City of Ocala’s State Housing Initiative Program grant in the amount of \\$1,152](#)

[BR-2026-120](#)

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 6h. [December 16, 2025 City Council meeting minutes](#)

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. [Public hearing to review and receive comments concerning SunTran’s proposed budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 which includes Section 5307 grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration, Florida Department of Transportation Block Grant funding, toll road revenue credits, and local matches from the City and County for a total budget of \\$6,300,562](#)

Presentation By: Tom Duncan

- 9b. [Public Hearing to consider the issuance of a location permit for the sale of beer, wine and liquor for off-premises consumption for Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, doing business as, Walmart #4245 located on Parcel 29850-001-00 \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

- 9c. [Ordinance 2026-5 to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Ocala, Florida, Section 122-1225 to authorize the use of above-ground air curtain burners as an ancillary use to a materials recovery facility as well as establishing conditions and limitations relating to such ancillary use \(COD25-0004\)](#)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

Introduced by: James P. Hilty Sr

- 9d. [Ordinance 2026-6 to rezone approximately 3.57 acres for a portion of property located at 2336 NW Seventh Street \(Parcel 22682-000-00\) from M-1, Light Industrial, to M-2, Medium Industrial \(Case ZON25-0014\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Emily Johnson

Introduced by: Kristen M. Dreyer

10. General Business

- 10a. [One-year renewal of the Construction Services Agreement with Miller Pipeline, LLC, for Water Resources Improvement Program Projects in an amount not to exceed \\$2,000,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10b. [Renewal of contract with Art Walker Construction, Inc. for lime sludge hauling services at Water Treatment Plant No. 1 with a two-year expenditure of \\$180,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10c. [Cost-share agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for the Ocala Lower Floridan Aquifer Conversion Phase IV project in the amount of \\$2,000,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10d. [Budget Resolution 2026-121 to accept and appropriate funds from St. Johns River Water Management District for the Lower Floridan Aquifer Conversion Phase IV project in the amount of \\$2,000,000 and transfer the cost share amount of \\$2,000,000 from the Water Resources fund reserve for contingencies account](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

BR-2026-121

- 10e. Item pulled.

- 10f.** [Budget Resolution 2026-122 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to accept and appropriate 2025-26 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program grant funding in the amount of \\$242,771](#) **[BR-2026-122](#)**

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 10g.** [Purchase of various inventory items for Ocala Fiber Network from multiple vendors in an amount not to exceed \\$207,590](#)

Presentation By: Mel Poole

- 10h.** [A three-year Agreement with Exceleron Software, LLC, for MyUsage Prepaid Software in an amount not to exceed \\$1,500,000](#)

Presentation By: Veronica Martinez

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, January 13, 2026 - City Council workshop Re: Sanitation Rate Study - 12:00pm - Council Chambers

- Monday, January 19, 2026 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday - City Offices closed

- Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - CRA Board meeting - 3:30pm - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 - TPO Meeting - 3:00pm - McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium

- Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - CRA Board meeting - 3:45pm - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers

- 17a.** [Power Cost Adjustment Report - November 2025](#)

18. Comments by Mayor

19. Comments by City Council Members

20. Adjournment