



Ocala City Council Agenda - **Revised** Tuesday, May 20, 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.

Revised 5/16: Moved Budget Resolution 2025-154 to General Business and re-numbered 10e through 10i.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

- a. New Employees
 - Melissa Walls, Electric
 - Samson Ngetich, Electric
 - Andrew Whichello, Engineering
 - George Wright, Public Works
 - Tucker Chenette, Water Resources
 - Thomas Zerquera, Water Resources

3. Public Notice

4. Proclamations and Awards

- 4a. [Presentation of the Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award to Joshua Musikantow](#)
- 4b. [Presentation of the American Wetlands Month Proclamation to Water Resources Director Sean Lanier and to Water Resources Operation Manager Robyn Preston](#)
- 4c. [Presentation of the National Public Works Week to Public Works Director Darren Park](#)
- 4d. [Service Award - Lafayette Hodges - Ocala Police Department - 20 Years of Service](#)
- 4e. [Service Award - Detective Michael Bowman - Ocala Police Department - 25 Years of Service](#)
- 4f. [Service Award - Battalion Chief Robert Altman - Ocala Fire Rescue - 35 Years of Service](#)

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. [Approve award of contract to BWC Services USA, LLC, for grounds maintenance services at Ocala Wetlands Recharge Park in an amount not to exceed \\$58,500](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6b. [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-153 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate additional grant funds from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for online sting operations in the amount of \\$2,838](#) **BR-2025-153**

Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 6c. [Approve a task work order with McFarland Johnson, Inc. to provide design services for the T-Hangar Taxilane Rehabilitation project in the amount of \\$83,536](#)

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

- 6f. [Approve City Council Work Session minutes from April 29, 2025](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

- 6g. [Approve City Council meeting minutes from May 6, 2025](#)

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. [Approve the sale of beer and wine for on-premise consumption for Graffiti Seafood & More Management, LLC., dba, Graffiti Seafood & More located at 1532 S Pine Ave \(Parcel 28575-010-09\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

- 9b. [Adopt Ordinance 2025-23 amending sections 2-195 and 2-196, Code of Ordinances, City of Ocala, Florida; providing for the administration of preemployment fingerprinting and background checks](#)

Presentation By: William E. Sexton

Introduced by: Jay A. Musleh

- 9c. [Adopt Ordinance 2025-24 to rezone approximately 1.00 acre of property located at 3640 SW Seventh Place from INST, Institutional, to M-2, Medium Industrial \(Case ZON25-0004\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Introduced by: Ire J. Bethea Sr

10. General Business

- 10a.** [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-155 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget for the carry forward of prior fiscal year grant funds totaling \\$42,633,188](#) **[BR-2025-155](#)**
Presentation By: Tammi Haslam
- 10b.** [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-156 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to provide a supplemental appropriation to reconcile cash balance forward accounts and for the continuation of projects not completed in Fiscal Year 2023-24 in the amount of \\$175,431,800](#) **[BR-2025-156](#)**
Presentation By: Tammi Haslam
- 10c.** [Approve the award of a one-year contract for implementation and licenses to Spatial Business Systems for Automated Utility Design software at an estimated cost of \\$113,500](#)
Presentation By: Chad Lynch
- 10d.** [Approve a substantial amendment to the City of Ocala's HUD 2019-2023 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2019-2020 Annual Plan to allow \\$200,000 to be used for rental assistance in the City of Ocala](#)
Presentation By: James Haynes
- 10e.** [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-154 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate 2024-25 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program grant funding in the amount of \\$175,728](#) **[BR-2025-154](#)**
Presentation By: James Haynes
- 10f.** [Approve the award of a contract to Traffic Control Devices, LLC, for construction services related to the signalization project of SW 43rd Court at SW 40th Street for the bid amount of \\$532,532, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total expenditure not to exceed \\$585,785](#)
Presentation By: Sean Lanier
- 10g.** [Approve award of the agreement for recoating services for Water Tower #2 to Southeastern Tank & Tower, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \\$246,000](#)
Presentation By: Sean Lanier
- 10h.** [Approve award of agreement to Ardurra Group, Inc., for professional services associated with planning studies for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant in the amount of \\$129,986](#)
Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10i. [Approve the purchase of new portable radios for Ocala Police Department, Ocala Fire Rescue, and Ocala Electric Utility utilizing State of Florida's alternative source agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \\$5,952,904](#)

Presentation By: Joshua Sasso

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

- 15a. [Approval of and entry into a proposed Settlement Agreement in the matter of Art Rojas & Lucinda Hale v. City of Ocala, currently pending on appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit](#)

16. Public Comments

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Monday, May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day Holiday - City Offices closed
- Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO meeting - Marion County Commission Auditorium
- Tuesday, June 3, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, June 17, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, June 17, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Thursday, June 19, 2025 - Juneteenth Day Holiday - City Offices closed
- Monday, June 23, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO meeting - Marion County Public Library

- 17a. [Inform Council of renewed agreement between the Florida Department of Corrections and the Ocala Police Department](#)

- 17b. [Inform Council that the Ocala Police Department has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement as part of a task force](#)

18. Comments by Mayor

19. Comments by City Council Members

20. Adjournment