



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, May 20, 2025

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Ben Marciano
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

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

Public Notice for the May 20, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on April 15, 2025

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.

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

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 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

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

RESULT: PULLED

- 6f.** Approve City Council Work Session minutes from April 29, 2025

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

RESULT: PULLED

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

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

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 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

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 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

Presentation By: James Haynes

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

Marion County public hearings for EMS impact fees/transportation impact fees scheduled for Friday, May 23, 2025, at 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm

Ordinance for removal of fluoride from City water supply to be introduced next meeting in accordance with new State law to be enacted on July 1, 2025

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

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

16. Public Comments

Doug Oswald, 4304 SE 5th Street, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Sandra Slayton, 745 SW 79th Loop, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

David Boston, 155 NE 52nd Avenue, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Maryann Lambert, 13010 NW 90th Avenue, Reddick, FL, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Elizabeth Dollinger, 8500 NW 162nd Court, Morrison, FL, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Louine Ek, 5907 SW 59th Street, requested the Mayor and City Council declare June as Faith and Family Month

Fernando Fernandez, 5725 Eco Road, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Craig Baggs, 401 SE 49th Avenue, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Quinn Cooper, 328 Marion Oaks Drive, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Cathy Bailey, 3030 SE 13th Street, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Brooke Bennett, 305 SE 58th Avenue, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Gabbi Gallario, 1999 150th Avenue NW, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Kent Guinn, 320 NW 3rd Avenue, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

Diane Irwin, 4490 SW 44th Street, commented on item 10(i)

Sandra Fernandez, 3270 NE 42nd Place, spoke on the OPD/ICE MOU

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

Fallen Officer Memorial

Workout with the Mayor event

City employee recognition

SR200 State Road update

19. Comments by City Council Members

Council Member Hilty recognized the Director of Community Development Services, James Haynes, for hosting a successful affordable housing event

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:00 pm