



Ocala

City Council

Minutes

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, July 2, 2024

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Ben Marciano
Pro Tem Kristen M. Dreyer
Council Member Ire J. Bethea Sr
Council Member James P. Hilty Sr
Council Member Jay A. Musleh
Council President Barry Mansfield

Municipal Officers/Others Present: The meeting was also attended by City Manager Peter Lee, City Attorney William Sexton, Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead, City Clerk Angel Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk Pamela Omichinski, Fire Chief Clint Welborn, Police Chief Michael Balken, Internal Auditor Randall Bridgeman, City Projects Director Tye Chighizola, Multimedia & Communications Coordinator Danielle Dyals, Director of Airport Matthew Grow, Planning Director Aubrey Hale, Budget Director Tammi Haslam, Community Development Services Director James Haynes, HR/Risk Management Director Devan Kikendall, City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier, Chief Financial Officer Janice Mitchell, Director of Public Works Darren Park, Director of Electric Utility Doug Peebles, Director of Ocala Fiber Network Mel Poole, Director of Parks & Recreation Julie Johnson, Strategic & Legislative Affairs Administrator Jeannine Robbins, Procurement & Contracting Officer Daphne Robinson, Growth Management Director Jeff Shrum, Real Estate Project Manager II Tracy Taylor, Chief of Staff Chris Watt, Ocala Police Dept Representative, IT Representative, The Press and other interested parties.

2a. New Employees

- Paul Balongie, Growth Management
- Tom Duncan, Growth Management

3. Public Notice

- **Public Notice for the July 2, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on June 25, 2024**

4. Proclamations and Awards

4a. Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Mayor Marciano presented a proclamation for Parks and Recreation Month. The City proclaims the month of July 2024, as Parks and Recreation Month.

Director Julie Johnson thanked Council and staff for the proclamation.

5. Presentations

- 5a.** Recognition of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Staff, Paige Parks, Mike Connelly, Mike Orlando, Swain Seiler, Lauren Dickson, Wade Constance, Jaret Flynn, Brandon Roberts, and Cody Lambert, as well as Ocala Police Department Officers, Lt. Howie, Ofc. Ower, Ofc. Labbe, Ofc. Coughlin, Ofc. Grimes, Lt. Hurst, Sgt. Gago, Ofc. Allanson, and Ofc. Perez for their Exemplary Service

Council President Mansfield invited employees of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Ocala Police Department to thank them for their work in safely trapping and relocating two bears that had been discovered in southeast Ocala in early June. He spoke on the neighborhood reaction to the bears and shared photos taken by residents.

President Mansfield presented challenge coins to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Police Department employees for safely capturing bears.

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: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 6a.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2024-146 amending the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget to accept and appropriate program income for the City of Ocala's State Housing Initiative Program grant in the amount of \$14,026
- 6b.** Approve a one-year piggyback contract with UKG for the City's time management software, UKG Pro Workforce Management, with ongoing maintenance costs for an estimated expenditure amount of \$26,327
- 6c.** Approve the CampAlto Final Plat, SUB24-45550
- 6d.** Approve additional purchases under the contract for Vent-O-Matic air release valves for an increased total contract expenditure of \$90,107
- 6e.** Approve additional expenditures under the contract for as-needed electrical repair and installation services with Stokes Electric in the amount of \$50,000
- 6f.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2024-148 to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget to add a processing fee for the collection of the education impact fee associated with the construction of new residential units
- 6g.** Approve consent to hangar assignment between JRA Aviation and OH, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company

6h. Approve regular City Council meeting minutes from June 18, 2024

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**

(Second and Final Reading - July 16, 2024)

8a. Introduce Ordinance 2024-43 to change the code of ordinances by revising the outdoor storage requirements/uses in the M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District (Chapter 122-Division 25) (Case COD24-45660)

Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh

8b. Introduce Ordinance 2024-44 to rezone approximately 0.93 acres for property located at 1703 and 1713 NE Eighth Road (Parcel 26020-000-00 and 26018-000-00) from M-1, Light Industrial, to B-2, Community Business (Case ZON24-45638) (Quasi-Judicial)

Introduced By: James P. Hilty Sr

8c. Introduce Ordinance 2024-45 to rezone approximately 12.85 acres for property located at 1123 NW 22nd Street (Parcel 25260-000-00) from M-1, Light Industrial, to M-2, Medium Industrial (Case ZON24-45671) (Quasi-Judicial)

Introduced By: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

10. **General Business**

10a. Approve the first amendment to the piggyback agreement with Engineered Sprayed Solutions, LLC for manhole rehabilitation coating services with an estimated expenditure amount of \$350,000

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

10b. Adopt Budget Resolution 2024-149 amending the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget to appropriate funds from the Stormwater Reserve for Contingencies account for the Drainage Rehabilitation and Improvement Program in the amount of \$1,000,000

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

10c. Approve contract award to Art Walker Construction, Inc. for the construction of the

- North Development Access Road project in the amount of \$1,949,000, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total expenditure not to exceed \$2,143,900
- There being no discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr
- SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer
- AYE:** Dreyer, Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, Musleh, and Mansfield
- 10d.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2024-150 amending the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget to transfer from the Airport Reserve for Contingencies account for the North Development Access Road construction project contingency in the amount of \$194,900
- There being no discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
- MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr
- SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer
- AYE:** Dreyer, Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, Musleh, and Mansfield
- 10e.** Approve Task Work Order #7 between the City of Ocala and McFarland Johnson, Inc. for the 2024 Airport Master and Stormwater Plans Update in the amount of \$881,161
- Airport Director Matthew Grow confirmed the FAA and DOT are responsible for paying \$881,161.00, with Council President Mansfield.
- There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh
- SECONDER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr
- AYE:** Dreyer, Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, Musleh, and Mansfield
- 10f.** Approve award of cooperative purchasing agreements to multiple vendors for the refurbishment, repair, and disposal of transformers for Ocala Electric Utility in the aggregate amount of \$390,000
- There being no discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr
- SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer
- AYE:** Dreyer, Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, Musleh, and Mansfield
- 10g.** Approve award of contract to Building Visions Construction, LLC for residential rehabilitation services for the Sims residence located at 1928 SW Second Street with a total project cost not to exceed \$66,800
- There being no discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.
- RESULT:** APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10h.** Approve direct supply purchase of traffic signal equipment from multiple awarded vendors utilizing Florida Department of Transportation's Agency Term Contract in the amount of \$604,000

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

- 10i.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2024-151 to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget to accept and appropriate funding from the Federal Transit Administration for a low or no emission grant in the amount of \$16,166,822

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

- 12a.** Fiscal Year 2024-25 Strategic Plan Executive Summary Final

City Manager Pete Lee requested consensus from the Council to finalize the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Strategic Plan Executive Summary and upload to the website.

Council agreed to finalize and post the summary to the website.

- **"Patriotic Skies" Fourth of July Drone Show Experience planned for Thursday, July 4, 2024**

City Manager Pete Lee encouraged the public to attend the "Patriotic Skies" Fourth of July Drone Show Experience scheduled for Thursday, July 4, 2024.

13. Ocala Police Department Report

- **Police Chief Mike Balken – Public Safety Opioid Response Efforts**

Police Chief Mike Balken discussed the public safety Opioid response efforts for June 17, 2024 to June 30, 2024. The Police Departments Opioid response efforts 6, overdose deaths 1, Narcan leave behind 1, and Amnesty participation 2. The Unified Drug Enforcement Strike Team received two awards: Drug Unit of The Year Award and

Agent of The Year Award. Furthermore, the department is investigating several homicides and has recently promoted several employees.

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

- Fire Chief Clint Welborn – Public Safety Opioid Response Efforts & Community Paramedicine

Deputy Fire Chief Clint Welborn discussed the public safety Opioid response efforts and community paramedicine program, for June 17, 2024 to June 30, 2024. The overdose response efforts 2, overdose deaths 0, Narcan leave behind 0. For the month, community paramedicine calls 68, OD2A calls 113, motor vehicle accidents 118, structural fires 6, and emergency calls 2,102. Furthermore, he invited Council to attend the Ladder 3 ceremony tomorrow at 9 am.

Council President Mansfield recognized the Fire Department for their community support efforts.

15. City Attorney's Report

15a. Approve settlement in the matter of Rachelle Williams and William H. Greene, Jr. v. City of Ocala, Florida with a proposed settlement amount of \$150,000.00

City Attorney Sexton discussed a settlement for the case known as Rachelle Williams and William H. Greene, Jr. v. City of Ocala, Florida. He requested Council approve the negotiated settlement amount of \$150,000.00.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

15b. Approve settlement in the matter of Tiffany Melkonian and Michael Secki v. City of Ocala, Florida with a proposed settlement amount of \$166,000.00

City Attorney Sexton discussed a settlement for the case known as Tiffany Melkonian and Michael Secki v. City of Ocala, Florida. He requested Council approve the negotiated settlement amount of \$166,000.00.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- Update on Rojas vs. City case

City Attorney Sexton reported the City is working on the case known as Rojas vs. City.

The City is working on scheduling a briefing meeting at the American Center for Law & Justice. Mr. Sexton recommended Council not comment on the cast while it remains in litigation.

16. Public Comments

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Thursday, July 4, 2024 - Independence Day holiday - City Offices closed
 - Tuesday, July 16, 2024 - Community Redevelopment Area Agency Meeting - 3:45pm, Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, July 16, 2024 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm, Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, August 6, 2024 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm, Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, August 13, 2024 - FY24/25 Budget Workshop - 12:00 pm, Council Chambers
- President Mansfield commented on the upcoming July 4th celebration Drone show

17a. Power Cost Adjustment Report - May 2024

17b. Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

17c. Monthly budget to actual report and Capital Improvement Project status report as of May 31, 2024

18. Comments by Mayor

- **Mayor Marciano encouraged everyone to attend the Fourth of July drone show**
- **Step Challenge update**

Mayor Marciano reported over sixty employees participated in the Step Challenge, and the City ended the challenge ranked 6th out of 100 communities. He congratulated Council Members Hilty and Musleh for being in the top ten City participants. He is hoping to introduce a new 30-day Step Challenge for January 2025 in which Council Members districts would compete against each other. He encouraged the public to attend the next workout event scheduled for Saturday, July 6, 2024, at Tusawilla Park.

19. Comments by City Council Members

- **Council Members Bethea and Hilty wished the public a great Fourth of July**

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:40 pm

Minutes

Barry Mansfield
Council President

Angel B. Jacobs
City Clerk