



Ocala City Council Agenda - Final

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

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.

1. Call to Order**2. Roll Call****3. Public Notice****4. Proclamations and Awards**

4a. [The Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award will be presented to Lynelle Fairchild](#)

4b. [Service Award - Chad Lynch - Ocala Electric Utility - 25 Years of Service](#)

4c. [Service Award - Fire Captain Joshua Phillips - Ocala Fire Rescue Department - 25 Years of Service](#)

4d. [Service Award - Dwain Thomas - Growth Management Department - 25 Years of Service](#)

5. Presentations

5a. [Ocala Municipal Arts Commission Fiscal Year 2023-24 Report](#)

Presentation By: Emily Parkman

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 the Fiscal Year 2025-26 tentative budget calendar](#)

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

6b. [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-121 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate program income for the City of Ocala's State Housing Initiative Program Grant program in the amount of \\$24,003](#)

BR-2025-121

Presentation By: James Haynes

6c. [Approve a Change Order for Task Order No. 1 with Black & Veatch Corporation to provide engineering services in response to a request for additional information on SE Watula Avenue and SE Broadway Street Letter of Map Revision application for an overall project cost of \\$54,450](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

6d. [Approve a one-year renewal of Connexo NetSense Service Maintenance Agreement with Honeywell in the amount of \\$64,862](#)

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

- 6e. [Approve the release of Blanket Easements granted on parcels No. 24228-003-00 and No. 24228-002-00 in exchange for Specific Replacement Easements](#)

Presentation By: Tracy Taylor

- 6f. [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-122 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice to reimburse overtime and operating expenses related to community policing education and programs up to \\$36,531](#)

BR-2025-122

Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 6g. [Approve minutes from September 11, 2024 City Council Special Meeting](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

- 6h. [Approve minutes from December 3, 2024 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.

8. Introduction and First Readings of Ordinances

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

- 9a. [Affordable Housing Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Report](#)

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 9b. [Approve the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report](#)

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 9c. [Adopt Ordinance 2025-1 to rezone approximately 4.63 acres for property located at 1712 SE Lake Weir Avenue \(Parcel 2920-010-008\) from INST, Institutional to B-2A, Limited Community Business \(Case ZON24-45752\) \(Quasi-Judicial\) - Previously postponed from October 15, 2024, November 19, 2024 and December 3, 2024, City Council meetings.](#)

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

Introduced by: Jay A. Musleh

- 9d. [Adopt Ordinance 2025-10 to rezone approximately 15.00 acres of property generally located in the 2000-3000 block of NW 35th Avenue Road, approximately 660 feet northwest of the intersection of NW 35th Avenue Road and NW 21st Street, \(Parcel 21466-000-00\) from R-1, Single-Family Residential, to B-2, Community Business \(Case ZON24-45826\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Emily Johnson

Introduced by: James P. Hilty Sr

- 9e. [Adopt Ordinance 2025-11 to annex approximately 1.29 acres for property located at 4001 NW Blichton Road \(Parcel 21537-002-00\) \(Case ANX24-45820\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Introduced by: Jay A. Musleh

- 9f. [Adopt Ordinance 2025-12 to change future land use designation of approximately 1.29 acres for property located at 4001 NW Blichton Road \(Parcel 21537-002-00\) from Commercial \(County\) to Medium Intensity/Special District \(City\) \(Case LUC24-45821\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Introduced by: Ire J. Bethea Sr

- 9g. [Adopt Ordinance 2025-13 to rezone approximately 1.29 acres for property located at 4001 NW Blichton Road \(Parcel 21537-002-00\) from B-2, Community Business \(County\), to B-2, Community Business \(City\) \(Case ZON24-45822\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Introduced by: Barry Mansfield

- 9h. [Adopt Ordinance 2025-14 to rezone approximately 15.46 acres for property located approximately 900 feet northwest of the intersection of SW College Road and SW 20th Court \(Parcel 23553-003-00 and Parcel 23561-000-00\) from R-1, Single-Family Residential, to R-3, Multi-Family Residential \(Case ZON24-45672\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

Introduced by: James P. Hilty Sr

10. General Business

- 10a.** [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-123 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to appropriate revenue and expenditures from the renewed Infrastructure Surtax in the amount of \\$9,116,456](#) **BR-2025-123**

Presentation By: Tammi Haslam

- 10b.** [Approve the annual agreement for business creation, retention, and attraction services with the Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership in the amount of \\$190,000](#)

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

- 10c.** [Approve a two-year contract renewal for drone show services for Fourth of July events with Sky Elements, LLC in the amount of \\$300,000](#)

Presentation By: Amy Casaletto

- 10d.** [Approve award of a contract to Florida Home Contractors, Inc., for rehabilitation services for the Terrell residence located on SW Fifth Place with a total project cost not to exceed \\$114,740](#)

Presentation By: James Haynes

- 10e.** [Approve the purchase of electric meters from Wesco Distribution, Inc. with an estimated expenditure of \\$2,000,000](#)

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

- 10f.** [Approve a one-year contract renewal with Extreme Enterprises of Marion County, Inc., for grounds maintenance services for the City's south section rights-of-way, medians, and city-owned lots with an expenditure of \\$177,239](#)

Presentation By: Darren Park

- 10g.** [Approve a three-year contract award to Sulter Precision Cuts, LLC for stormwater grounds maintenance services for the City's northeast section in the amount of \\$561,120](#)

Presentation By: Darren Park

- 10h.** [Approve the purchase of three Federal Transit Administration Category 3 cutaway style buses in the amount of \\$561,168](#)

Presentation By: Tom Duncan

- 10i.** [Approve the purchase of two acres for \\$156,000 from Ruth Still in support of the expansion project of Water Retention Area No. 222](#)

Presentation By: Tracy Taylor

- 10j. [Approve the award of a piggyback agreement to Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC, for the provision of wastewater odor and corrosion control services with an aggregate expenditure of \\$4,000,000](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

- 12a. [2025 State Legislative Priorities Draft](#)

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, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Eve and Day - City Offices closed

- Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - New Year's Day - City Offices closed

- Tuesday, January 7, 2025 - City Council meeting - 4:00 pm - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, January 21, 2025 - City Council meeting - 4:00 pm - Council Chambers

- Tuesday, January 28, 2025 - City Council Workshop: Sanitation - 12:00, Council Chambers

18. Comments by Mayor

19. Comments by City Council Members

20. Adjournment