



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, September 16, 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

2a. New Employees

- Jordan Price, Ocala Fiber Network
- Zachariah Farrell, Ocala Fiber Network
- Bradley Ottinger, Public Works
- Alex Jones, Public Works

3. Public Notice

- **Public Notice for the September 16, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on August 20, 2025**

4. Proclamations and Awards

- 4a.** Presentation of the Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award to Michael Hoffmann
- 4b.** Presentation of the Give4Marion Day Proclamation to Ocala/Marion County Community Foundation President and Executive Director, Lauren Delorio
- 4c.** Presentation of the Constitution Week Proclamation to the Daughters of the American Revolution Regent, Rochelle Gerofsky
- 4d.** Presentation of the Central Florida Community Action Agency Day Proclamation to CFCAA Board Member Dr. Gwendolyn B. Dawson
- 4e.** Presentation of the Osceola Middle School Centennial Celebration Proclamation to Osceola Middle School Principal Renee Johnson
- 4f.** Service Award – Sergeant Michael Diesso – Ocala Police Department - 25 Years of Service

RESULT: PULLED

- 4g.** Service Award – Captain Anthony Vizzini – 25 Years of Service

5. Presentations

- 5a.** Public Information Officer, Gregory Davis – Communications Update

- 5b.** CEP annual presentation by Tamara Fleischhaker and Heather Shubirg

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: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 6a.** Five-year Pole Attachment Agreement between the City of Ocala and Wire 3, LLC, outlining the terms for attaching telecommunications equipment to City-owned utility poles

- 6b.** See Item 7

- 6c.** Assignment of an airport hangar ground lease from Townley Engineering and Manufacturing to Tem2025Holdings, Inc.

- 6d.** Renewal of the annual maintenance and support contract of VMWare for the Ocala Police Department in the amount of \$86,303

- 6e.** Minutes from September 3, 2025 meeting

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.

- 6b.** Second amendment to the Agreement for Management of the Fort King Tennis Center to incorporate a management services fee in an amount not to exceed \$98,800

RESULT: TABLED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

AYE: Bethea Sr, Mansfield, Musleh, and Dreyer

NAY: Hilty Sr

8. Introduction and First Readings of Ordinances

(Second and Final Reading - October 7, 2025)

- 8a.** Ordinance 2025-41, amending Sec. 54-31 and 54-121, Code of Ordinances, City of Ocala, Florida, providing for maximum accumulation of waste and modifying the rate for multi-family units with roll-off compactors

Introduced By: Ire J. Bethea Sr

RESULT: INTRODUCED

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

Note: Items 9c through 9f will be heard at 5:01pm or shortly thereafter.

- 9a.** Permit for the sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption for Genki Izakaya, LLC., doing business as Koto Hibachi Express Sushi and Bubble Tea, located at 3811 SW College Road (Parcel 2388-002-00)(Quasi-Judicial)

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 9b.** Sale of beer, wine and liquor for on-premises consumption for Shelijen, LLC, doing business as, Staybridge Suites Ocala located at 4627 NW Blitchton Rd (Parcel 21509-001-02)(Quasi-Judicial)

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 9c.** Resolution 2025-182 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 millage rates for the Downtown Development Districts at the current rates of 1.7185 (District A), 1.6332 (District B), and 1.4699 (District C)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 9d.** Budget Resolution 2025-183 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget for the Downtown Development fund in the amount of \$695,065

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 9e.** Resolution 2025-184 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 millage rate for the City of Ocala at the current rate of 6.6177

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 9f.** Budget Resolution 2025-185 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget for the City of Ocala in the amount of \$1,152,885,830

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

10. General Business

- 10a.** Additional expenditures under the existing agreement with GFL Solid Waste Southeast LLC for solid waste disposal services in the amount of \$1,719,574 for an estimated contract total of \$19,368,574

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 10b.** Award of a five-year contract to GFL Solid Waste Southeast, LLC, for the provision of solid waste disposal services with an approximate total expenditure of \$19,412,250

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10c.** Seventh amendment to the agreement with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. for single-stream curbside recycling with a yearly expenditure of \$1,684,065

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10d.** Three-year contract award to Shellard Lighting Design, LLC, for holiday lighting and décor services in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$508,023

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10e.** Expenditures for a contract with CenturyLink/Lumen Technologies for bandwidth/metropolitan area network circuits in the amount of \$298,296

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10f.** Resolution 2025-41 to accept a Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement grant for the rehabilitation of the general aviation terminal apron in the amount of \$2,664,891

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 10g.** Resolution 2025-42 to accept a Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement grant to extend the runway safety area (Runway 36) in the amount of \$225,850

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10h.** One year renewal with Read's Uniforms, LLC, to provide fire rescue uniforms for an annual estimated expenditure of \$138,000

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10i.** Collective bargaining agreements with the Police Officer Bargaining Unit and the Lieutenants and Sergeants Bargaining Unit of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #129 for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

- Staff legislative priorities review
- O-Line Trolley update
- City staff recognition

13. Ocala Police Department Report

- Overview of Crime and Traffic Stops

- **Department Highlights**

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

- **Unit Responses**
- **Service calls update**
- **Department Highlights**

15. City Attorney's Report

- **Request for Quit Claim Deed**

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

16. Public Comments

- **Jason Tolbert, Resident, commented on homeless challenges**
- **Lindsey Turner, Resident, concerns of homeless issues**

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO Meeting - Marion County BOCC Auditorium
- Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - 3:30pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, November 4, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - Veteran's Day - City Offices closed
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices closed

17a. Fully Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

17b. Flood Insurance Assessment Report

18. Comments by Mayor

- **Ride-along with Code Enforcement**
- **Comments on Downtown Autumn decorations**
- **Workout with the Mayor event**

- 9/11 Memorial request

19. Comments by City Council Members

- Council Member Musleh thanked the public for supporting his reelection
- Council President Dreyer encouraged the public to go vote

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:53 pm