



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, October 7, 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

- Austin Cash, Engineering
- Misty Davis, Finance
- Gary Mix, Information Technology
- Wayne Ballew, Public Works
- Theran Hargrove, Public Works
- Anthony Russo, Public Works

3. Public Notice

- **Public Notice for the October 7, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on September 4, 2025**

4. Proclamations and Awards

- 4a.** Presentation of the Mayor's Citizen Lifesaving Award to Shady Hill Elementary School teachers Ms. Frances Lopez, Ms. Esther Rodriguez, and Health Clinic Assistant Miraki Johnson
- 4b.** Presentation of the National Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation to Jaye Baillie, Executive Director for the Marion Cultural Alliance at Brick City Center for the Arts
- 4c.** Presentation of the Community Planning Month Proclamation to Aubrey Hale, Planning Director and Planning Staff
- 4d.** Presentation of the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation to Ocala Fire Chief Clint Welborn
- 4e.** Presentation of the Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk Proclamation to Annie Marie Delgado, Founder and President of Conservative Watch USA
- 4f.** Presentation of a Commendation for the Blue Seal of Excellence Recognition by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence Award to John King, Director of Facilities and Fleet Maintenance Department

- 4g.** Presentation of the Public Power Week Proclamation to Director of Ocala Electric Utility, Doug Peebles

5. Presentations

- 5a.** Marion County Children's Alliance, Look Up - Put the Phone Down Campaign - by Beth McCall

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: Barry Mansfield

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

- 6a.** Task Work Order No. 2 with Tillman & Associates Engineering, LLC, for the provision of engineering services related to Lift Station No. 132 Force Main Upgrade in the amount of \$64,165

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6b.** Task Work Order No. 3 with Tillman & Associates Engineering, LLC, for the provision of engineering services related to Lift Station No. 87 Force Main Upgrade in the amount of \$69,050

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6c.** Task Work Order No. 4 with Tillman & Associates Engineering, LLC. for the provision of professional engineering services for the design of a permanent pump station for Drainage Retention Area 222 in the amount of \$69,920 and increase the aggregate expenditure threshold by \$75,000

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6d.** Task Work Order No. 5 with Tillman & Associates Engineering, LLC, for the provision of Professional Engineering Services for the design of a permanent pump station for Fisher Park Drainage Retention Area in the amount of \$69,920 and increase the aggregate expenditure threshold by \$75,000

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6e.** Gas Service Agreement with TECO Peoples Gas System, Inc. for natural gas services for Lift Station No. 125 in an amount not to exceed \$84,107

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6f.** Maricamp Marketplace Developer's Agreement

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

- 6g.** Perpetual Storm Sewer and Access Easement to the Florida Department of Transportation

Presentation By: Tracy Taylor

- 6h.** Resolution 2026-1 for a Perpetual Storm Sewer and Access Easement to the Florida Department of Transportation

Presentation By: Tracy Taylor

- 6i.** Re-appointment of John Dozier to the Firefighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees to a new two-year term ending October 4, 2027

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

- 6j.** City Council meeting minutes

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.** 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

Presentation By: Darren Park

Introduced By: Ire J. Bethea Sr

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

10. General Business

- 10a.** Agreement with General Underground, LLC, for the provision of construction services related to the SE 22nd Avenue Force Main Reroute Project for \$963,700, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total expenditure of \$1,060,070

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

- 10b.** Agreement with Marion Rock, LLC, for the provision of construction services related to the Lift Station No. 127 Force Main Reroute Phase 1 project in the amount of \$825,550

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10c.** Amendment No. 5 to the Professional Design Services Agreement for Water Treatment Plant No. 2 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 10d.** Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Retrofit Installation of Nutrient Removing Filtration System™ using Bold & Gold®™ Media at the Heritage Nature Conservancy Pond in the amount of \$271,500

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10e.** Budget Resolution 2026-100 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to appropriate funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Retrofit Installation of Nutrient Removing Filtration System™ using Bold & Gold®™ Media at the Heritage Nature Conservancy Pond in the amount of \$271,500

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10f.** Purchase of 15 bus shelters from Tolar Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$227,065

Presentation By: Tom Duncan

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10g.** Resolution 2026-2 to accept a Public Transit Grant Agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Ocala for operational funding for the Ocala/Marion County Public Transit System, SunTran, in the amount of \$796,934

Presentation By: Tom Duncan

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10h.** Budget Resolution 2026-101 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to accept and appropriate \$796,934 in Public Transportation Grant Agreement funds from the Florida Department of Transportation and \$808,934 in local matching funds to support the Ocala/Marion County Public Transit System, SunTran, for a total amount of \$1,605,868

Presentation By: Tom Duncan

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10i.** Budget Resolution 2026-102 to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to appropriate funds to support expenditures incurred as a result of Hurricane Helene in the amount of \$139,672

Presentation By: Peter Brill

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 10j.** Budget Resolution 2026-103 to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to appropriate funds to support expenditures incurred as a result of Hurricane Milton in the amount of \$1,486,524

Presentation By: Peter Brill

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10k.** One-year renewal agreement with Milsoft Utility Solutions, Inc. for utility outage reporting, outage management and interactive voice response system in the estimated amount of \$107,100

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 10l.** Multi-award contract for emergency oil spill response cleanup to Alpha Omega Training and Compliance, Inc., Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc., and ETC Services, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10m.** Five-year contract with Granicus for the redesign, implementation, and hosting of city websites with an estimated total cost of \$549,040

Presentation By: Christopher Ramos

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10n.** Purchase of citywide information technology equipment in the estimated amount of \$492,200

Presentation By: Christopher Ramos

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10o.** Utilization of Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement with National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase of four replacement vehicles for the Ocala Police Department in the amount of \$250,564

Presentation By: Liza Warmuth

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10p.** Marion County Standard Professional Services Emergency Solutions Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in the amount of \$99,437.50

Presentation By: James Haynes

RESULT: PULLED

- 10q.** Budget Resolution 2026-104 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to accept and appropriate Emergency Solutions Grant program funding from Marion County for outreach services in the amount of \$100,000

Presentation By: James Haynes

RESULT: PULLED

- 10r.** Utilization of piggyback contract awarded to Big D Roofing Services, Inc. for the provision of roofing trade contract services for an aggregate expenditure of \$500,000

Presentation By: Gary Crews

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

- **CEP new President Matt McCormick**
- **Solid Waste Rate Study Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 12:00 pm, in Council Chambers**
- **State of The City presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 7:30 am, at the Reilly Center**
- **2024-2025 Strategic Initiatives Milestones update**

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

16. Public Comments

- **James Cook, P.O. Box 507, Wildwood, FL, presented the Rail to Trail project proposal**
- **Reverend Jerome Gamble, 1205 NW 4th Street, Ocala, FL, spoke in opposition of the Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk Proclamation**
- **Reverend Reginald Willis Sr., Resident, spoke in opposition of the Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk Proclamation**
- **Reverend Martin Smith, 3035 Hwy 329, Reddick, FL, spoke in opposition of the Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk Proclamation**
- **Jason Tolbert, Resident, commented on the Dignity House organization**
- **Michael McAdams, 188 SE 61st Court, Ocala, FL, spoke in support of the Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk Proclamation**

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - 3:30pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, October 28, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO Meeting - Marion County BOCC Auditorium
 - Tuesday, November 4, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - Veteran's Day - City Offices closed
 - Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - 12:00pm - City Council Workshop Re: Solid Waste Rate - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
 - Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
 - Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28, 2025 - Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices closed
- 17a.** Fully Executed Contracts Under \$50,000
- 17b.** Power Cost Adjustment Report - August 2025
- 17c.** Monthly budget to actual report and Capital Improvement Project status report as of August 31, 2025

18. Comments by Mayor

- **Mayor Marciano recognized School Board Member Lori Conrad for attending tonight's meeting**
- **Mayor Marciano introduced Police Chaplain Joe Hassler**

19. Comments by City Council Members

- **Council Member Bethea expressed concern regarding the proclamation presented to honor the legacy of Charlie Kirk**

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:55 pm