



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, July 1, 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

3. Public Notice

- **Public Notice for the July 1, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on June 10, 2025**

4. Proclamations and Awards

- 4a.** Presentation of the Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation to Director of Recreation and Parks Julie Johnson, Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks Bill Rodriguez, and division head staff members

5. Presentations

- a.** Presentation of the '2025 Legislative Session Debrief' by Sarah Suskey and Stephen Shiver, The Advocacy Partners
- b.** Building Officials Association of Florida selected Mike Brown, Ocala Chief Building Inspector, as the 2025 Building Inspector of the Year

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: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 6a.** Approve the purchase of two generator electronic control module upgrades from Caterpillar Inc., utilizing a Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \$68,521
Presentation By: Liza Warmuth
- 6b.** Approve an Agreement for Subordination of Utility Interest to the Florida Department of Transportation
Presentation By: Tracy Taylor
- 6c.** Adopt Resolution 2025-32 for an Agreement for Subordination of Utility Interest to the Florida Department of Transportation
Presentation By: Tracy Taylor
- 6d.** Approve the partial release of a utility easement encumbering Parcel #35512-002-00
Presentation By: Stephanie Galarza
- 6e.** Approve the release of a utility easement encumbering Parcels 35512-002-00, 35512-001-05, 35512-001-07, and 35512-001-00
Presentation By: Stephanie Galarza
- 6f.** Approve one-year renewals of janitorial services contracts with First Coast Franchising, Inc. d/b/a Jani King of Jacksonville and Serviamigos Solutions, LLC, with an aggregate expenditure of \$51,694
Presentation By: John King
- 6g.** Approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with Florida Municipal Power Agency for Leased Employee Services in an amount not to exceed \$90,000
Presentation By: Doug Peebles
- 6h.** Approve the purchase of inventory items for Ocala Electric Utility from multiple vendors in the amount of \$65,370
Presentation By: Doug Peebles
- 6i.** Approve award to Gresco Utility Supply for the sole source purchase of triple-single reclosers and related inventory items for Ocala Electric Utility in the amount of \$64,398
Presentation By: Doug Peebles
- 6j.** Approve one-year renewal of the contract with Boot Barn, Inc., for discount pricing on protective footwear in the amount of \$88,000
Presentation By: Devan Kikendall
- 6k.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-162 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate a community donation for K-9-related expenses in the amount of \$200
Presentation By: Michael Balken
- 6l.** Approve an agreement between the School Board of Marion County and the Ocala Police Department giving the Ocala Police Department access to the School Board of Marion County's cameras in times of emergency
Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 6m.** Approve City Council meeting minutes from June 17, 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

(Second and Final Reading - July 15, 2025)

- 8a.** Introduce Ordinance 2025-33 to rezone approximately 18.24 acres for the property located southwest of the intersection at SW 48th Avenue and SW 49th Place (Parcel 23832-000-00 and a portion of 23894-002-00) from R-3, Multi-Family Residential, to B-2, Community Business (Case ZON25-0007) (Quasi-Judicial)

Introduced By: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

- 9a.** Request to postpone to the July 15, 2025 City Council meeting - Adopt Resolution 2025-29 to abrogate a portion of NE 47th Court between Block I, Lot 2 and Block F, Lot 17 of Glynnwood Unit 1 as recorded in Plat Book G, Page 91, of the public records of Marion County, Florida (Parcels 2735-0006-017 & 2735-009-002) (Case ABR23-45418) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9b.** Request to postpone to the July 15, 2025 City Council meeting - Adopt Ordinance 2025-29 to change the Future Land Use designation on approximately 0.78 acres for property located in the 1900 block of NE 49th Avenue (Parcels 2735-006-017 and 2735-009-002) from Neighborhood to Low Intensity (Case LUC23-45427) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

Introduced By: Ire J. Bethea Sr

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9c.** Request to postpone to the July 15, 2025 City Council meeting - Adopt Ordinance 2025-30 to rezone approximately 6.83 acres for property located at the southwestern corner of the intersection at NE 49th Avenue and E Silver Springs Boulevard (Parcel 2735-000-002, 2735-009-001, 2735-009-002, 2735-006-017, and a portion of parcel 27028-004-03) from PD, Planned Development, R-1, Single-Family Residential, & B-2, Community Business, to PD, Planned Development (Case PD23-45431) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

Introduced By: James P. Hilty Sr

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9d.** Request to postpone to the July 15, 2025 City Council meeting - Adopt Ordinance 2025-31 to rezone approximately 0.59 acres for property located at the southwestern corner of the intersection at NE 49th Avenue and E Silver Springs Boulevard (a portion of 2735-000-002) from PD, Planned Development, to B-2, Community Business (Case ZON23-45419) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

Introduced By: Barry Mansfield

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9e.** Request to postpone to the July 15, 2025 City Council meeting - Adopt Resolution 2025-30 to approve a resolution for a Planned Development Plan and Standards Book for property located at the southwestern corner of the intersection at NE 49th Avenue and E Silver Springs Boulevard (Parcel 2735-000-002, 2735-009-001, 2735-009-002, 2735-006-017, and a portion of parcel 27028-004-03), approximately 6.83 acres (Case No. PD23-45431) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

RESULT: POSTPONED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 9f.** Adopt Resolution 2025-33 to amend the Planned Development, Plan and Standards Book for property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of NE 25th Avenue and NE 28th Street (Parcel 24274-000-00), approximately 12.61 acres (Case No. PD24-45735) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Emily W. Johnson

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 9g.** Adopt Ordinance 2025-32 to amend the boundaries of the Ridge at Heath Brook Community Development District generally located southeast of SW Highway 200 (College Road) and west of I-75 by adding approximately 29.142 acres to increase the size of the Community Development District to approximately 104.938 acres (Case No. CDD25-0001) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Emily Johnson

Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

10. General Business

- 10a.** Approve additional expenditures and Task Work Order No. 3 under the City's continuing professional architectural services agreement with Architecture Studio, Inc., for the provision of architectural and engineering services related to the Water Resources Utility Maintenance Complex in the amount of \$279,000, and increasing the aggregate threshold to \$750,000

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10b.** Approve Task Work Order No.43 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the provision of engineering services related to the update of the City's Reclaimed Water Master Plan in the amount of \$88,209

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

- AYE:** Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, Musleh, and Dreyer
- 10c.** Approve Task Work Order No. 44 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the provision of engineering services related to Water Reclamation Facility Biosolids System Evaluation in the amount of \$80,586
- Presentation By: Sean Lanier
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr
- SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield
- AYE:** Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, Musleh, and Dreyer
- 10d.** Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-163 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to transfer funds from the Water Resources Reserve for Contingency account for professional services in the amount of \$550,000
- Presentation By: Sean Lanier
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
- MOVER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr
- SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield
- AYE:** Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, Musleh, and Dreyer
- 10e.** Approve award of a two-year contract to Chinese Connection Painting, Inc., Lamphier Company, and Overall Contractors Group, Inc. for the provision of citywide painting services with an estimated aggregate expenditure of \$250,000
- Presentation By: Gary Crews
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr
- SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield
- AYE:** Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, Musleh, and Dreyer
- 10f.** Approve agreement with Powerserve Technologies, Inc. for the provision of design and furnishing of relays and panels for the Dearmin and Water Plant Substations in the amount of \$298,373
- Presentation By: Doug Peebles
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Barry Mansfield
- SECONDER:** Jay A. Musleh
- AYE:** Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, Musleh, and Dreyer

- 10g.** Approve award of a two-year contract with Brian Bombassei, LLC for miscellaneous pavement striping and marking services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000

Presentation By: Darren Park

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10h.** Approve the purchase of five Federal Transit Administration Heavy-duty Category B 35-foot low-floor plus battery electric transit buses from Gillig, LLC, in the amount of \$6,264,500

Presentation By: Tom Duncan

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10i.** Approve employee paid insurance plans for dental, vision, life, group Medicare, short-term disability, pet, legal services, flexible spending accounts, and cancer/accident/critical illness at no cost to the City and City paid plans in an annual amount \$175,500 for life insurance, \$11,345 for flexible spending account administration, and \$19,709 for Employee Assistance Program premiums

Presentation By: Devan Kikendall

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

11. Internal Auditor's Report

12. City Manager's Report

- **July 4th Patriot Skies event**

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

- Approval of a Satisfaction and Release of Lien for a Nuisance Abatement Board lien dated August 7, 2012

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

16. Public Comments**17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items**

- Friday, July 4, 2025 - Independence Day Holiday - City Offices closed
- Tuesday, July 15, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, July 15, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 5, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - 12:00pm - City Council Workshop Re: FY 2025-26 Budget - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers

17a. Power Cost Adjustment Report - May 2025

18. Comments by Mayor

- **July 4th Patriot Skies event**
- **Letter of Support for World Equestrian Center sports complex project**

19. Comments by City Council Members

- **Council Member Mansfield expressed concern regarding crosswalks established by FDOT across SR200**
- **Council Member Mansfield expressed concern for Downtown businesses**
- **Council Member Hilty reported on fiber installation complaints**

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:24 pm