



Ocala City Council Agenda - Final

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

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

Ire Bethea Sr., Council President
Jay A. Musleh, Pro Tem
Kristen Dreyer
James P. Hilty Sr.
Barry Mansfield

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**

- 2a. New Employees
- Layton Word, Electric
 - Thomas Valenti, Information Technology
 - Jameel Barnes, Procurement
 - Caspian Cameron, Water Resources
 - Kamila Falcon, Water Resources
 - Amber Lopez, Water Resources
 - William Nelson, Water Resources
 - Peyton Schooley, Water Resources
 - Corey Sherrod, Water Resources
 - Matteo Villacorta, Water Resources

3. Public Notice**4. Proclamations and Awards**

- 4a. [Presentation of the Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award to Alina Stoothoff](#)
- 4b. [Presentation of the Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation to Director of Recreation and Parks Kathy Crile, Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks Bill Rodriguez, and division head staff members](#)

5. Presentations**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. [SunTran 2026 Public Transit Agency Safety Plan annual update as required by the Federal Transit Administration 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 673](#)

Presentation By: Tom Duncan

- 6b. [Budget Resolution 2026-148 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to accept and appropriate funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to reimburse expenses relating to the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program funds in the amount of \\$22,854](#)

BR-2026-148

Presentation By: Michael Balken

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- 6c. [Budget Resolution 2026-149 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to appropriate funds from the Police Trust and Agency Fund Reserve for the purchase of a tested single-purpose explosives detection K9 in the amount of \\$15,800](#) **[BR-2026-149](#)**
- Presentation By:** Michael Balken
- 6d. [Contract with JRD & Associates to perform a Growth Management Department fee study pertaining to development and building permit fees, with a not-to-exceed amount of \\$91,546](#)
- Presentation By:** Jeff Shrum
- 6e. [Budget Resolution 2026-150 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to transfer funds from the Building Fund Reserve for Fund Balance for a fee study in the amount of \\$42,558](#) **[BR-2026-150](#)**
- Presentation By:** Jeff Shrum
- 6f. [Award of the contract for rehabilitation of the Johnson residence located at 2015 NW First Street to The Ford Design Group, LLC, for a total project cost not to exceed \\$52,000](#)
- Presentation By:** James Haynes
- 6g. [TBMI Commercial Outparcel Development Conceptual Subdivision](#)
- Presentation By:** Aubrey Hale
- 6h. [Mockingbird Ridge Conceptual Subdivision](#)
- Presentation By:** Aubrey Hale
- 6i. [Estoppel certificate for Gabriels Winghouse, LLC ground lease](#)
- Presentation By:** Matthew Grow
- 6j. [Estoppel certificate for Londons Landholdings, LLC ground lease](#)
- Presentation By:** Matthew Grow
- 6k. [Removal of Recreation Commission member Reinaldo Mercado](#)
- Presentation By:** Kathy Crile
- 6l. [Appointment of Charles Hannah to the Municipal Code Enforcement Board as an alternate](#)
- Presentation By:** Angel Jacobs
- 6m. [City Council meeting minutes](#)
- Presentation By:** Angel Jacobs
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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 21, 2026)

- 8a.** [Ordinance 2026-21 amending Chapter 43, Article V, Code of Ordinances, City of Ocala, Florida \(Police Officers' Retirement System\), to conform to the 2025-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Ocala and the Fraternal Order of Police](#) **ORD-2026-21**

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

- 9a.** [Resolution 2026-42 for the downtown event zone to allow alcoholic beverage sales \(beer, wine, and liquor\) as part of the Christmas-in-July event on July 25, 2026 \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#) **RES-2026-42**

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

- 9b.** [Resolution 2026-43 to abrogate portions of public rights-of-way appearing on the Lake Louise Estates Plat, Plat Book F, Page 114, and Lake Louise Manor Plat, Plat Book G, Page 58-61, of the public records of Marion County, Florida, approximately 7.21 acres. \(Case ABR25-0008\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#) **RES-2026-43**

Presentation By: Endira Madraveren

- 9c.** [Ordinance 2026-19 to rezone from O-1, Office District, to B-2A, Limited Business Commercial District, for property located at 619 SE 17th Street \(Parcel 2917-002-000\), approximately 2.04 acres \(Case ZON26-0002\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#)

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

Introduced by: James P. Hilty Sr

10. General Business

- 10a.** [Fourth amendment for a five-year renewal of the interlocal agreement with Marion County for the disposal of the City's household hazardous and electronic waste items, with a total contract value of \\$141,325](#)

Presentation By: Darren Park

- 10b.** [Additional expenditures under the contract with Cogent Communications, Inc. for an aggregate expenditure of \\$439,600](#)

Presentation By: Kenneth Jamerson

- 10c. [Renewal of employee paid insurance plans for dental, vision, voluntary life insurance, group Medicare, short-term disability, pet insurance, legal services, identity theft protection, cancer/accident/critical illness benefits, and voluntary retiree life insurance, and the renewal of City paid insurance plans for basic life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance in the amount of \\$183,250, long-term disability in the amount of \\$353,632, employee assistance program services in the amount of \\$19,709, flexible spending account administration in the amount of \\$8,665, and health insurance administration fees in an amount not to exceed \\$795,000 for the October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 plan year](#)

Presentation By: Todd Swanson

- 10d. [One-year renewal of contract with Tyler Technologies for ongoing service and maintenance costs for the City's financial and human resource enterprise software, Munis, with an estimated expenditure amount of \\$267,546](#)

Presentation By: Kelly Vann

- 10e. [Purchase of a four-drum cable puller/tensioner trailer from Altec, Inc., utilizing a Sourcewell Contract in the amount of \\$164,643](#)

Presentation By: John King

- 10f. [Utilization of the Florida Sheriffs Association agreement with Nextran Truck Centers for the purchase of a Mack refuse chassis for Public Works, in the amount of \\$299,604](#)

Presentation By: John King

- 10g. [Selection of applicants to fill vacancies on the Recreation Commission](#)

Presentation By: Angel Jacobs

11. **Internal Auditor's Report**
12. **City Manager's Report**
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, July 21, 2026 - Community Redevelopment Area Agency meeting - 3:30pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 4, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - City Council workshop RE: FY 2026/27 Budget - 12:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - Community Redevelopment Area Agency meeting - 3:45pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, August 25, 2026 - TPO Meeting - 3:00pm - Marion County Board of County Commissions Auditorium
- Monday, September 7, 2026 - Labor Day - City Offices Closed
- Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Wednesday, September 9, 2026 - City Council Special Meeting for First Public Hearing re: FY 2026/27 Budget and Fire Assessment - 5:00pm - Council Chambers

17a. [Power Cost Adjustment Report - May 2026](#)

17b. [Fully Executed Contracts Under \\$50,000](#)

18. Comments by Mayor**19. Comments by City Council Members****20. Adjournment**