



# Ocala City Council Agenda - Final

## Tuesday, March 4, 2025

### 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**

- 2a. New Employees
- Matthew Alborn, Electric Engineering
  - Gino Della Libera, Electric Engineering
  - Crystal Richardson, Electric Engineering
  - Felix Clint Smith, Electric Engineering
  - Brian Smith, Ocala Fiber Network

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

- 4a. [Presentation of the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Commendation to Transitions Life Center Executive Director Sabrina Hughes, Board President James Darren Ritch, and to Vice President and Founder Linda Paglia](#)
- 4b. [Presentation of the Flood Awareness Week Proclamation to City Engineering Director Sean Lanier and to the Public Works Stormwater and Stormwater Engineering Staff](#)

**5. Presentations**

- 5a. [Public Information Officer, Gregory Davis - Communications Update](#)

**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 an amendment to the Ocala Fiber Network consulting agreement with Uptown Services, LLC for additional implementation and support services totaling \\$89,000](#)

Presentation By: Mel Poole

- 6b. [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-134 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to accept and appropriate funds from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the School Security Assessment Grant Program in the amount of \\$3,956](#)

**BR-2025-134**

Presentation By: Michael Balken

- 6c. [Approve the appointment of Dennis P. McFatten to the West Ocala Redevelopment Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending March 1, 2028](#)

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

- 6d. [Honorary street name designation of “Whitfield Jenkins Road” for NW 24th Road from NW 20th Street to NW 21st Avenue](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 6e. [Approve minutes from February 18, 2025, 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**

(Second and Final Reading - March 18, 2025)

- 8a. [Introduce Ordinance 2025-18 to change the Future Land Use designation on approximately 12.81 acres for property located at 3001 NE 21st Street \(Parcel 24264-001-04\) and the parcel directly to the east \(Parcel 24264-000-00\) from Employment Center to Public \(Case LUC25-0002\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#) [\*\*ORD-2025-18\*\*](#)

- 8b. [Introduce Ordinance 2025-19 to rezone approximately 12.81 acres for the property located at 3001 NE 21st Street \(Parcel 24262-001-04\) and the parcel directly to the east \(Parcel 24264-000-00\) from M-1, Light Industrial, to G-U, Governmental Use \(Case ZON25-0002\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#) [\*\*ORD-2025-19\*\*](#)

- 8c. [Introduce Ordinance 2025-20 to change the Future Land Use designation on approximately 12.42 acres for property located in the 1800 block of SW 15th Avenue \(Parcel 23656-017-00 and 23656-017-16\) from Employment to Public \(Case LUC25-0001\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#) [\*\*ORD-2025-20\*\*](#)

- 8d. [Introduce Ordinance 2025-21 to rezone approximately 12.42 acres for property located in the 1800 block of SW 15th Avenue \(Parcel 23656-017-00 and 23656-017-16\) from M-1, Light Industrial \(City\) to G-U, Governmental Use \(City\) \(Case ZON25-0001\) \(Quasi-Judicial\)](#) [\*\*ORD-2025-21\*\*](#)

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

**10. General Business**

- 10a.** [Approve agreement with Platform Group, LLC for design-build services for the Ocala Skate Park Expansion Project in the amount of \\$884,561, plus a 10 percent contingency amount of \\$88,457, for a total expenditure of \\$973,018](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10b.** [Adopt Budget Resolution 2025-135, amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget to transfer funds from the General Fund Reserve for Projects account to increase available funding for the Ocala Skate Park expansion project in the amount of \\$473,018](#)

**BR-2025-135**

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10c.** [Approve Amendment No.1 to modify the Consumer Price Index language of the five-year agreement with A.C.M.S., Inc. d/b/a Heart of Florida Environmental for the disposal of City wastewater treatment plant biosolids](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10d.** [Approve additional expenditures under the agreement with Art Walker Construction, Inc. for lime sludge hauling services at Water Treatment Plant No. 1 with an increased aggregate expenditure amount of \\$416,700](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10e.** [Approve Interlocal Agreement with Marion County for the SW 40th/49th Avenue Improvements Project in the amount of \\$2,195,281 plus a 10 percent contingency amount of \\$219,528 for a total project cost not to exceed \\$2,414,809](#)

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

- 10f.** [Approve continued use of the State of Florida's alternative source agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for citywide purchases of radio equipment and consumables with an increased estimated aggregate contract value of \\$207,782](#)

Presentation By: Joshua Sasso

- 10g.** [Approve the purchase of flooring and installation services utilizing Omnia Partners' cooperative purchasing agreement with Engineered Floors, LLC with an aggregate expenditure of \\$200,000](#)

Presentation By: Gary Crews

- 10h. [Approve the purchase of inventory items for Ocala Electric Utility from multiple vendors in an amount not to exceed \\$1,218,980](#)

Presentation By: Doug Peebles

- 10i. [Approve award of a three-year contract to Solo Cats Services, LLC for stormwater ground maintenance services for the City's southwest section in the amount of \\$420,504](#)

Presentation By: Darren Park

- 10j. [Approve re-award of the contract for street sweeping services to Shosha Services, LLC with an expenditure of \\$296,550](#)

Presentation By: Darren Park

**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**

- 15a. [Approval of property transfer transaction - including \(1\) transfer of drainage retention area to B & W Land Holdings, LLC; \(2\) reservation of drainage easement; and \(3\) grant of drainage easement - by Special Warranty Deed, Reservation of Drainage Easement, and Grant of Drainage Easement together with authorization for Council President to execute the same](#)

**16. Public Comments**

**17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items**

- Wednesday, March 12, 2025 - 9:00am - Joint Meeting MCPS, Municipalities & MCBCC - Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Auditorium
- Thursday, March 13, 2025 - 9:00am - Joint City/County Workshop to discuss the Gap Analysis TDC - McPherson Governmental Campus Auditorium
- Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, March 25, 2025 - 3:00pm - TPO meeting
- Tuesday, April 1, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers
- Thursday, April 10, 2025 - 8:30am to 3:00pm - City Council Annual Strategic Planning Session - Reilly Arts Center
- Tuesday, April 15, 2025 - 3:45pm - CRA Board meeting - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, April 15, 2025 - 4:00pm - City Council meeting - Council Chambers

- 17a. [Power Cost Adjustment Report - January 2025](#)

- 17b. [Informational item regarding the emergency purchase of two 500kW mobile generators from Cummins in the amount of \\$594,416](#)
- 17c. [Executed Contracts Under \\$50,000](#)
- 18. **Comments by Mayor**
- 19. **Comments by City Council Members**
- 20. **Adjournment**