



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, March 4, 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 President Kristen M. Dreyer

Excused: Council Member Jay A. Musleh

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

Public Notice for the March 4, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on February 12, 2025

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.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 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

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)

Introduced By: Barry Mansfield

- 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)

Introduced By: James P. Hilty Sr

- 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)

Introduced By: Ire J. Bethea Sr

- 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)

Introduced By: James P. Hilty Sr

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 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

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

ABSENT: Musleh

- 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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

AYE: Bethea Sr, Hilty Sr, and Dreyer

NAY: Mansfield

ABSENT: Musleh

11. Internal Auditor's Report

Audit reporting transparency

12. City Manager's Report

Parking Garage #2 public meeting date to be determined

Solid Waste workshop to be determined

Annual Lineman Competition

13. Ocala Police Department Report

Overview of Crime and Traffic Stops

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

Unit Responses

Service calls update

Department Highlights

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Ire J. Bethea Sr

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

ABSENT: Musleh

16. Public Comments

Lourene Ek, 5907 SW 59th Street, thanked City Council and City employees for their service

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

Acknowledgement of Kut Different Members

Healthy Ocala

19. Comments by City Council Members

Council Member Mansfield commented on the following: Hillcrest School, parking garage #2, and public complaints

Council Member Hilty commented on the following: Hillcrest School, successful Lineman Competition, and Parks & Receptions Department

Council President Dreyer recognized City staff for their hard work competing in the Lineman Competition at WEC

Council Member Bethea commented on the following: Lineman Competition, Strawberry Festival, and Ms. Ek's comments

20. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:16 pm