



# Ocala

## City Council

### Minutes

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Ocala, FL 34471

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**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

**4:00 PM**

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#### **1. Call to Order**

- a. Opening Ceremony
  1. Invocation
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Welcome and Roll Call

**Present:** Mayor Reuben Kent Guinn  
Pro Tem Barry Mansfield  
Council Member Ire J. Bethea Sr  
Council Member Kristen M. Dreyer  
Council Member Jay A. Musleh  
Council President James P. Hilty Sr

Municipal Officers/Others Present: The meeting was also attended by City Manager Peter Lee, City Attorney William Sexton, Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead, City Clerk Angel Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk Pamela Omichinski, Fire Chief Clint Welborn, Deputy Police Chief Louis Biondi, Internal Auditor Randall Bridgeman, City Projects Director Tye Chighizola, Marketing & Communication Manager Ashley Dobbs, Deputy Director Planning Aubrey Hale, Budget Director Tammi Haslam, Director of Facilities & Fleet Management John King, City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier, Chief Financial Officer Janice Mitchell, Director of Electric Utility Doug Peebles, Director of Parks & Recreation Preston Pooser, Strategic & Legislative Affairs Administrator Jeannine Robbins, Director of Finance Emory Roberts, Procurement & Contracting Officer Daphne Robinson, Chief of Staff Chris Watt, Ocala Police Dept Representative, IT Representative, The Press and other interested parties.

- c. New Employees
  - Cora Smit-Welter - Growth Management

#### **2. Public Notice**

**Public Notice for the April 18, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on March 1, 2023**

#### **3. Proclamations & Awards**

- 3a.** Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented to Rachel Fautsch, City of Ocala Community Outreach Manager; Amy Casaletto, City of Ocala Special Services Division Head; and Anthony Santangelo, OEU Vegetation Manager/Utility Forester

Mayor Guinn presented a proclamation for Arbor Day. The City proclaims April 28,

2023, as Arbor Day.

OEU Vegetation Manager/Utility Forester Anthony Santangelo thanked the Mayor and City for the proclamation award.

Community Outreach Manager Rachel Fautsch stated the City received its 33rd Tree City USA recognition award.

Special Services Division Head Amy Casaletto invited the public to attend the Earth Fest event scheduled on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

**3b. Arab American Heritage Month Proclamation will be presented to Dr. Manal Fakhoury**

Mayor Guinn presented a proclamation for Arab American Heritage Month. The City proclaims April 2023, as Arab American Heritage Month.

Abdul, Financial Advisor with Northwestern Mutual, thanked the community for their support.

Tania Bartolini, Attorney, stated she feels honored to be here today.

**3c. Service Award - Cheryl Friedman - Customer Service Utility Office - 25 Years of Service**

City Manager Pete Lee and Mayor Guinn presented a service award to Cheryl Friedman in appreciation of her 25 years of service to the City of Ocala.

**3d. Service Award - Sergeant Jeffrey Hurst - Ocala Police Department - 20 Years of Service**

City Manager Pete Lee and Mayor Guinn presented a service award to Sergeant Jeffrey Hurst in appreciation of his 20 years of service to the City of Ocala.

**3e. Service Award - Sergeant Jared Sieg - Ocala Police Department - 20 Years of Service**

City Manager Pete Lee and Mayor Guinn presented a service award to Sergeant Jared Sieg in appreciation of his 20 years of service to the City of Ocala.

**3f. Service Award - Sergeant Scott Rowe - Ocala Police Department - 20 Years of Service**

City Manager Pete Lee and Mayor Guinn presented a service award to Sergeant Scott Rowe in appreciation of his 20 years of service to the City of Ocala.

**3g. Service Award - Ryan Brady - Ocala Fire Rescue - 20 Years of Service**

City Manager Pete Lee and Mayor Guinn presented a service award to Ryan Brady in appreciation of his 20 years of service to the City of Ocala.

**4. Presentations**

4a. Early Voting - Wesley Wilcox, Supervisor of Elections

Marion County's Elections Supervisor Wesley Wilcox provided a brief overview of the early voting regulations. The City will expense \$1,350 per day for early voting operations. The plan is to open early voting on September 14, 2023 to September 16, 2023, from 10 am to 6 pm.

Council Member Musleh stated he favors the proposed dates. He requested staff add the topic as an agenda item for the first meeting scheduled in May.

Mr. Wilcox confirmed the same process will be used for the runoff election in November 2023. Furthermore, cost estimates will be submitted to the City in June.

5. **Public Comments**

**Sharma Robinson, 621 NW 2nd Street, expressed concern regarding SunTran bus operations**

Sharma Robinson, 621 NW 2nd Street, expressed concern regarding SunTran bus operations. The bus drivers are skipping routes, and not following the time schedule. Furthermore, the buses lack proper maintenance.

6. **Public Hearings**

6a. Open a public hearing and transmit a text amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (Case No. CPTA23-45126) concerning criteria for the Medium Intensity/Special District Land Use Classification (Policy 6.2) of Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan

Council President Hilty opened a public hearing 4:29 pm.

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola reported a transmittal text amendment will be sent to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and the City will present an ordinance in June. The amendment addresses criteria for the Medium Intensity/Special District Land Use Classification. He provided a brief overview of the procedure and compliance plan. Furthermore, the Planning & Zoning Commission and City staff recommend approval.

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

7. **Second and Final Reading of Ordinances**

(All are Public Hearings)

7a. Adopt Ordinance 2023-44 to rezone from GU, Governmental Use, to M-1, Light

Industrial, for property located on the west side of SW 60th Avenue approximately 615 feet north of SW 38th Street, approximately 7 acres (Case # ZON22-44988)  
(Quasi-Judicial)

**Introduced By:** Ire J. Bethea Sr

Development Services Director Jeff Shrum commented the applicant is requesting to rezone three properties from GU (Governmental Use) to M-I (Light Industrial). The Planning & Zoning Commission and City staff recommend approval.

Fred Roberts, 40 SE 11th Avenue, stated he is representing the applicant. The request is related to the acquisition of property under contract. Furthermore, he is available to answer any questions.

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

## **8. General Business**

- 8a.** Approve a ten-year Interlocal Agreement between Marion County, Florida, and the City of Ocala for the provision of continued animal control services within the limits of the city with an expenditure amount for FY22/23 of \$502,700

Councilman Mansfield made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Continued Animal Control Services between Marion County, Florida and the City of Ocala as presented with the minor adjustment of the first annual payment from \$188,655.11 to \$185,747.11 - which represents a \$2,908.00 savings to the City – and with the addition of language requiring Marion County to return to the City of Ocala any equipment paid for by the City of Ocala, provided that said equipment is not more than five years old.

Council Member Dreyer asked why the start date was modified in the agreement. City Attorney Sexton explained the new start date aligns with the fiscal year.

Council Member Musleh asked if the contract includes a cancellation clause. Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead responded the City can terminate the contract within 18-months written notice after 4.5-years.

City Attorney Sexton confirmed Section 10B allows the City to terminate the contract with a 30-day notice for failure to provide the obligated services.

Council Member Musleh requested the City provide an annual report to Council twice a year.

City Attorney Sexton confirmed the agreement includes the obligations and standard of

services with Council Member Dreyer.

City Manager Pete Lee assured Council the level of services will be maintained by having two dedicated officers. Furthermore, quarterly reports will be provided to Council.

Council Members Dreyer and Bethea requested the City add language regarding the return of equipment upon termination of the contract.

Brian Creekbaum, 103 NE 31st Terrace, provided a brief overview of the County's poor animal control services. He expressed concern regarding the proposed 5-year contract term. He requested Council consider the County's negligence before executing the agreement.

Motion amended: Approve a ten-year Interlocal Agreement between Marion County, Florida, and the City of Ocala for the provision of continued animal control services within the limits of the city with an expenditure amount for FY22/23 of \$502,700, with an additional provision of language to be included for the County to return to the City equipment purchased within five years of termination of the agreement.

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Barry Mansfield

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**8b.** Adopt Resolution 2023-24 revising the official golf cart map to include portions of downtown Ocala

Kyle Yancey, Ocala Main Street Board Member, 1519 SE 24th Avenue, spoke in support of the expansion. The survey shows 80% of Downtown businesses support the expansion. Furthermore, the expansion will greatly benefit the community and improve parking/traffic. The Police Department confirmed there have been no major incidents involving golf carts; and the ordinance was updated to promote pedestrian safety by requiring golf cart operators to have a driver's license.

Tim Bascom, 2335 SE 7th Street, spoke in support of the expansion. The expansion will greatly benefit small business owners Downtown by increasing foot traffic. Furthermore, Council should take into consideration zero bodily injury claims related to golf carts.

Kris Zlotecki, 4527 E Fort King Street, spoke in support of the expansion. He is the General Manager for a hospitality group located Downtown. He noted two golf carts can fit into one parking space, which will remedy the existing parking issues. Furthermore, they plan on dedicating parking for golf carts to increase business Downtown.

Jessica Fieldhouse, Executive Director at Ocala Main Street, 10527 SE 52nd Court,

spoke in favor of the expansion. The Harvard study predicted golf carts will be a transformable option for future transportation. Research shows neighboring communities are expanding their golf cart programs; and the proposed map has safer boundaries off major roadways. She requested Council adopt the resolution.

Larry Busch, President at Ocala Main Street, 9174 SE 7th Avenue Road, spoke in favor of the expansion. He explained how expanding the use of golf carts will increase business Downtown.

Michael Carey, 2425 SE 13th Street, spoke in favor of the expansion. He explained how golf cart insurance is very affordable and a safer vehicle option for the public.

Brian Creekbaum, 103 NE 31st Terrace, expressed concern regarding the lack of enforcement for golf carts being operated outside the Golf Cart District.

Brian Ray, 94 SW Fort King Street, stated his lot Downtown (110 SW Fort King street) can be used to provide 148 golf cart spaces. Furthermore, golf cart usage will increase business Downtown; and golf carts are safer for the public, due to their low speeds.

Snow Boyd, 1426 SE 47th Street, spoke in favor of the expansion. He noted Downtown businesses support expanding the use of golf carts.

Council Member Mansfield spoke in favor of adopting the resolution. The expansion will establish Downtown Ocala as a popular public destination. The goal is to encourage the public to visit Downtown by means of golf cart, bicycle, or walking. To note, the use of golf carts does not pose a safety hazard to the public. He encouraged Council to support adopting the proposed resolution.

Council Member Musleh expressed concern the expansion will increase vehicle/golf cart accidents. Furthermore, he will not be voting in favor of the adoption.

Council Member Dreyer spoke in favor of adopting the resolution. The Police Department confirmed there have been no major incidents involving golf carts; and two insurance agents confirmed there are zero bodily injury claims related to golf carts.

Council Member Bethea expressed concern regarding the public using alcohol while operating a golf cart.

Council President Hilty spoke on safety issues he has witnessed regarding golf cart operators.

Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola confirmed the Traffic Engineer drafted the map and ordinance.

City Attorney Sexton clarified the City's liability.

City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier provided a brief overview of

the traffic study process for golf carts.

Council President Hilty expressed concern expensing taxpayer money for golf cart signage.

Mr. Chighizola confirmed less than 300 people have registered their golf cart with the City. The City charges \$30 for a golf cart permit. To note, the City made changes to the Downtown area in 2021, to promote pedestrian safety and golf carts.

Council Member Dreyer stated the majority of the businesses Downtown support the expansion. She questioned why some Council Members are basing their decision on assumptions, not facts, which is unfair to the public.

Council Member Mansfield discussed how City transportation has evolved over history. He encouraged Council to support expanding the use of golf carts Downtown.

Mayor Guinn spoke in support of adopting the resolution.

Mr. Chighizola commented if Council approves the resolution, the proposed effective date is August 1, 2023, to finish installing signage. He requested feedback from Council regarding the effective date.

Mr. Lanier suggested scheduling the effective date 90-days out to August, due to signage supply chain issues.

Council agreed to an effective date of August 1, 2023.

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

**NAY:** Musleh, and Hilty Sr

Motion to set the effective date of Resolution 2023-24 as August 1, 2023

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

**8c.** Approve award of the Agreement for Fire Fee Assessment Study for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 update to Alfred Benesch & Company in an amount not to exceed \$59,590

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

- 8d.** Approve a three-year contract with Davey Resource Group, a division of the Davey Tree Expert Co., for tree trimming and power line clearing services with a total estimated cost of \$7,624,629

Council Member Mansfield asked if City staff can perform the work to save money. Director of Electric Utility Doug Peebles explained how utilizing a vendor is cost-effective compared to expensing money for additional staff and equipment.

Council Member Mansfield and Mayor Guinn requested staff present an in-house approach to Council.

Council Member Dreyer questioned what the City will do with the additional staff once the aggressive tree trimming is complete.

Vegetation Manager Anthony Santana stated he will provide cost analysis data showing how it's cost effective for the City to utilize a vendor. Currently, the City has a three-person in-house crew. He provided a brief overview of the tree trimming scope and work miles.

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

**SECONDER:** Jay A. Musleh

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

- 8e.** Approve the purchase of inventory items for Ocala Electric Utility awarded to multiple vendors in the amount of \$1,144,075

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Barry Mansfield

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

- 8f.** Approve award of a two-year contract to Marion Rock, LLC, for the Drainage Rehabilitation Improvement Program with an estimated expenditure of \$3,000,000

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

- 8g.** Approve additional expenditures for utility services provided by Duke Energy, Inc with an estimated annual expenditure of \$135,000

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Barry Mansfield

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

- 8h.** Approve increased expenditure under the piggyback/cooperative purchasing agreement between the City of Ocala and SGS Contracting Services for emergency repairs to the Softening Basin Lime Accelerator #1 and Lime Silo, with an additional 10% contingency added to the existing contract amount for a total contract not to exceed \$1,255,196

Council Member Musleh asked if the request is for the craters. City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier responded yes; the funds will be used to patch holes.

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

- 8i.** Adopt Resolution 2023-25 to execute State-Funded Grant Agreement FPN 435547-3-54-01 and accept the grant funds from the Florida Department of Transportation in the amount of \$8,000,000

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

- 8j.** Approve a two-year contract with C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for the Transportation Rehabilitation Improvement Program with an aggregate expenditure not to exceed \$5,000,000

Council Member Dreyer asked why the City did not perform an additional extension to the existing contract. City Engineer & Director of Water Resources Sean Lanier responded the vendor chose not to honor the contract renewal.

Procurement & Contracting Officer Daphne Robinson confirmed the City solicited the project to 719 vendors; only one vendor expressed interest. The timeline for solicitation is dependent on the department. She provided a brief overview of the City's solicitation process.

Council Member Dreyer expressed concern the solicitation emails are being spammed. She requested the City evaluate their solicitation methods and perform sampling.

City Manager Pete Lee stated the City will perform sampling to insure vendors are receiving the City's email solicitations.

Council Member Dreyer stated she will be voting no.

Council Member Musleh encouraged the vendors to evaluate their email settings to avoid missing vendor partnership opportunities.

Council Member Mansfield concurs with fellow Council Member Dreyer. He requested the City improve the solicitation process, and call local vendors to solicit bids.

Mr. Lanier clarified the contract with Mayor Guinn. To note, the expenditure must not exceed \$5,000,000.

Mr. Lee stated the City will perform outreach to see if the vendors are receiving the solicitation emails.

Mr. Lanier provided a brief overview of the project cost evaluation process for unit pricing.

Council Member Mansfield expressed concern using unit pricing.

Mayor Guinn suggested the City resolicit for bids, and perform community outreach.

Council President Hilty requested the City improve the solicitation process to secure more bids.

Mr. Lanier stated resoliciting for bids will delay road improvements. He provided a brief history of C.W. Roberts Contracting and Anderson.

Council Member Dreyer spoke in favor of resoliciting for bids.

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

**RESULT:** DENIED

**MOVER:** Barry Mansfield

**SECONDER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr

**AYE:** Musleh

**NAY:** Mansfield, Bethea Sr, Dreyer, and Hilty Sr

- 8k.** Approve funding from the Florida Department of Health for Overdose Data to Action Recovery Community Paramedicine Program in the amount of \$222,266

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

- 8l.** Approve a one-year citywide renewal of Microsoft 365 cloud subscriptions, server licenses, and desktop licenses with an estimated annual cost of \$567,099

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

- 8m.** Approve lease amendment #1 with Avis Rental Car for three-year lease renewal at the Ocala International Airport for annual rent and fees of approximately \$255,736

Council Member Musleh asked how the contract value has increased over the years. Airport Director Matthew Grow responded the concession fee was increased to 10%, and the Avis business has grown significantly.

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

- 8n.** Approve lease amendment #2 with Enterprise Rental Car for three-year lease renewal at the Ocala International Airport for annual rent and fees of approximately \$239,060

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr

**SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer

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

**9. 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:** Ire J. Bethea Sr

**SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield

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

- 9a. Approve a two-year hangar lease with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission with a receivable amount of \$90,298
- 9b. Adopt Budget Resolution 2023-133 amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget to appropriate supplemental funding for a fire assessment study update totaling \$19,590
- 9c. Adopt Budget Resolution 2023-134 to accept and appropriate funds from the Florida Department of Health for the Overdose Data to Action Recovery Community Paramedicine Program in the amount of \$222,266
- 9d. Adopt Budget Resolution 2023-135 to accept and appropriate grant funds from Florida Department of Transportation for construction of NW 44th Avenue Extension in the amount of \$8,000,000
- 9e. Adopt Budget Resolution 2023-136 amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget to transfer funds from General Fund Reserve for Contingencies for Enhanced Animal Control Services in the amount of \$352,700
- 9f. Approve a three-year contract for diesel exhaust fluid with Palmdale Oil Company, Inc with an estimated aggregate expenditure of \$80,730
- 9g. Approve contract for firefighter physical examinations utilizing Life Extension Clinics, Inc. with an estimated expenditure of \$61,000
- 9h. March 2023 outside counsel invoices
- 9i. Approve City Council Regular Meeting minutes from April 4, 2023

**10. Consent Agenda Items Held for Discussion**

Should any items be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, they will be discussed at this time.

**11. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinances - None**

**12. Internal Auditor's Report - None**

**13. City Manager's Report**

**Pending City Council meeting scheduled on Tuesday, July 4, 2023**

City Manager Pete Lee suggested canceling the meeting scheduled on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. He confirmed Council could schedule another meeting; and the Charter does not require Council to host two meeting per month. Furthermore, he will meet with Council individually to discuss the matter.

**Audit Committee meeting scheduled on May 2, 2023, at 3:30 pm****Airport documentary update**

City Manager Pete Lee commented a documentary is being filmed at the Airport regarding Marion County Sheriff's Department Air One by Straight Flight.

Airport Director Matthew Grow commented the documentary will be available on Amazon.

**14. Police and Fire Department Report****Deputy Police Chief Lou Biondi – Public Safety Opioid Response Efforts**

Deputy Police Chief Biondi discussed the public safety Opioid response efforts for April 3, 2023 to April 16, 2023. The Police Departments Opioid response efforts 9, overdose deaths 2, Narcan leave behind 0, and Amnesty participation 3.

**Fire Chief Clint Welborn – Public Safety Opioid Response Efforts & Community Paramedicine**

Fire Chief Welborn discussed the public safety Opioid response efforts and community paramedicine program. The overdose response efforts 5, overdose deaths 1, Narcan leave behind 1, and calls for service 2,244. Year to date, 442 OD2A Program participants, and 261 community paramedicine graduates. Furthermore, the VFW and Ocala VFW held a first responder appreciation dinner.

**15. Mayor's Report****House Bill 1359 hearing scheduled on Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

Mayor Guinn stated he will be attending the hearing for House Bill 1359, regarding mandatory sentencing for fentanyl.

**Mayor's Spring Clean Up Day scheduled on Saturday, April 22, 2023****Trail Head scheduled on Friday, April 21, 2023****Redeveloping vacant property**

Mayor Guinn requested the City coordinate with the County to redevelop the property located at eastbound 17th Street.

City Manager Pete Lee stated the City will coordinate with Marion County Code Enforcement, as the property is technically located within the County. He provided a brief overview of the property's history with Ocala Code Enforcement.

**16. City Attorney's Report****17. Informational Items**

17a. Calendaring Items

17b. Comments by Mayor

17c. Comments by Council Members

**Council Member Bethea requested Mr. Preston Pooser provide an update regarding the Mary Sue Rich Community Center**

Council Member Bethea requested an update regarding the Mary Sue Rich Community Center. Director of Parks & Recreation Preston Pooser responded the City confirmed the center's safety protocols are in compliance with national safety standards, as well as consistent with other community centers nationwide.

17d. Informational

**17d1.** Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

**17d2.** Local Mitigation Strategy 2022 Annual Report

**18. Adjournment**

**Adjourned at 6:46 pm.**

**Minutes**

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James P. Hilty Sr.  
Council President

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Angel B. Jacobs  
City Clerk