



# Ocala

## City Council - Special Meeting

### Minutes

110 SE Watula Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34471

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**Thursday, September 11, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

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#### **Fire Assessment Rates**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

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

**3. Public Notice**

- **Public Notice for the September 11, 2025 City Council Special Meeting was posted on August 6, 2025**

**4. Public Hearings**

- 4a.** Resolution 2025-40 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 fire assessment rates

**Presentation By:** Tammi Haslam

Budget Director Tammi Haslam presented background on Ordinance 2021-13, adopted December 1, 2020, which established the authority and process for adopting initial and annual fire assessments. City Council adopted Resolution 2025-34 on July 15, 2025, approving proposed fire assessment rates for FY 2025-26, maintaining the same rate structure and methodology as the current fiscal year, with a revenue target of \$18.2 million.

The public hearing was duly noticed, including a Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice mailed by the Property Appraiser and a newspaper advertisement published on August 1, 2025. The resolution under consideration adopts the final fire assessment rates for FY 2025-26 and authorizes collection and enforcement under the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. Relevant exhibits are incorporated into the resolution, which was included in the general fund and citywide budget adopted on September 3, 2025. Staff recommends adoption.

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

**RESULT:** ADOPTED

**MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr

**SECONDER:** Ire J. Bethea Sr

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

**5. Public Comments**

**6. Adjournment**

5:04 PM

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Kristen M. Dreyer  
Council President

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Angel B. Jacobs  
City Clerk