



Ocala

City Council

Synopsis

110 SE Watula Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

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Tuesday, April 21, 2026

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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

2a. New Employees

- Justin McMillen, Community Development Services
- Sarah Andre, Growth Management
- Philip Curtis, Growth Management
- Jasmine Dieguez, Growth Management
- Stacey Duffy, Growth Management
- Ruben Velazquez, Public Works

3. Public Notice

- **Public Notice for the April 21, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on March 3, 2026**

4. Proclamations and Awards

- 4a.** Presentation of the Mayor's Citizen Recognition Award to Tyler Corkern
- 4b.** Presentation of the Arbor Day Proclamation to Amy Liberty, Recreation and Parks Special Services Division Head, and Anthony Santangelo, Ocala Electric Utility Vegetation Manager
- 4c.** Service Award - Captain Chris Hickman - OFR - 25 Years of Service
- 4d.** Service Award - Robin Ford - Community Development Services - 35 Years of Service
- 4e.** Service Award - Donna Guinn - Ocala Police Department - 35 Years of Service
- 4f.** Service Award - Howard Smallwood, Jr. - Ocala Electric Utility - 35 Years of Service

5. Presentations

- 5a.** Reilly Arts Center Executive Director, Natalie McComb, and Reilly Arts Center Senior Director of Operations and Programming, Adam Volpe - Reilly Arts Center and Marion Theatre 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.

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

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

6a. Addition of Parcel 26297-000-01 to the City's Surplus Property List

Presentation By: Tracy Taylor

6b. One-year renewal of janitorial service contracts with First Coast Franchising, Inc. doing business as Jani King of Jacksonville and Serviamigos Solutions, LLC, with an aggregate expenditure of \$51,694

Presentation By: Gary Crews

6c. Award of the contract for rehabilitation of the Bacon residence located at 2005 NW First Street to Stejack, LLC, for a total project cost not to exceed \$52,439

Presentation By: Robin Ford

6d. Contract award to The Ford Design Group, LLC, for rehabilitation of the Medina residence located at 1445 NE 22nd Street at a total project cost not to exceed \$83,880

Presentation By: Robin Ford

6e. Change order and additional expenditure under the contract with Marion Rock, LLC, for construction services related to the Lift Station No. 127 Force Main Reroute Phase 1 project in the amount of \$67,479

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

6f. First amendment for a one-year renewal with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. for mosquito control services with an estimated expenditure of \$85,000

Presentation By: Darren Park

6g. Circle Fore at S.W. 48th Avenue Developer's Agreement

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

6h. Pulled

6i. City Council meeting minutes

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 - May 5, 2026)

- 8a.** Ordinance 2026-12 to amend the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan by deleting Policy 18.13 and Policy 18.24 relating to development conditions that apply to 75.93 acres of two parcels of land that total approximately 251.09 acres (Parcels 2380-000-001 and 23812-001-00) located in the 3000 and 4000 to 4300 blocks of SW 43rd Court (Case FLUP25-0001)

Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh

RESULT: INTRODUCED

- 8b.** Ordinance 2026-13 to rezone approximately 251.09 acres located in the 3000 and 4000 to 4300 blocks of SW 43rd Court (Parcel 23812-001-00 & 2380-000-001) from PUD-06, Planned Unit Development, and OP, Office Park, to PD, Planned Development (Case PD25-0001) (Quasi-Judicial)

Introduced By: James P. Hilty Sr

RESULT: INTRODUCED

- 8c.** Ordinance 2026-14 to rezone approximately 283.55 acres located west of Interstate 75 and north of SW 66th Street, the 4000 block of SW 66th Street (Parcel 23875-000-01 & 35364-000-00) from PUD-02, Planned Unit Development, to PD, Planned Development (Case PD25-0007) (Quasi-Judicial)

Introduced By: Kristen M. Dreyer

RESULT: INTRODUCED

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

- 9a.** Ordinance 2026-10 to change the Future Land Use map designation on approximately 74.11 acres, comprised of nine parcels (Parcels 21492-000-00, 21477-000-00, 21474-002-00, 21476-000-00, 21474-000-00, 21474-001-00, 21480-000-00, 21494-000-00, and 21478-000-00) located in the 2300 block, along the west side of NW 27th Avenue from Medium Intensity/Special District to Employment Center (Case LUC25-0004) (Quasi-Judicial)

Presentation By: Jeff Shrum

Introduced By: Jay A. Musleh

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, and Mansfield

NAY: Bethea Sr

- 9b.** Ordinance 2026-11 to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Ocala, Florida, Chapter 18, Article II, Section 18-31 to reduce the required quorum for meetings of the Airport Advisory Board from four to three of five members

Presentation By: Matthew Grow

Introduced By: Barry Mansfield

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

NAY: Hilty Sr

10. General Business

- 10a.** Property exchange agreement between the City and Ocala SE 8th Street, LLC

Presentation By: Aubrey Hale

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

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

- 10b.** Agreement with Central State Water Resources for the sale and purchase of potable water for Oak Haven subdivision

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: PULLED

- 10c.** Award of a two-year contract to Marion Rock, LLC, for the Parking Lot Improvement Program with an aggregate expenditure not to exceed \$1,000,000

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

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

- 10d.** Task Work Order No. 2 under the City's continuing professional engineering services agreement with McKim & Creed, Inc., for the provision of engineering services related to the Water Reclamation Facility No. 3 Expansion Conceptual Engineering Report in the amount of \$128,118

Presentation By: Sean Lanier

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

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

- 10e.** Third amendment with In Depth, Inc. for tank inspection and cleaning of the City's water storage tanks for an amount not to exceed \$150,000
- Presentation By: Sean Lanier
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Kristen M. Dreyer
- SECONDER:** Barry Mansfield
- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10f.** Utilization of a Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement with Power Technique North America for the purchase of an Atlas Copco Bypass Pump from Hydra Service, Inc. in the amount of \$188,281
- Presentation By:** John King
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Barry Mansfield
- SECONDER:** James P. Hilty Sr
- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10g.** Utilization of Sourcewell Cooperative agreement with National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase of four replacement vehicles for the Ocala Police Department in the amount of \$226,495
- Presentation By:** John King
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Barry Mansfield
- SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer
- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10h.** Budget Resolution 2026-135 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to transfer funds from the General Liability Claims fund for the purchase of four replacement vehicles for the Ocala Police Department in the amount of \$92,444
- Presentation By:** John King
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
- MOVER:** James P. Hilty Sr
- SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer
- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 10i.** Utilization of State of Florida cooperative purchasing agreement with Deere & Company for the purchase of a tractor with attachments for Ocala International Airport in the amount of \$115,688
- Presentation By:** John King
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- MOVER:** Jay A. Musleh
- SECONDER:** Kristen M. Dreyer
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- 10j.** **AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
Budget Resolution 2026-136 to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to transfer funds from the Airport Reserve for Contingencies account to purchase a tractor with attachments for the Ocala International Airport in the amount of \$115,688
- Presentation By:** John King
RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Jay A. Musleh
SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer
- 10k.** **AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
Two-year agreement with Sulter Precision Cuts, LLC, for grounds maintenance services for the City's northeast quadrant in the amount of \$108,284
- Presentation By:** Darren Park
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr
SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer
- 10l.** **AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
Three-year agreement with Sulter Precision Cuts, LLC, for stormwater grounds maintenance services for the City's southeast quadrant in the amount of \$294,840
- Presentation By:** Darren Park
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer
SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr
- 10m.** **AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
Purchase of inventory items for Ocala Electric Utility from multiple vendors in the amount of \$1,005,746
- Presentation By:** Doug Peebles
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer
SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr
- 10n.** **AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
Selection of an applicant for appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a new four-year term ending March 1, 2030
- Presentation By:** Angel Jacobs
Appointment of Thaddius Neasman to the Planning & Zoning Commission the remainder of a four-year term ending March 1, 2030, by ballot vote

11. Internal Auditor's Report

11a. Internal Audit Report Issued – Payroll Observations – OPD Department

12. City Manager's Report

- **City Council Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2026, in Council Chambers, to discuss CRA Advisory Board procedures**
- **Strategic Planning Session scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 8:30am at the Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place**
- **Staff to meet with Senator McClain on Thursday, April 23, 2026 to discuss HB-399 and third party fiber installation concerns**
- **Audit Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 3:30pm in Council Chambers**

13. Ocala Police Department Report

- **Overview of Crime and Traffic Stops**
- **Commendation of OPD investigative staff**

14. Ocala Fire Rescue Department Report

- **Unit Responses**
- **Service Calls Update**
- **Department Highlights**
- **Red Flag Warning**

15. City Attorney's Report

16. Public Comments

17. Informational Items and Calendaring Items

- Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - TPO meeting - 3:00pm - Marion County Board of County Commissioners Auditorium
- Thursday, April 30, 2026 - City Council Strategic Planning Session - 8:00am - Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place
- Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - Audit Committee - 3:30pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - City Council workshop Re: Safe Streets 4 All; Transportation Improvement Plan; Recycling Update - 12:00pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - CRA Board meeting - 3:45pm - Council Chambers
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - City Council meeting - 4:00pm - Council Chambers
- Monday, May 25, 2026 - Memorial Day Holiday - City Offices closed
- Tuesday, May 26, 2026 - TPO Meeting - Marion County Board of County Commissioners Auditorium

17a. Dearmin Substation Transformer Cost Escalation Informational Update

17b. Fully Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

18. Comments by Mayor

- **Casa Marion Domestic Violence Center update**

19. Comments by City Council Members

- **Council Member Mansfield discussed concerns about kratom in the community**
- **Council Member Hilty expressed concern about a downtown business closing**
- **Council Member Hilty invited council members to the Saving Mercy ribbon cutting on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 10am**
- **Council Member Dreyer commented on confusing intersection markings near the post office**
- **Council Member Dreyer requested an update on the intersection at NE Sanchez Ave and NE 3rd Street**

20. Adjournment

- **Adjourned at 5:40 pm**