



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

MARCH 4, 2025

6:00 PM

**REGULAR MEETING
OFFICIAL AGENDA**

Mayor
Dowling R. Watford, Jr.
Vice Mayor
Monica Clark
Council Members
Noel Chandler
Bob Jarriel
David McAuley

Mission Statement:	The mission of the City of Okeechobee is to provide accommodating services that enhance the quality of life for our citizens and businesses in a fiscally sound manner.
Vision Statement:	The City of Okeechobee will maintain a vibrant and prosperous community built on our heritage, history, unique character, and small-town atmosphere.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. AGENDA AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Requests for any modifications to the agenda.
- B. Motion to adopt the agenda as published or amended, including the Consent Agenda.
- C. Public participation for any issues not on the agenda requires an Agenda Item Form or Comment Card. Citizen comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless otherwise approved by the Mayor.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Presentation honoring Maintenance Foreman Willie Hall for 10 years of service.
- B. Recognition of accomplishment to Willie Hall for passing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Storm Water Coarse.
- C. Proclaim March 2025 as Irish American Heritage Month (**Exhibit 1**).

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes for February 18, 2025 (**Exhibit 2**).
- B. Motion to reappoint Mr. John Gilliland to the Okeechobee Utility Authority Board of Directors as a Regular Member, term being March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2029 (**Exhibit 3**).
- C. Motion to dispose of damaged 2014 Dodge Truck, Asset #739 (**Exhibit 4**).

VI. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION

- A. Motion to read by title only, and consider adopting proposed Ordinance No. 1301, approving the Abandonment of Right-of-Way Petition No. 24-002-AC submitted by, Gil Culbreth, President of First Methodist Church of Okeechobee, Inc., as the property owner, vacating the alleyway in Block 139, OKEECHOBEE, Plat Book 5, Page 5, Okeechobee County public records (**Exhibit 5**).
- B. Motion read by title only, and consider adopting proposed Ordinance No. 1302, approving the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements within the Comprehensive Plan, Application No. 25-001-CPA (**Exhibit 6**).
- C. Motion to read by title only, and consider adopting proposed Ordinance No. 1303, amending the Code of Ordinances by renaming Chapter 46 to Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places; adding

Article III to be titled Public Places; and adding Section 46-51, that provides for the Hours of Operation for City Parks and sets fines for violations (**Exhibit 7**).

- D. Motion to read by title only, and consider adopting proposed Ordinance No. 1304, amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 Businesses, Article IV Peddlers and Solicitors, Division 3 Miscellaneous Offenses by adding Section 14-176, that prohibits public camping or sleeping on any public property, public building, or public R-O-W and sets fines for violations (**Exhibit 8**).
- E. Motion to read by title only, and consider adopting proposed Ordinance No. 1305, correcting scrivener's errors in the Legal Descriptions within Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 1290 that approved Right-of-Way Abandonment Petition No. 24-001-SC (**Exhibit 9**).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Okeechobee Estates, LLC., by Tristan Thomas (**Exhibit 10**).
- B. Motion to ratify approval to May 30, 2024, the First Amendment to the Master Development Agreement with Park Street Okeechobee, LLC, for the Park Street Commerce Center Subdivision (**Exhibit 11**).
- C. Motion to accept the offer from Barrel Street Realty to purchase Lot 16 in the Commerce Center (Plat Book 7 pages 10 through 14, 4.07 acres) in the amount of \$569,800.00 (**Exhibit 12**).

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

IX. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURN MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that if any person desires to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this proceeding, such an interested person will need a record of the proceeding, and for such purpose may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. City Clerk recordings are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Clerk. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office in person or call 863-763-9814, Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1 no later than four business days prior to proceeding.

BE ADVISED that should you intend to show any document, picture, video, or item to the Council in support of or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video, or item must be provided to the City Clerk for the City's records.