



**CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA  
NOVEMBER 17, 2020, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Watford called the regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Okeechobee to order on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 55 Southeast 3rd Avenue, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The invocation was offered by Mayor Watford, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Council Member Jarriel.
- II. ATTENDANCE**  
To establish a quorum, roll was taken by City Clerk Lane Gamiotea. Members present: Mayor Dowling R. Watford, Jr., Council Members Wes Abney, Monica Clark, Bob Jarriel, and Bobby Keefe.
- III. AGENDA AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
**A.** No items were added, deferred, or withdrawn from the agenda.  
**B.** Motion by Council Member Abney, seconded by Council Member Keefe to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**  
**C.** There was one comment card submitted for public participation for issues not on the agenda. Mr. Dale Barrett voiced his opposition of Council Member Elect Russ Cale taking office in January and advocated for his resignation, with several Council Members stating their agreement. City Attorney Fumero provided legal counsel on the issue.
- IV. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**  
**A.** The week of November 18 through 25, 2020, was proclaimed as "Farm City Week." Mayor Watford presented the Proclamation to Mr. Mickey Bandi and Miss Lexi Bandi representing Florida Farm Bureau.  
**B.** Mrs. Robin Brock was presented a \$250.00 Longevity Service Award and a framed certificate which read "In recognition of your 20-years of service, hard work, and dedication to the City, its citizens, and your fellow employees from November 3, 2000 through November 3, 2020."
- V. CONSENT AGENDA**  
Motion by Council Member Keefe, seconded by Council Member Clark to approve consent agenda items **A**, October 2020 Warrant Register; **B**, \$51,514.00 purchase of two 2021 Dodge Challenger Police Package Cars; and **D**, Temporarily close Southwest 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues on December 11 and 12, 2020 for the Okeechobee Main Street Christmas Festival and Parade. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**  
  
Item **C** was discussed, then a motion was made by Council Member Keefe, seconded by Council Member Jarriel to approve request for \$40,000.00 to further economic growth through Okeechobee County Economic Development Corporation. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- VI. MAYOR WATFORD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:01 P.M.**  
**A.** Motion by Council Member Jarriel, seconded by Council Member Keefe to read proposed Ordinance No. 1218 by title only, regarding Land Development Regulations Text Amendment Application No. 20-001-TA. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**  
  
Attorney Fumero read proposed Ordinance No. 1218 by title only as follows: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE; AMENDING SECTION 90-162, REVISING PERMITTED USES IN THE RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING SECTION 90-165, REVISING MINIMUM LOT AND STRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."



## VI. PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED

ITEM A CONTINUED: Motion by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Jarriel to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1218. Mayor Watford opened the floor for public comment; there was none. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- B. Motion by Council Member Keefe, seconded by Council Member Clark to read proposed Ordinance No. 1219 by title only, regarding Land Development Regulations Text Amendment Application No. 20-002-TA. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Attorney Fumero read proposed Ordinance No. 1219 by title only as follows: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE; AMENDING SECTION 70-340, BROADENING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE FINDINGS REQUIRED FOR GRANTING PETITIONS; AMENDING FORM 1 OF APPENDIX A TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PETITIONS; AMENDING FORM 3 OF APPENDIX A TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE PETITIONS; CREATING FORM 19 IN APPENDIX A TO PROVIDE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVELY INITIATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENTS; CREATING FORM 20 IN APPENDIX A TO PROVIDE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVELY INITIATED ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE PETITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

Motion by Council Member Jarriel, seconded by Council Member Abney to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1219. Mayor Watford opened the floor for public comment; there was none. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## MAYOR WATFORD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:05 P.M.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion by Council Member Jarriel, seconded by Council Member Clark to approve Addendum No. 4 incorporating Exhibit C Reimbursable Operating Expenses and Exhibit D Monthly Administration Fee to the Agreement with Treasure Coast Medical Associates, Inc. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. Motion by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Keefe to approve an agreement with the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office to provide animal control services. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- C. Motion by Council Member Jarriel, seconded by Council Member Clark to approve a [railroad reimbursement] maintenance [synchronization of grade crossing traffic control devices] agreement from CSX as required for the installation of a new traffic signal at North 9<sup>th</sup> Street and North Parrott Avenue/U.S. Highway 441. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- D. Motion by Council Member Jarriel, seconded by Council Member Keefe to approve a contract with Verizon under State Contract No. DMS-10/11-008C and K&K Systems for the implementation and installation of Wi-Fi hotspots in City [Flagler and Centennial] parks in the amount of \$33,056.31. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- E. Motion by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Jarriel to approve Fiscal Year 2019-2020 End of Year Budget Amendments. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- F. The Council discussed Flagler Park and City Hall Park hours of operation with **no action taken on this item.**
- G. Motion by Council Member Keefe, seconded by Council Member Jarriel to change the minute format to action minutes only. **Motion Carried four to one.**

**VIII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE**


City Attorney Fumero provided the Council with an update on the Fire Services Interlocal Agreement with the County, and Code Enforcement cases.

**IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Keefe requested a copy of the current landscaping contract and questioned the Public Works Department performing work that is included in that contract. Council Member Clark announced her husband will be providing the music for the City's Tree Lighting Ceremony.

- X.** Mayor Watford wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and adjourned the meeting at 8:28 P.M.

Submitted By:



Lane Gamio, CMC, City Clerk

Approved 12-15-2020

Please take notice and be advised that when a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she may need to ensure that 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 media are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Clerk.