



**CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 15, 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, December 15, 2020, at 6:02 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 led by Council Member Clark.

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- A. No items were added, deferred, or withdrawn from the agenda.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 Jarriel to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- C. There were no comment cards submitted for public participation for issues not on the agenda.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Keefe to approve consent agenda items **A**, November 17, 2020 and December 1, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes, and **B**, November 2020 Warrant Register. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

V. MAYOR WATFORD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:05 P.M.

- A. Motion by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Keefe to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2020-19 regarding Non-ad valorem Special Assessments.

Attorney Fumero read proposed Resolution No. 2020-19 by title only as follows: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR DRAINAGE, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ROADSIDE DITCHES, SWALES, CULVERTS, AND SIDEWALKS, STREET LIGHTING, STREET RESURFACING, CANAL OR DITCH CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE, FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES, STORMWATER TREATMENT, MOSQUITO CONTROL, THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES AS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 30, SECTIONS 30-31 TO 30-46, OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND CHAPTER 60 FLORIDA STATUTES, AT CERTAIN PROPERTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE COST OF ABATING OF NUISANCES AS PROVIDED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE AND FLORIDA STATUTES AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, WITHIN THE INCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE." **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

MAYOR WATFORD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:07 P.M.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentations were made by representatives of the five Firms who responded to the Request for Qualifications No. ADM 03-32-09-20 Professional Landscape Architect Services. The Firms were Michael Flaugh (No. 5), CPH, Inc. (No. 4), Chen Moore and Associates (No. 3), Community Solutions Group (No. 2), and Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. (No. 1).

VI. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

ITEM A. CONTINUED: The meeting was recessed at 7:49 P.M., and reconvened at 7:52 P.M.

Motion by Council Member Keefe, seconded by Council Member Jarriel to accept the rankings as presented [by Staff at the November 5, 2020 meeting]. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- B.** Motion by Council Member Keefe, seconded by Council Member Clark to read proposed Ordinance No. 1221 by title only updating the Five-Year Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Attorney Fumero read proposed Ordinance No. 1221 by title only as follows: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; UPDATING THE FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS MANDATED BY FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 163.3177(3)(b); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

Motion by Council Member Jarriel, seconded by Council Member Clark to approve the first reading and set January 5, 2021 as the Final Public Hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1221. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- C.** Motion by Council Member Jarriel, seconded by Council Member Keefe to award Bid No. PW 01-10-11-20 Southeast 6th Street Paving Improvement Project to Excavation Point, Inc. in the amount of \$38,924.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- D.** Motion by Council Member Keefe, seconded by Council Member Clark approve additional fees in the amount of \$4,458.00 for the implementation of services for the eSCRIBE software. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- E.** Motion by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Abney to adopt vendor fees for Police Officer special and/or holiday detail effective October 1, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- F.** Motion by Council Member Abney, seconded by Council Member Jarriel to adopt Police Officer rate of pay for special and/or holiday detail effective October 1, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- G.** Motion by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Abney to approve the 100 percent option for Fire Department employees for annual and sick leave as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

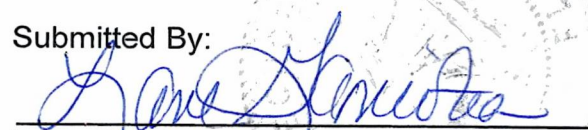
City Attorney Fumero provided an update on the outcome of the initial Citizens Charter Review Advisory Committee meeting that was held prior to the Council meeting.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Jarriel complimented the Christmas festival and parade. Mayor Watford and Council Member Clark wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

- IX.** Mayor Watford adjourned the meeting at 8:29 P.M.

Submitted By:



Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk

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.