



**CITY OF OKEECHOBEE**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**55 SE 3RD AVENUE, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34974**  
**OFFICIAL AGENDA**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**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 the addition, deferral, or withdrawal of items on today's agenda.
- B. Motion to adopt agenda.
- C. Public participation for any items not on the agenda requires a Comment Card. Citizen comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless otherwise approved by the Chair.

**IV. MINUTES**

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the September 21, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

**V. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Abandonment of Right-of-Way Petition No. 23-002-AC, requests to abandon a portion of the 15-foot wide Alleyway lying South to North between Lots 3 to 6 and 9 to 12 of Block 34, FIRST ADDITION TO SOUTH OKEECHOBEE, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 17, public records of Okeechobee County - City Planning Consultant (**Exhibit 1**).
  - 1. Review Planning Staff Report.
  - 2. Hear from Property Owner or Designee/Agent – Mr. Steven Guelff, on behalf of property owners Guelff Family Limited Partnership and Porter Holdings of Okeechobee.
  - 3. Public comments or questions from those in attendance or submitted to the Board Secretary.
  - 4. Disclosure of Ex-Parte Communications<sup>1</sup> by the Board.
  - 5. Consider a recommendation to the City Council to approve or deny Petition. The recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at Public Hearings tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2023, and December 5, 2023.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

**VI. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

**VII. ADJOURN MEETING**

<sup>1</sup>Per Resolution No. 1997-05 Officials must disclose any communication received including the identity of the person, group, or entity; written communication may be read if not received by all Board Members; disclose any site visits made; disclose any expert opinions received; disclose any investigations made; disclosures must be made prior to the vote taken. Persons who have opinions contrary to those expressed in the ex-parte communication are given a reasonable opportunity to refute or respond.

**BE ADVISED** that should you intend to show any document, picture, video, or items to the Planning Board in support or opposition to any item on the agenda, a copy of the document, picture, video, or item must be provided to the Board Secretary for the City's records. **ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL** any decision made by the Planning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the General Services Office in person or call 863-763-9824, Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1 no later than four business days prior to proceeding.