



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

JANUARY 2, 2024

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 the addition, deferral, or withdrawal of agenda items.
- B. Motion to adopt 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

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes for December 5, 2023 (**Exhibit 1**).
- B. Motion to approve the November, 2023 Warrant Register (**Exhibit 2**).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and set February 6, 2024, as the final Public Hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1284 amending the Optional Forms of Benefits for the General Employees Retirement System (**Exhibit 3**).
- B. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and set February 6, 2024, as the final Public Hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1285 amending Section 2-131 of the Code of Ordinances removing the Personnel Administrator duties from the City Clerk (**Exhibit 4**).
- C. Motion to ratify the Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Agreement No. P0497 with the State Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$20,000.00 to have a Market Feasibility Study, a Lodging Market Analysis and Industry Trend Report, and a Housing Market Profile prepared (**Exhibit 5**).
- D. Motion to approve a Planning Advisory Services Agreement with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, to prepare a Market Feasibility Study, a Lodging Market Analysis and Industry Trend Report, and a Housing Market Profile, in the amount of \$20,000.00, as outlined in Grant Agreement No. P0497 (**Exhibit 6**).
- E. Motion to approve the purchase of a Kayak Launch from AccuDock in the amount of \$39,818.90 (**Exhibit 7**).

- F. Motion to approve an adjustment to the Purchase Order to Transportation solutions and Lighting to include shipping charges of \$850.00 (**Exhibit 8**).
- G. Report on Lake Okeechobee Projects from MacVicar Consulting by Gary Ritter (**Exhibit 9**).
- H. Summary report of City projects and objectives for this Fiscal Year by Gary Ritter.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

X. 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.