



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

JANUARY 16, 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. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes for January 2, 2024 (**Exhibit 1**).
- B. Motion to approve the December, 2023 Warrant Register (**Exhibit 2**).

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and set February 20, 2024, as the final Public Hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1283, regarding Rezoning Petition No. 23-002-R submitted by Jay Patel on behalf of the property owner, Jitendra Living Trust, to rezone 0.65+/- acres located at 201 S Parrott Avenue, from Central Business District to Heavy Commercial, for the purpose of expanding the existing Budget Inn Motel (**Exhibit 3**).
- B. Motion to approve an extension of a lease agreement with the Chamber of Commerce until September 30, 2028 (**Exhibit 4**).
- C. Motion to award a contract for Bid No. PW 06-10-08-23 SW 5th Avenue Pavement Improvements to Ranger Construction Industries (**Exhibit 5**).

VI. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

VII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

IX. 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.