



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

JANUARY 17, 2023

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

- A. Present Dowling R. Watford, Jr. with a Longevity Service Award, and a Florida League of Cities Resolution for 40 years of service as an elected official.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes from December 20, 2022 and January 3, 2023.
- B. Motion to approve the Warrant Register – December 2022.
- C. Motion to temporarily close a portion of SW 3rd and 4th Avenues between North and South Park Streets from 5:00 PM on February 3 to 4:00 PM on February 5, 2023, for the Top of the Lake Art Festival as submitted by Okeechobee Main Street (**Exhibit 1**).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Okeechobee Flagler Park Master Plan presentation by Tammy Cook (**Exhibit 2**).
- B. Motion to approve Agreement Number Z3453 with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) for request of funds from FEMA for damages from Hurricane Ian (DR – 4673) (**Exhibit 3**).
- C. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Priorities Plan by Administrator Ritter (**Exhibit 4**).

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 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.

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