



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

FEBRUARY 20, 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 any modifications to the agenda.
- B.** Motion to adopt the agenda as published and amended.
- 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.** Proclaim the week of February 18-24, 2024 as Engineers Week (**Exhibit 1**).

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the February 6, 2024 minutes (**Exhibit 2**).
- B.** Motion to approve the January, 2024 Warrant Register (**Exhibit 3**).
- C.** Motion to approve sale of Public Works Equipment through InsightAuctioneers (**Exhibit 4**).
- D.** Motion to approve sale of Police Vehicles through GovDeals.com (**Exhibit 5**).

VI. QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

The following items are quasi-judicial in nature. In accordance with Section 286.0115, F.S., an opportunity for persons to speak on each item will be made available after the applicant and staff have made their presentations on each item. All testimony, including public testimony and evidence, may be made under oath or affirmation. Additionally, each person who gives testimony may be subject to cross-examination. If you do not wish to be either cross-examined or sworn, your testimony will be given its due weight. The general public may request the Council to ask questions of staff or witnesses on their behalf.

Any person presenting documents to the Council should provide the City Clerk with a minimum of ten copies. Further details of the quasi-judicial procedure may be obtained from the Clerk. No verbatim record by a certified court reporter is made of these proceedings. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at these proceedings upon which any appeal is to be based (see Section 286.0105, F.S.). In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, F.S., persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's office at 863-763-9814 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this proceeding.

A. Motion to read by title only and adopt 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 rezoning 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 6**).

VII. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL PLAT ADOPTION

A. Motion to approve or deny, with or without contingencies, Final Plat Application No. 23-009-TRC/FP, replatting Lots 6 through 10, TAYLOR CREEK MANOR, Plat Book 3, Page 4, Okeechobee County public records, into a new Plat consisting of 12 lots (one for each townhome), common area and access tracts, titled BRIDGEWATER ON TAYLOR CREEK, submitted by John J. Rice, on behalf of property owner B & T Fair Investments, Inc., consisting of 1.39± acres and located at 116 SE 8th Avenue (**Exhibit 7**).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Rob Williamson from Evergreen Consulting.

B. Review and decide on the options to change the Employee Longevity Service Awards (**Exhibit 8**).

C. Discussion of the tour of the Advanced Biomedical Sanitations Waste Facility.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

X. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XII. 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.