



# CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE  
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

**MARCH 5, 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

<b>Mission Statement:</b>	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.
<b>Vision Statement:</b>	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. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the February 20, 2024 minutes (**Exhibit 1**).

### **V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**

- A. Motion to read by title only and adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1286, merging the Police Officer's and Firefighters Pension Funds and providing for a retired firefighter medical stipend (**Exhibit 2**).

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and set April 2, 2024, as a final Public Hearing date for proposed Ordinance 1287, prohibiting smoking/vaping in City Parks, adding enforcement of the policy by the Code Enforcement citation process (**Exhibit 3**).
- B. Motion to approve or deny proposed offer from Landmark Precast, LLC of \$325,000 for three contiguous parcels, 1.497 acre (3-15-37-35-0020-00000-0170 (34274)), 1.0 acre (3-15-37-35-0020-00000-017A (34275)) and 1.0 acre (3-15-37-35-0020-00000-017B (34276)) of City property along NE 12th Street in the Okeechobee Commerce Center (**Exhibit 4**).
- C. Motion to approve or deny proposed offer from Advanced Medical Sanitation Inc. of \$140,000 for one acre of a 2.54-acre parcel (3-15-37-35-0020-00000-00A0 (34265)) of City property along NE 9th Avenue at the Okeechobee Commerce Center (**Exhibit 5**).
- D. Motion to approve amending positions on the salary, position and job title page in the FY 2023-2024 Budget (**Exhibit 6**).
- E. Comparison of the City's current Pay Plan with the recommended Pay Plan by Evergreen Consulting.

- 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.

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