



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

MARCH 19, 2024

6:00 PM

LIST OF EXHIBITS

Mayor

Dowling R. Watford, Jr.

Council Members

Noel Chandler

Monica Clark

Bob Jarriel

David McAuley

Exhibit 1	March 5, 2024 Minutes
Exhibit 2	February, 2024 Warrant Register
Exhibit 3	Ordinance No. 1288
Exhibit 4	Discussion of City Parades Memo



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA
MARCH 5, 2024, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Watford called the regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Okeechobee to order on March 5, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 55 Southeast (SE) 3rd Avenue (AVE), Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida (FL). The invocation was offered by Father Jim Shevlin; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Jarriel.

II. ATTENDANCE

City Clerk Lane Gamiotea called the roll. Members present to establish a quorum: Mayor Dowling R. Watford, Jr., Vice Mayor Monica M. Clark, and Council Members Noel A. Chandler, Robert "Bob" Jarriel, and David R. McAuley.

III. AGENDA AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Modifications to the agenda were as follows: a revised agenda was published and posted on March 1, 2024; revised Minutes for February 20, 2024, were distributed via email earlier today; and, materials for Item VI. E. were distributed at the meeting and labeled as Exhibit 7.

B. Motion and second by Council Members Jarriel and McAuley to adopt the revised agenda as amended.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

C. There were no comment cards submitted for public participation for issues not on the agenda.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion and second by Council Members Chandler and Jarriel to:

A. Dispense with the reading and approve the revised Minutes for February 20, 2024, [added to **Exhibit 1**].
Motion Carried Unanimously.

V. MAYOR WATFORD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION AT 6:03 P.M.

A. Motion by Council Member Chandler, second by Vice Mayor Clark, to read by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 1286, merging the Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Funds and providing for a retired firefighter medical stipend [as presented in **Exhibit 2**].
Motion Carried Unanimously.

City Attorney Greg Hyden read into the record the title of proposed Ordinance No. 1286 as follows: "**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FL, PROVIDING FOR THE MERGER OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION TRUST FUND, CREATED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 888 AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, AND THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND, CREATED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 889 AND AMENDED AND RESTATED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 1229; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**"

Motion by Vice Mayor Clark, second by Council Member McAuley, to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1286.

There were no public comments. Plan Administrator, Scott Baur of Resource Center, LLC, attended electronically via Zoom to answer questions. Clerk Gamiotea stated for the record the proposed Ordinance and Actuarial Impact Statement were sent to the FL Division of Retirement, with no comments received to date. **Roll Call Vote: Chandler – Yea, Clark – Yea, Jarriel – Yea, McAuley – Yea, Watford – Yea.**

Motion Carried Unanimously.

MAYOR WATFORD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:08 P.M.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion by Council Member Jarriel, second by Vice Mayor Clark to read by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 1287, prohibiting smoking/vaping in City parks, adding enforcement of the policy by the Code Enforcement citation process [as presented in **Exhibit 3**].
Motion Carried Unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

- A. Continued. City Attorney Hyden read into the record the title of proposed Ordinance No. 1287 as follows:
“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FL, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AT CHAPTER 30 ENVIRONMENT; ADDING SECTION 30-47 SMOKING AT PUBLIC PARKS PROHIBITED; PROHIBITING SMOKING IN CITY PARKS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Motion and second by Council Members McAuley and Jarriel to approve the first reading, and set April 2, 2024, as a final Public Hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1287. **Roll Call Vote: Chandler – Yea, Clark – Yea, Jarriel – Yea, McAuley – Yea, Watford – Yea.**
Motion Carried Unanimously.

- B. Council discussed the proposed offer from Landmark Precast, LLC, to purchase Lots 17, 17A, and 17B, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE COMMERCE CENTER, Plat Book 7, Pages 7 through 10 [corrected from 10 through 14], Okeechobee County public records, located in the 1000 block along Northeast (NE) 12th Street (ST), in the amount of \$325,000.00 [as presented in **Exhibit 4**]. **It was the consensus of the Council for Administrator Ritter to renegotiate an offer starting at \$450,000.000 with Landmark Precast, LLC.**

- C. Motion by Council Member Jarriel, second by Vice Mayor Clark to accept the offer from Advanced Medical Sanitation Inc., to purchase the West one-acre of Tract A, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE COMMERCE CENTER, Plat Book 7, Pages 7 through 10, Okeechobee County public records, located in the 800 block of NE 9th ST, in the amount of \$140,000.00 [as presented in **Exhibit 5**].

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- D. Motion and second by Council Members Chandler and McAuley to approve amending positions on the salary, position, and job title page in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Budget [as presented in **Exhibit 6**, change Operations Supervisor I (1) to Operations Supervisor I (0); and increase the number of positions for Maintenance Foreman from (1) to (2) with a minimum salary of \$53,500.00 and a midpoint of \$64,925.06].

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- E. Compare the City's current pay plan with the recommended pay plan provided by Evergreen Consulting as presented in **Exhibit 7**. **After discussion it was the consensus of the Council to review the final report and discuss the implementation of the recommendations at budget workshops for FY 2024-25.**

VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

- The longevity payment ordinance rescission was sent to the City Clerk on February 22, 2024, for review.
- Continuing to work on the final updates on Stormwater Ordinance No. 1275, based on Morris-Depew's comments.
- Working on a purchase and sale template for the City's Commerce Center property.
- The Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for the City's Commerce Center is being reviewed to amend.
- A right-of-way use agreement is being worked on for the owner of Lightsey's Restaurant [decorative fence encroaching in the 100 block on the North side of Southwest (SW) 16th ST].
- Working on the revisions to remove tax payments on Cattlemen's Square Opinion of Title.
- Preparing proposed revisions to the Code of Ordinances related to Code Enforcement Magistrate's authority to change the procedure of Hearings and time in which the fines accrue, as well as correcting the Business Tax Receipt problem.

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

- The repaving project for SW 5th AVE will begin next week from just South of Central Elementary School to South Park Street, to coordinate with Spring Break.
- Sidewalk repairs will be starting on Saturday.
- The kayak ramp has been ordered for Public Works Staff to install in Centennial Park along Taylor Creek, without additional sidewalks needing to be constructed.
- Engineers and Architects will be visiting City Hall on Thursday taking the required measurements to begin the bidding process for the hardening of City Hall.
- Ms. Connie Vanassche of CAS Governmental Services, LLC, the City's Lobbyist, advised the City's State Appropriations request for hardening the Public Safety Building is still in the State's proposed budget.
- The job description for the Contracts Manager has been completed and the position will be advertised soon.

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE CONTINUED

- Council Member Jarriel inquired about the status of selling two City properties. Administrator Ritter replied, the SE lot was sold to the owners of Gator Security, while the Okeechobee Utility Authority is interested in utilizing the SW property for their wastewater expansion project.

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Chandler reminded everyone the Speckled Perch Festival is this weekend and inquired about a City entry in the parade. Administrator Ritter responded no; we are not riding in the parade. Council Member Jarriel added the parade is at 10:00 AM and the rodeo is a 2:00 PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of discussion, Mayor Watford adjourned the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

Submitted By:

Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk

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Please take notice and be advised that when a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, s/he may need to ensure that 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 media are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Clerk.



Okeechobee, FL

Check Report

By Check Number

Date Range: 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: CapVeh Fund-Capital Vehicle Fund Truist Checking						
BOA- 2709 fka 0257 a	Bank of America - 2709 fka 0257 Admin	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	758.72	1982
BOA- 9928 fka 2303 P	Bank of America - 9928 fka 2303 PW	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	100.00	1983
ICS	ICS Computers Inc.	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	11,900.00	1984
ICS	ICS Computers Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	4,500.00	1985
2148	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	7,787.87	1986

Bank Code CapVeh Fund Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	5	5	0.00	25,046.59
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	5	5	0.00	25,046.59

Check Report

Date Range: 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: GenFund-General Fund Checking-Truist Checking						
City Of Okeechobee P	City Of Okeechobee Payroll Account	02/07/2024	EFT	0.00	115,552.14	246
1644	PRM - Health Insurance	02/16/2024	EFT	0.00	64,220.39	247
1770	PRM - Life, LTD & STD	02/16/2024	EFT	0.00	2,626.59	248
1770	PRM - Life, LTD & STD	02/16/2024	EFT	0.00	1,644.38	249
1645	PRM - Vision & Dental	02/16/2024	EFT	0.00	2,487.77	250
City Of Okeechobee P	City Of Okeechobee Payroll Account	02/21/2024	EFT	0.00	116,343.72	251
3T Real Estate	3T Real Estate	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	110.00	46860
BOA- 2709 fka 0257 a	Bank of America - 2709 fka 0257 Admin	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	642.51	46861
BOA- 9616	Bank of America - 9616 PD#2	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	1,326.29	46862
BOA- 9852 fka 8540	Bank of America - 9852 fka 8540	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	42.50	46863
BOA- 9928 fka 2303 P	Bank of America - 9928 fka 2303 PW	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	251.64	46864
Cheryl Allen	Cheryl Allen	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	27,459.26	46865
1932	New American Physical Therapy	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	1,846.00	46866
222	Okeechobee News c/o Independent Newspape	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	96.00	46867
AAActionpower	AAAction Power Equipment LLC	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	53.98	46868
AdvanceAuto	Advance Auto Parts	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	175.09	46869
Alexander Lenard	Alexander Lenard, MD, PLLC	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	212.00	46870
AFLAC	American Family Life Assurance Co.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	328.28	46871
Avenu	Avenu	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	702.23	46872
Brandi Drapal	Brandi Drapal	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	180.00	46873
CAS Governmental Ser	CAS Governmental Services, LLC	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	3,943.36	46874
Celeste Watford Tax	Celeste Watford Tax Collector	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	835.39	46875
CenturyLink-LD	CenturyLink	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	17.82	46876
City Electric Supply	City Electric Supply	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	37.54	46877
City of Okeechobee -	City of Okeechobee - CH Coffee Fund - Ca	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	84.00	46878
883	City of Okeechobee - PD Coffee Fund - Ca	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	632.00	46879
Comcast	Comcast	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	120.00	46880
Dobbs Equipment, LLC	Dobbs Equipment, LLC	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	191.22	46881
Everglades Farm Equi	Everglades Farm Equip. Co., Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	287.34	46882
CIT Technology Finan	First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	999.31	46883
Fitness Factory	Fitness Factory	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	260.00	46884
FPU	Florida Public Utilities	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	102.54	46885
Gilbert Outdoors	Gilbert Outdoors	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	211.59	46886
Harris	Harris Corporation	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	576.00	46887
HealthEquity	HealthEquity	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	587.40	46888
HealthEquity	HealthEquity	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	10.80	46889
Home Depot	Home Depot Credit Services	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	1,559.26	46890
ICS	ICS Computers Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	2,101.90	46891
2194	Johns Eastern	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	434.40	46892
117	Liberty National Life Ins. Co.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	179.28	46893
LVNV Funding LLC	LVNV Funding, LLC	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	342.54	46894
2253	MacVicar Consulting, Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	250.00	46895
MissionSquare	MissionSquare	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	2,800.00	46896
Morris-Depew Associa	Morris-Depew Associates, Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	5,400.00	46897
2212	Nason Yeager Gerson Harris & Fumero P.A.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	9,900.00	46898
962	Newmans Power Systems, Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	904.08	46899
BOCC	Okeechobee County - BOCC	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	700.00	46900
1727	Okeechobee Dodge Chrysler Jeep	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	139.89	46901
222	Okeechobee News c/o Independent Newspape	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	793.64	46902
O'Reilly	O'Reilly Auto Parts	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	40.78	46903
1317	Orthopaedic Care Specialists	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	169.00	46904
Prescription Partner	Prescription Partners	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	1,115.68	46905
1574	Salem Trust Company	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	1,263.36	46906
1574	Salem Trust Company	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	10,911.10	46907
2180	Savanna Yates	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	180.00	46908
554	Scott's Quality Cleaning	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	211.25	46909
2183	Select Shred	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	30.00	46910
St Lucie	St. Lucie Battery & Tire	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	698.20	46911
350	Superior Water Works, Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	82.50	46912
Supplyline	Supplyline	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	144.00	46913

Check Report

Date Range: 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Taylor Rental	Taylor Rental - Okeechobee	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	183.22	46914
Tire Zone	Tire Zone of Okeechobee, Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	998.97	46915
1516	Total Roadside Services, Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	744.99	46916
1861	TransUnion Risk & Alternative Data	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	75.00	46917
TCMA	Treasure Coast Medical Associates	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	2,921.00	46918
1977	Truly Nolen of America, Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	1,063.00	46919
1544	UniFirst Corp	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	444.45	46920
1939	United Way	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	30.00	46921
Verizon	Verizon Wireless	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	72.14	46922
Verizon	Verizon Wireless	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	2,142.12	46923
Verizon	Verizon Wireless	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	827.20	46924
W&W	W&W Lumber Company of Okeechobee	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	350.91	46925
538	Waste Management Inc. of Florida	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	51,146.27	46926
WEX	WEX Bank	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	6,170.01	46927
Cody Daigneault	Cody Daigneault	02/22/2024	Regular	0.00	17.09	46928
LVNV Funding LLC	LVNV Funding, LLC	02/22/2024	Regular	0.00	342.54	46929
AdvanceAuto	Advance Auto Parts	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	214.95	46930
American Drilling Se	American Drilling Services, Inc.	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	45.50	46931
Carr, Riggs & Ingram	Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	6,000.00	46932
CenturyLink-Fiber	Century Link	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	1,826.54	46933
CenturyLink-Local	CenturyLink	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	2,145.88	46934
City Electric Supply	City Electric Supply	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	108.21	46935
621	City Of Okeechobee - Petty Cash	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	18.85	46936
Comcast	Comcast	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	309.46	46937
Double Nickel Speedo	Double Nickel Speedometer Testing	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	900.00	46938
Everglades Farm Equi	Everglades Farm Equip. Co., Inc.	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	10.75	46939
Federal Eastern Inte	Federal Eastern International, Inc.	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	289.46	46940
FPL	Florida Power & Light Company	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	1,989.24	46941
FPL	Florida Power & Light Company	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	2,717.17	46942
Gilbert Outdoors	Gilbert Outdoors	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	60.81	46943
1892	Highland Pest Control	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	205.00	46944
ICS	ICS Computers Inc.	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	2,532.65	46945
IMS	IMS	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	279.78	46946
1866	JC Newell Const. Inspect. Services, Inc.	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	5,397.20	46947
113	Lawmen's & Shooters' Supply, Inc.	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	2,439.21	46948
LegalShield	LegalShield	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	50.85	46949
117	Liberty National Life Ins. Co.	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	179.28	46950
MissionSquare	MissionSquare	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	2,750.00	46951
143	Okeechobee Discount Drug	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	299.94	46952
OUA	Okeechobee Utility Authority	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	1,194.66	46953
O'Reilly	O'Reilly Auto Parts	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	40.27	46954
1160	Quality Tees	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	886.80	46955
2064	Red Ink Printing	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	460.30	46956
554	Scott's Quality Cleaning	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	211.25	46957
2118	SHI International	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	781.20	46958
St Lucie	St. Lucie Battery & Tire	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	19.78	46959
350	Superior Water Works, Inc.	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	82.50	46960
Supplyline	Supplyline	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	260.96	46961
Taylor Rental	Taylor Rental - Okeechobee	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	180.21	46962
1813	Thompson Reuters	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	113.76	46963
Thread	Thread Works Embroidery, LLC	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	774.00	46964
Tire Zone	Tire Zone of Okeechobee, Inc.	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	317.89	46965
W&W	W&W Lumber Company of Okeechobee	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	1,109.49	46966

Check Report**Date Range: 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024****Vendor Number****Vendor Name****Payment Date****Payment Type****Discount Amount****Payment Amount****Number**

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Walmart/Capital One

02/29/2024

Regular

0.00

78.01 46967

Bank Code GenFund Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	177	108	0.00	187,483.67
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	6	6	0.00	302,874.99
	183	114	0.00	490,358.66

Check Report

Date Range: 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: Grant Fund 305-Industrial Development Fund						
CraigSmith	Craig A Smith	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	5,563.75	1423

Bank Code Grant Fund 305 Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	1	1	0.00	5,563.75
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	1	1	0.00	5,563.75

Check Report

Date Range: 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: Grant Fund 307-Appropriations Grant Fund						
CAS Governmental Ser	CAS Governmental Services, LLC	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	675.00	1422

Bank Code Grant Fund 307 Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	1	1	0.00	675.00
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	1	1	0.00	675.00

Check Report

Date Range: 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: PubFac Fund-Public Facility Fund-Truist Checking						
BOA- 9928 fka 2303 P	Bank of America - 9928 fka 2303 PW	02/09/2024	Regular	0.00	609.95	3737
B & B Site Developme	B & B Site Development	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	2,160.93	3738
CW Roberts Contracti	CW Roberts Contracting, Inc.	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	1,265.43	3739
Energreen	Energreen America	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	5,822.54	3740
Florida Transcor	Florida Transcor	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	1,075.00	3741
Kelly Tractor	Kelly Tractor	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	135,276.00	3742
Nunez Lawncare & Lan	Nunez Lawncare & Landscaping Inc	02/16/2024	Regular	0.00	8,333.33	3743
C&C Industrial Enter	C&C Industrial Enterprise. LLC	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	169.70	3744
FPL	Florida Power & Light Company	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	5,694.10	3745
Florida Transcor	Florida Transcor	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	2,150.00	3746
GEVEKO MARKINGS INC	GEVEKO MARKINGS INC	02/29/2024	Regular	0.00	8,763.60	3747

Bank Code PubFac Fund Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	12	11	0.00	171,320.58
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	12	11	0.00	171,320.58

All Bank Codes Check Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	196	126	0.00	390,089.59
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	6	6	0.00	302,874.99
	202	132	0.00	692,964.58

Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
001	GENERAL FUND	2/2024	490,358.66
301	PUBLIC FACILITY FUND	2/2024	171,320.58
304	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	2/2024	25,046.59
305	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND	2/2024	5,563.75
307	APPROPRIATIONS GRANT FUND	2/2024	675.00
			692,964.58

ORDINANCE NO. 1288

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 568 ADDING LONGEVITY SERVICE AWARDS TO CITY EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Okeechobee, Florida ("City"), adopted Ordinance No. 568, of which Section I, amended the Code of Ordinances for the City by amending Chapter Two, Article V, to add Division 3-Longevity Service Awards, by adding Section 2-97, which has since been renumbered to be Article III, Division 2-Longevity Service Awards, Section 2-91 to provide for monetary awards to city employees for longevity service; and

WHEREAS, the City has a legitimate interest in periodic review of its Ordinances to address certain inconsistencies or outdated regulations contained in the Codes; to make amendments to meet changing community standards, or to accommodate new development; and to create new ordinances or regulations to better serve the public and to make the Code a more consistent and easier to understand document; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City considered recommendations by the City staff and concludes that the terms for the longevity service awards to City employees are best codified in the City Personnel Policies and Procedures handbook.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained before the City Council of the City; presented at a duly advertised public meeting; and passed by majority vote of the City Council; and properly executed by the Mayor or designee, as Chief Presiding Officer for the City; that

SECTION 1: RECITALS.

The foregoing "whereas" clauses are incorporated herein as legislative findings by this reference and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes.

SECTION 2: RESCISSION OF ORDINANCE 568.

That Ordinance 568, a copy attached hereto, Section I, is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

SECTION 3: CONFLICT.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: INCLUSION IN THE CODE.

It is the interest of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained at the provision of this Ordinance shall become and made part of the Code of Ordinances for the City.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY.

If any provision or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

INTRODUCED for First Reading and set for Final Public Hearing on this 19th day of March 2024. Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Council Member Chandler:				
Council Member/Vice Mayor Clark:				
Council Member Jarriel:				
Council Member McAuley:				
Mayor Watford:				

Dowling R. Watford, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED after Second and Final Public Hearing this 16th day of **April 2024**. Roll Call
Vote:

	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Council Member Chandler:				
Council Member/Vice Mayor Clark:				
Council Member Jarriel:				
Council Member McAuley:				
Mayor Watford:				

Dowling R. Watford, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk

REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

John J. Fumero, City Attorney
Nason Yeager Gerson Harris & Fumero, P.A.

ORDINANCE NO. 568

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER TWO, ARTICLE V WHICH PROVIDES FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT OF CITY EMPLOYEES; ADDING DIVISION 3-LONGEVITY SERVICE AWARDS; ADDING SECTION 2-97 TO PROVIDE FOR ONE-TIME MONETARY AWARDS TO CITY EMPLOYEES FOR LONGEVITY SERVICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA.

SECTION I: Chapter Two of the Ordinance Code of the City of Okeechobee is amended to add the following provisions:

Division 3 - LONGEVITY SERVICE AWARDS

Section 2-97: It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City to encourage career or longevity service by its employees and, as incentive for such longevity service, monetary awards to full-time employees based upon length of service shall be awarded as follows:

a. Twenty (20) years - Any full-time employee who completes twenty (20) years of continuous service or retires with twenty (20) years continuous service, shall receive an award of \$250.00.

b. Twenty-five (25) years - Any full-time employee who completes twenty-five (25) years of continuous service or retires with twenty-five (25) years of continuous service shall receive an award of \$500.00.

c. Thirty (30) years - Any full-time employee who completes thirty (30) years of continuous service or retires with thirty (30) years continuous service, shall receive an award of \$750.00.

d. Thirty-five (35) years - Any full-time employee who completes thirty-five (35) years of continuous service or retires with thirty-five (35) years of continuous service shall receive an award of \$1,000.00.

e. Forty (40) years - Any full-time employee who completes forty (40) years of continuous service or retires with forty (40) years continuous service, shall receive an award of \$1,250.00.

f. The term "full-time employee" shall, for purposes of this section only, include the following elected officials: Council members and City Clerk.

g. The term "continuous service" shall, for purposes of this section only, include only years of actual service in the employment of the City.

SECTION II: Any active, full-time employee who, at the effective date of this ordinance, had completed twenty (20) or more years of continuous service to the City shall receive the monetary award for the highest level of service completed by that employee at the effective date. (Example: Employee A had 24 years of continuous service at the adoption of this Ordinance. Employee B had 26 years. A would receive \$250.00 and B would receive \$500.00. B would not receive \$250.00 for 20 years, plus \$500.00 for 25 years.)

SECTION III: This ordinance does not apply to any former employee who retired or otherwise left the employment of the City prior to the adoption of this ordinance.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Introduced on first reading and set for public hearing this 7th day of January, 1986.


OAKLAND CHAPMAN
Mayor


Attest:


BONNIE THOMAS
Clerk

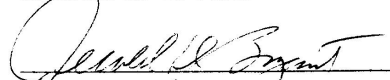
Passed on second reading and public hearing this 21st day of January, 1986.


OAKLAND CHAPMAN
Mayor

Attest:


BONNIE THOMAS
Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


GERALD D. BRYANT
City Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 19, 2024

TO: Mayor & Council Members

FROM: City Administrator Gary Ritter

SUBJECT: Discussion of Parades and Council Members' Participation

The topic of participation and the cost of parades have come up on numerous occasions which is why I am placing it on the Council Agenda for discussion. Currently the City has four parades during the year. They are as follows:

- Speckled Perch Parade (March)
- Labor Day Parade (September)
- Homecoming Parade (September/October)
- Christmas Parade (December)

Staff and Council Member Participation in these parades has always been through informal verbal communication at Council meetings and through email. I am requesting the Council to consider formally committing to participating in all or a select number of these parades so we can eliminate second guessing or miscommunication.

The Christmas Parade is the only parade in which a float is provided for the Council Members and staff. Otherwise, we will use a Public Works flatbed truck with benches for Council Members and select staff.

Lastly, parades are costly with the number of Law Enforcement and Public Works staff that are needed to set up, monitor, and police the route and detour. The number of staff hours is significant given that all of the Public Works staff (10) are involved in some capacity and roughly 20 Police Officers including auxiliary are involved. A conservative cost estimate of staff time alone is between \$2,500 to \$3,000 for a minimum of 120 staff hours.