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## CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE  
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

**AUGUST 15, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**REGULAR MEETING AND  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
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 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 August 1, 2023 minutes.
- B. Approval of July, 2023 Warrant Register.

### V. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION CONTINUED FROM JULY 18, 2023

- A. Continue discussion on the Motion on the floor made by Vice Mayor Clark and second by Council Member Chandler to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1276, for Land Development Regulations Text Amendment Application No. 23-003-TA, adding storm shutter regulations within Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances (**Exhibit 1**).
- B. Continue discussion on the Motion and second on the floor made by Council Members Chandler and McAuley to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1278, amending Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances, and requiring connection to the public water and/or sewer systems (**Exhibit 2**).

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of City Legislative Priorities for 2024-2025 by Connie Vanassche (**Exhibit 3**).
- B. Motion to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2023-07, releasing the City's right of first refusal to purchase Lots 1 and 2, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE COMMERCE CENTER, Plat Book 7, Pages 7-14, Okeechobee County public records (**Exhibit 4**).
- C. Motion to approve the Preliminary Plat Application No. 23-003-TRC, consisting of 16.2+/- acres to create a new subdivision with five lots titled, PARK STREET COMMERCE CENTER, from four unplatted parcels of land together with Lots 1 to 12 of Block 4, the abandoned East to West Alley within Block 4, and a portion of abandoned NE 2nd Street located North of Block 4, PRICE ADDITION as recorded in Plat

Book 2, Page 17, Okeechobee County public records; and including approving that the plat constitutes an abandonment of the unimproved and unutilized portion of NE 12th Avenue (f/k/a Mobley Street) lying West of Block 4, PRICE ADDITION, submitted by Adam Ramsey, Registered Agent for Park Street Okeechobee, LLC; property owner William R. Grigsby, Jr., located in the 1100 to 1200 blocks along the North side of North Park Street/State Road 70 East, just West of the eastern City Limits/NE 13th Avenue **(Exhibit 5)**.

- D. Motion to award a contract for Bid No. PW 05-11-07-23 Sidewalk Improvements to American Design Engineering Construction Inc **(Exhibit 6)**.
- E. Motion to approve Piggyback Agreement Addendum No. 6 with Okeechobee Medical Providers, Inc. to continue medical services with Treasure Coast Medical Associates which is based upon the same rates as last year **(Exhibit 7)**.
- F. Motion to approve an agreement with Kimley Horn and Associates for civil engineering services as provided in RFQ No. ADM 01-32-07-21 in the amount not to exceed \$34,416.56 for the SE 4th Street Drainage Improvement Project, FDEP Agreement LPQ0007 **(Exhibit 8)**.
- G. Discussion to close City Hall for the entire day on September 1, 2023 and the possibility of a Notice of Continuation for the September 5, 2023, First Budget Public Hearing, if City Hall is unavailable because of the termite fumigation to be done September 1-4, 2023.

**VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE**

**VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

**IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**X. RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND OPEN BUDGET WORKSHOP**

- A. Discuss the proposed 2023-2024 fiscal year budget **(Exhibit 9)**.

**XI. ADJOURN WORKSHOP AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION**

- A. Unfinished items or issues discussed during the budget workshop to be addressed.

**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.