



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

DECEMBER 5, 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. Recognition of FFA and 4H students for their accomplishments at recent State and National competitions.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes for November 7 and November 21, 2023 (**Exhibit 1**).
- B. Motion to reappoint Mrs. Donna Howard to the General Employee's Pension Board of Trustees, as City resident one of two appointed by the City Council, term beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027 (**Exhibit 2**).
- C. Motion to cancel the December 19, 2023, regular Council Meeting.
- D. Motion to approve the disposal of Brite Stands for Fujitsu Tablets used by the Police Department (**Exhibit 3**).
- E. Motion to approve the disposal of Fujitsu Tablets and Scanners used by the Police Department (**Exhibit 4**).

VI. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION

- A. Motion to read by title only, and adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1281, Land Development Regulation Text Amendment Application No. 23-004-TA, adding a definition for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, removing them as a permitted use in the following Zoning Districts: Light Commercial, Heavy Commercial, Commercial Business District, and Industrial; and existing facilities to be considered nonconforming uses. Recommendation to approve from the Planning Board (**Exhibit 5**).

- B. Motion to read by title only, and adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1282, Abandonment of Right-of-Way Petition No. 23-002-AC, for the alleyway laying North to South between Lots 3 through 6 and 9 through 12 of Block 34, FIRST ADDITION TO SOUTH OKEECHOBEE, Plat Book 1, Page 17, Okeechobee County public records, submitted by Steven M. Guelff, on behalf of the property owners, Guelff Family Limited Partnership and Porter Holdings of Okeechobee. The property is located between South Parrott and SW 2nd Avenues, and SW 17th and 18th Streets. Recommendations to approve from the Technical Review Committee and Planning Board (**Exhibit 6**).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2023-09, confirming the 2024 schedule of regular meetings (**Exhibit 7**).
- B. Motion to approve the proposal from B & B Site development in the amount of \$27,960.00 to conduct emergency repair of the NE 4th St canal bank (**Exhibit 8**).
- C. Motion to approve an agreement in the amount of \$185,007.68 to Kimley-Horn for professional engineering services for improvements and general hardening to City Hall (**Exhibit 9**).

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

IX. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XI. 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.