



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

6:00 PM

FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OFFICIAL AGENDA

Mayor

Dowling R. Watford, Jr.

Council Members

Noel Chandler

Monica Clark

Bob Jarriel

Bobby Keefe

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 a Comment Card. Citizen comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless otherwise approved by the Mayor.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Proclaim the month of September 2021 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month."

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2021, July 27, 2021, August 3, 2021, August 11, 2021, August 17, 2021.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register – July 2021
- C. Reappoint Cody Daigneault to the Police Officers Pension Board of Trustees, and Herb Smith to the Firefighters Pension Board of Trustees, terms being October 1 to September 30, 2025 (**Exhibit 1**).
- D. Approve a one-year renewal through July 31, 2022, Memorandum of Understanding for the administration of traffic control preemption with Okeechobee County (**Exhibit 2**).
- E. Approve the quote to MTS Software Solutions for FY 2020-21 budgeted item, Phase 3 of the backlogged document scanning project for Records Retention-Commercial Building Plans and Permits, not to exceed \$20,000.00 (**Exhibit 3**).

VI. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION

- A. Read by title only and adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1230, Comprehensive Plan Small Scale FLUM Amendment Application No. 21-004-SSA (**Exhibit 4**).
- B. Read by title only and adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1236, amending Code Section 2-172 and Chapter 34 related to the Fire Services Interlocal Agreement with Okeechobee County (**Exhibit 5**).

VII. FIRST READING – PUBLIC HEARING OF BUDGET ORDINANCES

- A. Mayor announces that the purpose of this public hearing is to consider the first reading of ordinances for the proposed millage rate levy and proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.
- B. Mayor announces that the proposed millage rate levy represents 3.68% more than the roll back rate computed pursuant to F.S.200.065 (1).
- C. Read proposed Ordinance No.1237 by title only and set September 27, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. as a final public hearing date, levying a millage rate of 7.6018 on all real and tangible personal property for proposed Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 (**Exhibit 6**).

VII. FIRST READING – PUBLIC HEARING OF BUDGET ORDINANCES CONTINUED

- D. Read proposed Ordinance No. 1238 by title only and set the final Public Hearing for September 27, 2021, at 6:00 P.M., setting the annual budget for proposed Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 (**Exhibit 7**).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Read proposed Ordinance No. 1239 by title only and set September 27, 2021 as a final public hearing date, amending the General Employees Pension Plan (**Exhibit 8**).
- B. Motion to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2021-07 regarding Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual (**Exhibit 9**).
- C. Consider a request by Okeechobee Main Street to place personalized hometown veteran’s banners in the Downtown area during the month of November to celebrate our local veterans (**Exhibit 10**).
- D. Motion to approve Committee Ranking of RFQ NO. ADM 01-32-07-21, Professional Engineering Services (**Exhibit 11**).
- E. Motion to authorize the City Administrator to approve temporary part-time personnel as needed (**Exhibit 12**).
- F. Motion to appoint Gary Ritter as the City Administrator effective September 21, 2021, completing the three-month probationary period.
- G. Motion to promote Assistant Police Chief Donald Hagan to Chief of Police effective August 1, 2021 (**Exhibit 13**).

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 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 (ADA), any person with a disability as defined by the ADA, that needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, contact the City Clerk’s Office no later than two business days prior to proceeding, 863-763-3372.

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