



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

MARCH 15, 2022

6:00 PM

OFFICIAL AGENDA

Mayor

Dowling R. Watford, Jr.

Council Members

Noel Chandler

Monica Clark

Bob Jarriel

Bobby Keefe

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. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – March 1, 2022 Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of Warrant Register – February 2022

V. PLANNING AND ZONING

The following items are quasi-judicial in nature. In accordance with section 286.0115, Florida statutes, an opportunity for persons to speak on each item will be made available after the applicant and staff have made their presentations on each item. All testimony, including public testimony and evidence, may be made under oath or affirmation. Additionally, each person who gives testimony may be subject to cross-examination. If you do not wish to be either cross-examined or sworn, your testimony will be given its due weight. The general public may request the Board to ask questions of staff or witnesses on their behalf. Any person presenting documents to the Board should provide the City Clerk with a minimum of 10 copies. Further details of the quasi-judicial procedure may be obtained from the Clerk.

No verbatim record by a certified court reporter is made of these proceedings. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at these proceedings upon which any appeal is to be based (see Section 286.0105, Fla. Stat.). In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, F.S., persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's office at 863-763-9814 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this proceeding.

- A. Motion to read by title only and adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1249, regarding Petition No. 22-001-R, rezoning Blocks 110 and 121, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, Plat Book 5, Page 5, Okeechobee County public records; 3.9+/- acres from Heavy Commercial to Residential Multiple Family, submitted by property owner F. Mitch Stephens/Glenwood Park, LLC. The vacant property is located between NE 2nd to 3rd Avenues and 3rd to 5th Streets, the proposed use multi-family structures. *Planning Board recommends approval. (Exhibit 1). Final reading and adoption. Quasi-Judicial*

V. PLANNING AND ZONING CONTINUED

- B. Motion to read by title only, and set April 5, 2022, as the final Public Hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1245, regarding Petition No. 22-002-R, rezoning a total of 54.8+/- unplatted acres from Holding and Residential Mobile Home to Heavy Commercial (16.8+/- acres) and Residential Multiple Family (38.0+/- acres), submitted by property owner Gad Reggev/Blue Springs Holdings LLC. The vacant property is located in the NE section of the City boundaries, situated East of Taylor Creek, South of the railroad track, West of the NE City Limits (North 13th Avenue), and surrounds River Run Phase 2 subdivision to the North, East, and South. The proposed use is a multi-family residential community and household storage facility **(Exhibit 2). 1st reading. Quasi-Judicial**
- C. Motion to read by title only, and set April 5, 2022, as the final public hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1246 regarding Petition No. 21-006-R, rezoning Lots 23-24 of Block 3, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, Plat Book 5, Page 5, Okeechobee County public records, 0.4+/- acres from Residential Multiple Family to Heavy Commercial, submitted by property owner Muhammad Nooruddin. The vacant property is located at 204 NW 13th Street, the proposed use is a storage facility **(Exhibit 3). 1st reading. Quasi-Judicial**

VI. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION

- A. Motion to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1231, closing the alleyway in Block 110, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, Plat Book 5, Page 5, Okeechobee County public records; Abandonment of Right-of-Way Petition No. 21-001-AC, postponed from the January 18, 2022, final Public Hearing. *Planning Board recommends approval. (Exhibit 4).*
- B. Motion to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1232, closing the alleyway in Block 121, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, Plat Book 5, Page 5, Okeechobee County public records; Abandonment of Right-of-Way Petition No. 21-002-AC, postponed from the January 18, 2022, final Public Hearing. *Planning Board recommends approval. (Exhibit 5).*
- C. Motion to read by title only and adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1250, updating the Capital Improvements 5-Year Schedule within the Comprehensive Plan. *Local Planning Agency recommends approval. (Exhibit 6).*

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2022-02 for authorization to implement a Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant **(Exhibit 7)**.
- B. Motion to award RFQ ADM-01-32-11-21, General Planning Services.

VIII. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

IX. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

X. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

XI. CITY 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.

BE ADVISED that should you intend to show any document, picture, video, or item to the Council in support 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.