



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

APRIL 16, 2024

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 any modifications to the agenda.
- B. Motion to adopt the agenda as published and amended.
- 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 April 2, 2024 minutes (**Exhibit 1**).
- B. Motion to approve the March, 2024 Warrant Register (**Exhibit 2**).

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

- A. Motion to read by title only and adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1288, rescinding removing the longevity service awards from Section 2-97 of the Code of Ordinances by rescinding a portion of Ordinance No. 568 (**Exhibit 3**).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve the 2023 Audited Financials prepared by Carr, Riggs & Ingram as presented by Lindsey Aviles, CPA Partner (**Exhibit 4**).
- B. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and set May 21, 2024, as the final Public Hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1289, adopting Application No. 24-001-CPA updating the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements to the Comprehensive Plan (**Exhibit 5**).
- C. Motion to approve the amendments to the Personnel Policies and Procedures to include the Longevity Service Award Policy as amended by the Council on February 20, 2024 (**Exhibit 6**).
- D. Status update on Lake Okeechobee Projects from MacVicar Consulting, Inc., 1st quarter of 2024, by Gary Ritter (**Exhibit 7**).

- VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE
- VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE
- IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS
- X. 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.

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