



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

JUNE 7, 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. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Present a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Joe Papasso for his volunteerism on the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and the Design Review Board.
- B. Present a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. J.P. Zeigler for his volunteerism on the General Employees Pension Board of Trustees.
- C. Proclaim the week of May 9 – 13, 2022 as “Economic Development Week.”

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the May 17, 2022 Minutes (**Exhibit 1**).

VI. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION

- A. Read by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 1253 regarding a referendum on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot adopting a new City Charter (**Exhibit 2**).
- B. Continue discussion of the Motion on the floor made by Council Members Keefe and Jarriel to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1253.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve the 2021 Audited Financials prepared by Carr, Riggs & Ingram (**Exhibit 3**).
- B. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and set July 5, 2022, as the final public hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1254 regarding LDR Text Amendment Application No. 22-001-TA for home-based businesses (**Exhibit 4**).
- C. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and set July 5, 2022, as the final public hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1258, extending the sunset date one year for Ordinance No. 1224, adopting the Holding Property Rezoning Program (**Exhibit 5**).

VII. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

- D. Motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$9,379.62, not to exceed \$10,000.00, to rewire the Council Chambers **(Exhibit 6)**.
- E. Discuss local and state regulations for the use of fireworks **(Exhibit 7)**.
- F. Motion to approve a Facility Use License Agreement with Okeechobee Historical Society, Inc. regarding use of the Primitive Baptist Church property **(Exhibit 8)**.
- G. Motion to approve a Contractor's Agreement with RMPK Funding, Inc. for grant consulting services **(Exhibit 9)**.
- H. Consider staff recommendation to convert the City parcel on SW 3rd Avenue and SW 23rd Street from a storage area to an open public green space, or sell the parcel **(Exhibit 10)**.

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

IX. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

X. CITY 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 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.