



# CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE  
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

**JULY 19, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**OFFICIAL AGENDA**

**Mayor**

Dowling R. Watford, Jr.

**Council Members**

Noel Chandler

Monica Clark

Bob Jarriel

Bobby Keefe

<b>Mission Statement:</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>Vision Statement:</b>	<b>The City of Okeechobee will maintain a vibrant and prosperous community built on our heritage, history, unique character, and small-town atmosphere.</b>

## 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. Call the November 8, 2022 General City Election for the Offices of City Council and City Clerk by Proclamation (**Exhibit 1**).
- B. Call for a Referendum Question to be on the November 8, 2022, General City Election by Proclamation (**Exhibit 2**).

## V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2022, June 21, 2022, and July 5, 2022 (**Exhibit 3**).
- B. Approval of May 2022 Warrant Register (**Exhibit 4**).

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and set August 16, 2022 as the final public hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1256 for Rezoning Petition No. 22-004-R submitted by Anita Nunez/Anita's Rental Properties to rezone 2.41+/- vacant unplatted acres from RS-1 to CHV located in the 1000 block on the East side of South Parrott Avenue (**Exhibit 5**).
- B. Motion to approve a Park Use and Temporary Street Closing Application from Okeechobee Main Street, closing SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 5:00 p.m. on August 5, 2022 to 2:00 p.m. on August 6, 2022, for the dedication and unveiling of Cattle Drive Sculpture and Cattlemen's Square Park (**Exhibit 6**).
- C. Motion to approve the 2022-2023 School Resource Officer Agreement for Okeechobee Christian Academy (**Exhibit 7**).
- D. Motion to approve renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Okeechobee County for the administration of Traffic Control Preemption (**Exhibit 8**).
- E. Discuss budget prioritization of Capital Projects.
- F. Motion to approve the maximum millage rate for advertisement for 2022 Tax Notices, millage rate of 7.6018 for budget year 2022-2023 (**Exhibit 9**).

**VI. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

- G. Motion to approve the budget calendar for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 setting remaining Workshops for August 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and August 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., if needed; First Budget Hearing for September 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with regular Council Meeting, and reschedule the regular Council Meeting to be held September 20, 2022 to the same date as the Final Budget Hearing on September 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. **(Exhibit 10)**.
- H. Conduct annual evaluation of City Administrator Gary Ritter.

**VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE**

**VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

**IX. CITY 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 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.