



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

AUGUST 1, 2023

5:00 PM

**REGULAR MEETING AND
BUDGET WORKSHOP
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 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. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes from July 18, 2023.
- B. Motion to temporarily close a portion of SW 3rd and 4th Avenues between North and South Park Streets from 5:00 PM on September 3, 2023 through 5:00 PM on September 4, 2023 for the Labor Day Festival as submitted by Okeechobee Main Street. **(Exhibit 1)**.

V. PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION ADOPTION

- A. Motion to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2023-04 which provides the Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services preliminary Rates, the Assessed Cost for Services, and the estimated Assessment Rate for FY 2023/24 **(Exhibit 2)**.
- B. Motion to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2023-05 which provides the Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services Rates, continuing imposition of the Assessment and certifying the Solid Waste Assessment Roll for FY 2023/24 **(Exhibit 3)**.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fire Services update by Chief Wooten.
- B. Motion to approve a Piggyback Agreement from the Okeechobee Utility Authority, with Evergreen Solutions, LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$18,500.00 for an Employee Classification and Compensation Survey and Study. **(Exhibit 4)**.

- C. Motion to approve an agreement with Kimley Horn for professional services in the amount of \$56,040.00 for the SE 8th Avenue Stormwater Improvement Project, FDEP Agreement LPA0350 (**Exhibit 5**).
- D. Motion to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2023-06 adopting the Commercial Rates for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services (**Exhibit 6**).

VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

X. RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND OPEN BUDGET WORKSHOP

- A. Discuss the proposed 2023-2024 fiscal year budget (**Exhibit 7**).

XI. ADJOURN WORKSHOP AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

- A. Unfinished items or issues discussed during the budget workshop to be addressed.

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 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.

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