



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

6:00 PM

**FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
AND 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 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 PROCLAMATION ITEMS

- A. Present a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Rick Chartier for his service on the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, and the Design Review Board.
- B. Present Detective Sergeant Aurelio Almazan with a Longevity Service Award for 15 years.
- C. Proclaim the month of September as Hunger Action Month.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes for August 15, 2023.
- B. Motion to reappoint Mr. Ray Worley to the Police Officers Pension Fund Board of Trustees (City Resident 2 of 2), term being October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027 (**Exhibit 1**).

VI. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 15, 2023

- A. Continue discussion on the Motion on the floor made by Vice Mayor Clark and second by Council Member Chandler to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1276, as Amended on August 15, 2023, for Land Development Regulations Text Amendment Application No. 23-003-TA, adding storm shutter regulations within Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances (**Exhibit 2**).

VII. FIRST READING – PUBLIC HEARING OF BUDGET ORDINANCES

- A. Mayor to announce that the purpose of this Public Hearing is to consider the first reading of ordinances for the proposed Millage Rate levy and proposed Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

- B. Mayor to announce the proposed Millage Rate levy represents 2.84 percent more than the roll-back rate of 6.1801 computed pursuant to Florida Statutes 200.065(1).
- C. Motion to read by title only, set the final public hearing at 6:00 PM on September 25, 2023, and approve the first reading for proposed Ordinance No. 1279, levying a Millage Rate of 6.3556 on all real and tangible personal property for proposed Fiscal Year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024 **(Exhibit 3)**.
- D. Motion to read by title only, set the final public hearing at 6:00 PM on September 25, 2023, and approve the first reading for proposed Ordinance No. 1280, adopting the annual Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024 **(Exhibit 4)**.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion to award a 3-year contract for RFP No. ADM 01-32-07-23 Professional Auditing Services to Carr, Riggs and Ingram LLC **(Exhibit 5)**.
- B. Motion to approve the renewal of Property and Casualty Insurance coverages with Public Risk Management (PRM) with an effective date of October 1, 2023 **(Exhibit 6)**.
- C. Motion to allow Freedom Baptist Church to use City property located at 1003 SW 3rd Avenue (Primitive Baptist Church) for overflow parking on Sunday mornings and other special times **(Exhibit 7)**.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

X. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

XI. 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 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.