



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

OCTOBER 17, 2023

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 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. Honor Kay Matchett, Public Works Administrative Secretary, for Five Years Service.
- B. Honor Jason Chapman's memory with a presentation to his family.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes for September 14, 2023, September 25, 2023, and October 3, 2023.
- B. Motion to approve September 2023 Warrant Register.
- C. Motion to temporarily close a portion of Southwest 4th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. on October 31, 2023, for the Fall Festival as submitted by First Baptist Church of Okeechobee (**Exhibit 1**).

VI. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR PLAT ADOPTION POSTPONED FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

- A. Motion to approve or deny with or without contingencies, Final Plat Application No. 23-003-TRC/FP, proposed development is a 16.2+/- acres commercial subdivision, to be titled: **PARK STREET COMMERCE CENTER**, located in the 1100 to 1200 blocks along the North side of North Park Street/State Road 70 East, just West of the eastern City Limits/Northeast 13th Avenue. The newly platted subdivision will consist of five lots for future commercial development, two master stormwater tracts, rights-of-way Northeast 3rd Street and Northeast 13th Avenue, and an abandonment of the unimproved and unutilized portion of Northeast 12th Avenue, form LLC; Mobley Street, submitted by Adam Ramsey, Registered Agent for Park Street Okeechobee, LLC; property owner William R. Grigsby, Jr. (**Exhibit 2**).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Motion to read by title only, set November 21, 2023, as the Final Public Hearing date, and approve the first reading for proposed Ordinance No. 1275, Land Development Regulations Text Amendment Application No. 23-002-TA, revamping the Stormwater Management regulations within Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances **(Exhibit 3)**.
- B.** Consider moving an alternate member and appointing a new member to the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, and the Design Review Board **(Exhibit 4)**.
- C.** Motion to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement No. LPQ0007 for the Taylor Creek Southeast 4th Street Stormwater Project, amend Section 2.d. of and add Section 8.f. to Attachment 1; amend Section 4 in Attachment 2; and amend Attachment 3 Project Timeline and Budget Detail, and add Task 2 to Attachment 3 **(Exhibit 5)**.
- D.** Motion to approve an agreement in the amount of \$19,210.00 to Kimley-Horn and Associates for engineering services for the Northeast 4th drainage ditch, East of Northeast 6th Avenue **(Exhibit 6)**.
- E.** Motion to approve contracting with Newman's Power Systems to install a new generator at the City Police Department in the amount of \$67,654.00 **(Exhibit 7)**.
- F.** Discussion of securing new Patrol Vehicles.

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

IX. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

X. 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 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.