



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

6:00 PM

FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OFFICIAL AGENDA

Mayor

Dowling R. Watford, Jr.

Council Members

Noel Chandler

Monica Clark

Bob Jarriel

Bobby Keefe

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. Proclaim the month of September 2022 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month."
- B. Proclaim October 8, 2022 as "Peter Raulerson Day."
- C. Proclaim the week of September 17 – 23, 2022 as "Constitution Week."
- D. Present a 10-Year Service Award to David Allen.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Ratify the appointment of Dawn Martin to the General Employees' Pension Fund Board of Trustees as the Fifth Member, replacing J.P. Ziegler.
- B. Approve a purchase in the amount of \$19,600.00 to Glasgow Equipment Service, Inc. for the replacement of the diesel fuel pump at Public Works (**Exhibit 1**).

VI. PUBLIC HEARING FOR QUASI-JUDICIAL ITEMS

The following items are quasi-judicial in nature. In accordance with section 286.0115, Florida statutes, an opportunity for persons to speak on each item will be made available after the applicant and staff have made their presentations on each item. All testimony, including public testimony and evidence, may be made under oath or affirmation. Additionally, each person who gives testimony may be subject to cross-examination. If you do not wish to be either cross-examined or sworn, your testimony will be given its due weight. The general public may request the Board to ask questions of staff or witnesses on their behalf.

Any person presenting documents to the Board should provide the City Clerk with a minimum of 10 copies. Further details of the quasi-judicial procedure may be obtained from the Clerk.

No verbatim record by a certified court reporter is made of these proceedings. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at these proceedings upon which any appeal is to be based (see Section 286.0105, Fla. Stat.). In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, F.S., persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's office at 863-763-9814 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this proceeding.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING FOR QUASI-JUDICIAL ITEMS CONTINUED

- A. Motion to read by title only and adopt proposed Ordinance. No. 1261 for Rezoning Petition No. 22-005-R, submitted by the property owner, James Caprio/608 Okeechobee LLC, to rezone 0.64+/- acres, Lots 7-8 from CPO, and Lots 9-10 from RSF-1 to CLT of Block 78, Okeechobee. The property is located at 201 – 205 NE 6th Street. The proposed use is to expand the existing business located directly North of this property. Planning Board is recommending approval **(Exhibit 2). Final reading and adoption. Quasi-judicial**

VII. FIRST READING – PUBLIC HEARING OF BUDGET ORDINANCES

- A. Motion to read by title only and set September 26, 2022 as a final public hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1266, levying a millage rate of 6.8987 on all real and tangible personal property for proposed Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 **(Exhibit 3)**.
- B. Motion to read by title only and set September 26, 2022 as a final public hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1267, setting the annual budget for proposed Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 **(Exhibit 4)**.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation regarding SR 70 resurfacing **(Exhibit 5)**.
- B. Consider a request by Okeechobee Main Street to install banners of local veterans along Park Street starting November 1, 2022 for the Hometown Heroes Banner Project **(Exhibit 6)**.
- C. Motion to approve a Grant Agreement for funding with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Cattlemen's Square project **(Exhibit 7)**.
- D. Motion to approve a Roadway Improvements Contract with CW Roberts Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$80,000.00 for asphalt milling and paving **(Exhibit 8)**.
- E. Motion to approve renewal of Property and Casualty Insurance coverages with Public Risk Management (PRM) with an effective date of October 1, 2022. **(Exhibit 9)**.
- F. Motion to approve disposal of obsolete and surplus Police Department equipment and vehicles **(Exhibit 10)**.

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 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.