



## OCOEE CITY COMMISSION

Ocoee Commission Chambers  
1 N. Bluford Avenue  
Ocoee, Florida

October 7, 2025

### MINUTES

6:15 PM

### REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

#### • CALL TO ORDER 6:15 PM

**Mayor Johnson** called the regular session to order at 6:15 PM in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The invocation was led by **Ages Hart**, *Ocoee Resident*, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by **Commissioner Wilsen**. **City Clerk Sibbitt** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

**Present:** Mayor Johnson, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Wilsen, Commissioner Firstner, and Commissioner Oliver

**Also Present:** City Manager Shadrix, City Attorney Geller, and City Clerk Sibbitt

#### • PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS 6:18 PM

Fire Prevention Month Proclamation - read and proclaimed by **Mayor Johnson**, accepted by Ocoee Fire Department staff.

Purple Heart City Proclamation – read and proclaimed by **Mayor Johnson**, accepted by Military Order of the Purple Heart Representatives Lou Barnes and Steven Sparrow.

#### Update on Tiger Minor Park 6:35 PM

Public Comments were heard out of agenda order. The following persons addressed the City Commission:

- **Kim Drury**, *Ocoee Resident*, explained how she is an avid pickleball player and expressed her thankfulness for the pickleball courts and her hope for a resolution that will accommodate everyone.
- **Dave Denmark**, *Ocoee Resident*, expressed his concern for the noise level at the park at certain times of the morning and evening and shared his hope for a resolution.

**Parks and Leisure Services Director Johnson** presented a PowerPoint summarizing staff's proposed solutions to address concerns raised by residents at the previous City Commission meeting. These concerns included patrons using the park too early or too late, pickleball court lights and noise level, vandalism in the park, and cars entering and exiting the park at certain hours of the night. The recommended solutions included installing gates at each entrance to be opened and closed daily, setting designated pickleball court hours from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, placing the court lights on a timer, and adding a sport sonic guard along with landscape barriers to help reduce noise.

- **Andrea Jones**, *Ocoee Resident*, expressed her appreciation to staff for the presented recommendations, but stated her concern with the suggested hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. She suggested switching the pickleball courts with the tennis courts.

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**Mayor Johnson** suggested setting the closing time for the pickleball courts to 9:00 PM and stated that switching the courts with the tennis courts would not work, because they were made specifically for pickleball.

**Commissioner Kennedy** expressed his concerns with discussing this issue as a presentation instead of a regular agenda item and suggested bringing the item back to the Commission under the regular agenda, to be discussed.

**Commissioner Wilsen** stated that she appreciates the mitigation measures suggested in the presentation and she is in favor of them, as she feels they are fair and reasonable.

**Commissioner Firstner** stated that he supports the recommendations presented and he suggested that the sound mitigation efforts should be pursued in the budget.

**Commissioner Oliver** stated there must be a reasonable and amicable compromise from both the residents and the citizens and he will support the 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM or 8:30 PM suggestion.

- **Rhonda Connect, Ocoee Resident**, asked for clarification on the 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM park hours, questioning if those will be the hours for the entire park or specific to the pickleball courts and **Parks and Leisure Services Director Johnson** addressed her question.

**Motion: Move to approve the Tiger Minor Park hours being set to 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM daily, establishing pickleball court hours from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM, installing gates at each entrance to be opened and closed daily, and adding sound mitigation measures to the pickleball courts only; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Oliver; Motion carried 4-1 with Commission Kennedy opposing.**

• **STAFF REPORTS AND AGENDA REVIEW 7:03 PM**

**City Manager Shadrix** announced that due to recent rain, the site conditions for the Police Department Training Facility Groundbreaking Ceremony are currently unfavorable. A determination will be made tomorrow on whether to relocate the ceremony to the Ocoee Lakeshore Center.

**City Manager Shadrix** also noted that the City Commission will receive a memorandum summarizing the history of permits and actions related to the fiberoptic hub located on Johio Shores Road. Regarding the Christmas lights discussed at the previous meeting, he reported that staff have completed testing all outlets and provided Duke Energy with a list of those that are not functioning.

**City Manager Shadrix** further advised that he is working with staff on appropriations requests to the State Legislature for the upcoming session, focusing on funding related to hurricane resiliency, septic-to-sewer conversion, and reclaimed water projects. The City is also seeking to include a public safety appropriation request. He announced that the Rewis Street waterline and sidewalk replacement project has been completed, with project closeout currently underway. The next phase is resurfacing which is expected to begin within the next few weeks.

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**City Manager Shadrix** provided clarification on Item #10 of the Consent Agenda and updated the City Commission on the City's efforts with the U.S. Postal Service and legislative bills before Congress to unify its five zip codes into one. This year, the Zip Code Unification Bill (HR 672) successfully passed the House and is now headed to the Senate. Ocoee is part of a coalition of cities supporting this legislation, and it is recommended that representatives and two elected officials attend the lobbying event in Washington, D.C., scheduled for November 4–6. Item #10 also gives the City Commission the option to cancel its November 4th meeting and reinstate the November 18th City Commission meeting. **Commissioner Wilsen** spoke about the Rose Hill Annexation and the hardship residents have faced due to their inability to change their zip code. She expressed interest in attending the lobbying event and recommended that the Mayor also attend, given their long-standing involvement in the zip code unification effort. **Mayor Johnson** agreed and confirmed his desire to participate. **Consensus of the City Commission was to send Mayor Johnson and Commissioner Wilsen as the two Elected Official representatives to attend the lobbying days in Washington D.C.**

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *Heard out of agenda order under Presentations*

• **CONSENT AGENDA 7:11 PM**

**Consent Agenda Motion**

**Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, moved to pull Item #10 for clarification to ensure there were no concerns regarding the cancellation of the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and the reinstatement of the November 18<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting.** No objections were raised with the cancellation of the November 4<sup>th</sup> City Commission Meeting.

**Motion: Move to adopt Consent Agenda Items #1-10; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy; Motion carried 5-0.**

1. Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Commission Meeting held September 16, 2025, and the Final Budget Public Hearing held September 17, 2025. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
2. Approval of a 30-day Extension to the Temporary Operator Agreement with SSS Down To Earth OPCO LLC, Extending the Term from October 31, 2025, to November 30, 2025, for Interim Operation of the Forest Lake Golf Course. **(Assistant City Manager Rumer)**
3. Approval to Submit an Application for the Florida Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Grant for the Purchase of Active Shooter Equipment. **(Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp)**
4. Authorization to Apply for Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Drone Replacement Program Grant. **(Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp)**
5. Approval to Consider Amending Section 124-8 through Section 124-11 of the Code of Ordinances for Smoking Prohibited in Portions of Recreational Property. **(Parks and Leisure Services Deputy Director Gaines)**
6. Approval for Purchase and Upfit of Budgeted Vehicles. **(Deputy Police Chief McKinstry)**

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7. Approval of Panasonic Toughbook Laptop Lease. **(Police Chief Ogburn)**
8. Approval of Law Enforcement ISO ClaimSearch Access Memorandum of Understanding. **(Police Chief Ogburn)**
9. Approval of the Off Duty Management Sourcewell Agreement. **(Police Chief Ogburn)**
10. Approval to Reinstate the November 18, 2025, City Commission Meeting and Approval to Cancel the November 4, 2025, City Commission Meeting. **(Assistant City Manager Rumer)**

• **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE** - None

• **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING** - None

• **PUBLIC HEARING** - None

• **REGULAR AGENDA** - None

**Mayor Johnson** announced the upcoming City Events for the months of October and November.

• **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS 7:13 PM**

**Commissioner Kennedy – No Comments.**

**Commissioner Wilsen – No Comments.**

**Commissioner Firstner – No Comments.**

**Commissioner Oliver – Commented on the following: 7:14 PM – 7:15 PM**

- 1) Shared that he had a great Town Hall Meeting on September 18th, which is available to view on his website, or you may email him to request a copy.
- 2) Shared that he attended the Car Show, which was a great event despite being rained out, and encouraged residents to attend next year.
- 3) Read an inspirational quote.

**Mayor Johnson – Commented on the following: 7:15 PM - 7:18 PM**

- 1) Read an email from a resident representing the Angel Tree Foundation and asked the City Commission for their thoughts on supporting the placement of a charity tree within the City, allowing residents to select tags and sponsor a child during the Christmas season. **Commissioner Oliver** provided a summary of the Angel Tree Foundation Program. **Mayor Johnson** asked the City Commission if they support having staff work out the details regarding placement. **Commissioner Kennedy** expressed concern about setting a precedent, and a brief discussion followed. **Mayor Johnson** concluded by stating he would contact the resident to obtain additional information to share with staff.

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•ADJOURNMENT 7:18 PM

APPROVED:

Attest:

City of Ocoee

  
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Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk

  
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Rusty Johnson, Mayor