

OCOEE CITY COMMISSION
Ocoee Commission Chambers
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

October 21, 2025

MINUTES

6:15 PM

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

• **CALL TO ORDER 6:16 PM**

Mayor Johnson called the regular session to order at 6:16 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 **Mayor Johnson**. **City Clerk Sibbitt** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

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

Absent: Commissioner Oliver

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

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

Week of the Family Proclamation – read and proclaimed by **Mayor Johnson**, and accepted by **Victoria Laney**, *Southwest Orange County Representative*.

Florida City Week Proclamation– read and proclaimed by **Mayor Johnson**.

• **STAFF REPORTS AND AGENDA REVIEW 6:23 PM**

City Manager Shadrix announced that, with the groundbreaking of the Law Enforcement Training Facility, installation of water and force mains will take place along Fullers Cross Road. This work will require a road closure on Fullers Cross Road for the week. Detour information will be available on the City's website and social media pages. He further announced that the Rewis Street waterline and sidewalk replacement project is complete. **Mayor Johnson** asked whether the paving on Rewis Street had been completed and if the speed bumps could be reinstalled. **Public Works Director Krug** responded to his inquiry.

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:25 PM**

The following persons addressed the City Commission:

- **Dr. Jim Moyer**, *Ocoee Resident*, commented on the ongoing research regarding the clean-up of Starke Lake and Lake Prima Vista, as well as the impact of recent extreme weather conditions. He also discussed the various agencies involved in these clean-up efforts and noted that the City, along with the neighboring blueberry farm, is working diligently to address and resolve any clean-up needs for these lakes.
- **Kellie Beck**, *HRDB Board Chair*, shared a brief video initiative from the Human Relations Diversity Board (HRDB) that is seeking approval from the City Commission. She explained that throughout 2025, the Board has focused on community education through

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guest speakers, primarily in partnership with UCF. She further noted that the HRDB aims to conclude the year by celebrating the diversity of countries and individuals who have chosen to make Ocoee their home. She informed the City Commission about the proposed process for collecting the video submissions. A brief discussion followed regarding the use of a Google form and whether a disclaimer would be necessary. **Consensus of the City Commission was that the HRDB could move forward with their video initiative.**

- **Andrea Jones**, *Ocoee Resident*, asked the City Commission to reconsider keeping the Pickleball Court at Tiger Minor Park open at 7:00 AM, as previously discussed at the last meeting, instead of changing the opening time to 8:00 AM. She also requested that the City Commission review a cost comparison for permanently switching the locations of the Pickleball and Tennis Courts, noting that such a change would provide a long-term solution.

Commissioner Wilsen commented on the request for reconsideration, noting that residents in the surrounding area are being affected, and stated that she is not in favor of reinstating the 7:00 AM opening time.

Commissioner Kennedy reiterated his remarks from the previous meeting, emphasizing that reaching a fair compromise and balance would require placing the issue on a future agenda to allow other City residents the opportunity to provide input.

Mayor Johnson stated that he is not in favor of changing the opening time back, noting that there will always be residents who express concerns about the noise.

Commissioner Fristner stated that the park is a public facility intended for community use and expressed that addressing the noise concerns would be the appropriate solution. **City Manager Shadrix** noted that the PowerPoint presented at the previous meeting highlighted several mitigation measures that could be considered. He further shared that he has directed staff to explore grant funding opportunities for a potential permanent solution. A brief discussion ensued on park hours and pickleball court hours of operation.

• CONSENT AGENDA 6:45 PM

Consent Agenda Motion

Motion: Move to adopt Consent Agenda Items #1-18; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Fristner; Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Oliver absent.

1. Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Commission Meeting held October 7, 2025. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
2. Authorization to Accept FDLE Drone Replacement Program Grant Funding and Authorize the Purchase of a New Drone. **(Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp)**
3. Approval of FY 2025-2026 Budgeted Fire Engine Purchase. **(Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp)**
4. Approval to Award RFQ #25-009 Construction Manager at Risk for the New Ocoee Fire Station #38 Facility. **(Procurement Manager Tolbert)**
5. Approval to Piggyback Omnia's Contract for the Freedom Park Playground Project. **(Parks and Leisure Services Director Johnson)**

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6. Approval to Piggyback the Clay County Contract for the Bob Sorenson Park Ballfield Lights. **(Parks and Leisure Services Director Johnson)**
7. Approval of FY 2025-2026 Budgeted Mower and Vacuum Equipment Purchases. **(Parks and Leisure Services Director Johnson)**
8. Approval of Victims of Crimes Act Agreement for FY 2025–2026. **(Police Chief Ogburn)**
9. Approval of FY 2025-2026 Traffic Signal Repair and Replacement Projects with Control Specialists. **(Assistant Public Works Director Gajadhar)**
10. Approval of FY 2025-2026 Budgeted Vehicle and Equipment Purchases. **(Assistant Public Works Director Gajadhar)**
11. Approval to Contract Core and Main to Provide the VertexOne Customer Portal. **(Utilities Director Bolling)**
12. Approval to Rebuild Bar Screen #2 at the City of Ocoee Wastewater Treatment Plant. **(Utilities Director Bolling)**
13. Approval to Replace the 3 Chlorine Tanks and Pumping System at the City of Ocoee Wastewater Treatment Plant. **(Utilities Director Bolling)**
14. Approval for the Purchase of a New Pump Lift Station #63 Pump 1. **(Utilities Director Bolling)**
15. Approval of Red Zone Robotics to Complete the First Stage of Gravity System Condition Assessment. **(Utilities Director Bolling)**
16. Approval to Rehabilitate Ocoee Lift Stations 42,49,50,52, and 53 and Piggyback RCM City of Zephyrhills Contract. **(Utilities Director Bolling)**
17. Approval of Intent to Annex Agreement with MPJ Realty USA, LLC. **(Utilities Director Bolling)**
18. Approval of Amendment 1 for Hazen & Sawyer to Provide Additional Design Services for the Forest Oaks Above Ground Injection Assembly. **(Utilities Director Bolling)**

• **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 6:46 PM**

19. First Reading of Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025 Year-End Budget Amendment. **(Assistant Finance Director Lawitzke)**

City Attorney Geller read the title of the ordinance, and it was announced this will be presented as a second reading and public hearing at the City Commission meeting scheduled for November 18, 2025, at 6:15 PM or soon thereafter.

20. First Reading of Ordinance 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)**

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- SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING - None
- PUBLIC HEARING - None
- REGULAR AGENDA - None

• COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS 6:47 PM

Commissioner Wilsen – Commented on the following: 6:47 PM - 6:49 PM

- 1) Commented on the Angel Tree request discussed at the previous meeting, noting that the City of Ocoee already has its own programs and believes that participating could create competition with these existing initiatives. **Commissioner Kennedy** voiced his support for this comment.

Mayor Johnson – Commented on the following: 6:49 PM – 6:50 PM

- 1) Announced the upcoming City Events for the months of October and November.

• ADJOURNMENT 6:50 PM

APPROVED:

Attest:

City of Ocoee



Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk



Rusty Johnson, Mayor