

OCOEE CITY COMMISSION

Ocoee Commission Chambers
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

June 23, 2026

MINUTES

6:00 PM

WORKSHOP

• CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

Mayor Johnson called the workshop to order at 6:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. **Recording Clerk Justice** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

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

Absent: Commissioner Firstner

Also Present: City Manager Shadrix, Assistant City Manager Rumer, Parks & Leisure Services Director Johnson, Finance Director Weber, Assistant Finance Director Lawitzke, Utilities Director Bolling, Assistant Utilities Director Hopper, CRA Administrator Vaca, Development Services Director Lepp, and Recording Clerk Justice

• DISCUSSION ON FOREST LAKE GOLF COURSE 6:01 PM

City Manager Shadrix explained that the plan being presented will not compromise property tax revenues for the City and will be funded by other means. He introduced the following consultants, partners, and staff:

- Scott Wellington, *Senior Director, PGA of America*
- Nathan Logan, *Senior Design Associate, Beau Welling Design*
- Andrew Yeast, *Executive Director, North Florida PGA*
- Alfredo Ortiz, *CEO, First Tee Central Florida*
- Robert Utsey, *Principal, ZHA*
- Mark Johnson, *Parks and Leisure Services Director*

City Manager Shadrix summarized the workshop objectives which covered:

- Provide a Brief Overview
- Introduce Partners and Consultants
- Discuss Vision, Field Work, and Research
- Discuss Forest Lake Master Plan
- Discuss Next Steps

He then described why Forest Lake Golf Course matters and provided a timeline of events leading to the City taking over its operations.

Parks and Leisure Services Director Johnson provided an overview of course improvements that have been made over the past year. He also highlighted upcoming projects, equipment acquisitions, and recent events that Forest Lake has hosted.

City Manager Shadrix explained the vision for Forest Lake under which the City has been operating for the past year, based on feedback from the elected officials, and showcased the destination golf courses that inspired this vision. He remarked that he will be asking the City Commission to formalize partnerships with First Tee Central Florida and North Florida PGA to help bring that vision to fruition and invited their representatives to talk about their organizations.

Alfredo Ortiz, *CEO, First Tee Central Florida*, and **Andrew Yeast**, *Executive Director, North Florida PGA*, briefly described their respective organizations' missions and goals for a mutually beneficial partnership with the City to improve Forest Lake Golf Course.

City Manager Shadrix provided a history of *Beau Welling Design* and invited **Nathan Logan**, *Senior Design Associate*, to explain the advisory, golf course design, and land shaping services that his team provides. **Mr. Logan** also provided his credentials and work history and presented some of the courses his team has worked on. He summarized the goals and objectives that will help the City create a destination golf course.

City Manager Shadrix reminded the City Commission that the golf course land is owned by the wastewater utility. He advised that there will be utility projects, such as the expansion of the reclaimed water system, running concurrently with the Forest Lake improvements to maximize efficiency and funding opportunities. He further shared the new vision for the clubhouse, which is to create a recreation and entertainment destination, and described potential features.

City Manager Shadrix announced that, before introducing the Master Plan, it was important to circle back and learn more about First Tee Central Florida and North Florida PGA. **Mr. Ortiz** and **Mr. Yeast** highlighted their respective organizations' programs and services further in depth, emphasizing the importance for each to develop a home-base facility and impart a positive impact on the local community.

City Manager Shadrix explained why he would like to partner with both First Tee Central Florida and North Florida PGA. He then invited **Mr. Logan** to present the Master Plan.

Mr. Logan provided an overview of the Master Plan, covering key components and a synopsis of each of the three proposed phases. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Shadrix commended **Parks and Leisure Services Director Johnson** for his team's efforts to maintain strict budget control from a revenue standpoint, while simultaneously making incremental improvements. He then presented an in-depth look at the three proposed improvement phases, the first of which is already underway and anticipated to be complete by early fall. He pointed out that some projects would be running concurrently to optimize speed; the goal for phase two would be completion in late 2027, with phase three in the third quarter of 2028.

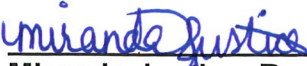
The floor was opened for each member of the City Commission to ask questions. **Mr. Logan**, **Mr. Wellington**, **Mr. Utsey**, and **City Manager Shadrix** addressed all questions.

City Manager Shadrix reiterated next steps and noted that many agenda items and utility-related plans would be forthcoming parallel to this project.

• ADJOURNMENT 7:43 PM

APPROVED:

Attest:



Miranda Justice, Recording Clerk

City of Ocoee



Rusty Johnson, Mayor