

  
**MINUTES**  
**OCOEE CITY COMMISSION**  
**JUNE 6, 2023**

**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 **Commissioner Hart**, 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 Hart

**Absent:** Commissioner Firstner

**Also Present:** City Manager Frank, City Attorney Cookson, City Clerk Sibbitt

• **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS 6:16 PM**

**Proclamation for June 2023** – Small Cities Month proclaimed by Mayor Johnson.

**Presentation by Martha Lopez-Anderson with Parent Heart Watch on the Donation of the Outdoor SaveStation Tower and AED – Martha Lopez-Anderson,** *Parent Heart Watch*, provided a presentation highlighting the Parent Heart Watch organization, shared her personal story, explained the importance of recognizing and responding to sudden cardiac arrest, and shared the location of the SaveStation tower located in Bill Breeze Park.

• **STAFF REPORTS AND AGENDA REVIEW - None**

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:32 PM**

The following persons addressed the City Commission:

- **Dave Denmark**, *Ocoee Resident*, commented on poor road conditions along Bowness Ave and Montgomery Ave, and noted an urgent need to repave. He also inquired if any improvements were proposed for Tiger Minor Park. **Public Works Director Krug** addressed his questions on the road improvements. **Parks and Recreation Director Johnson** addressed his question in regards to Tiger Minor Park.
- **Duane Morin**, *Ocoee Resident and Ocoee Business*, announced the 5-year anniversary of Toll Road Brewery, and requested permission to close a section of McKey Street, just before the railroad tracks to Cumberland Ave on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate this milestone.

**Motion: Move to approve the road closure along McKey Street from the railroad track to Cumberland Ave on Saturday, June 24, 2023. Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Hart; Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Firstner absent.**

- **Jim Moyer**, *Ocoee Resident*, Congratulated Finance Director Roberts on the audit. Thanked Mayor Johnson and Commissioner Hart for their support, and presented a PowerPoint on the significant impact of Chinese immigration in our country.

• **CONSENT AGENDA 6:45 PM**

**Consent Agenda Motion**

**Motion: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda Item #1-8. Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Hart; Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Firstner absent.**

1. Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Commission Meeting held May 16, 2023 and the Special Session held May 18, 2023. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
2. Approval of New Appointments to the Citizen Advisory Council for Ocoee Fire Department (CACOFD). **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
3. Approval to Piggyback Bound Tree Medical Contract # IFB-604500-23/GCM with Seminole County. **(Fire Deputy Chief Van Camp)**
4. Approval for Crossing Guard Services with All City Management Services. **(Police Chief Plasencia)**
5. Approval of Memorandums of Agreement with the Florida Police Benevolent Association. **(Police Chief Plasencia)**
6. Approval of One (1) Year Extension of RFP #18-002 Emergency-Disaster Debris Removal Contracts. **(Public Works Director Krug)**
7. Approval for Demolition of Structures at 182 N. Lakeshore Drive. **(Public Works Director Krug)**
8. Approval to Reallocate Residual Capital Funding for Sidewalk Replacement. **(Public Works Director Krug)**

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

9. First Reading of Ordinance for LDC Update - Articles II, V, & VI Relative to Kennels/Pet Care, Clarification on Impervious Surface Materials, and Correction of Scrivener's Errors. **(Zoning Manager Whitfield)**

**City Attorney Cookson** read the title of the ordinance, and it was announced this will be presented as a second reading and public hearing at the next scheduled City Commission meeting on June 20, 2023, at 6:15 PM or soon thereafter.

• **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING 6:47 PM**

10. Second Reading of Ordinance Ratifying Resolution 2023-06 to Rescind the City's Call for a Special Election for June 13, 2023, and Calling for the General City Election Date to Coincide with the Orange County Municipal Election Day and the Presidential Preference Primary Date of March 19, 2024. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**

**City Clerk Sibbitt** presented a brief overview of the proposed ordinance.

**City Attorney Cookson** read the title of the ordinance.

*The public hearing was opened. As no one wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.*

**Motion: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-12 to Rescind the City's Call for a Special Election for June 13, 2023, and Calling for the General City Election Date to Coincide with the Orange County Municipal Election Day and the Presidential Preference Primary Date of March 19, 2024; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Hart; Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Firstner absent.**

• **PUBLIC HEARING - None**

• **REGULAR AGENDA 6:50 PM**

11. Ocoee Neighborhood Matching Grant Applicants – Approval to Award Grant Monies. **(Community Relations Manager Wright)**

**Community Relations Manager Write** presented a brief overview of the Ocoee Neighborhood Matching Grant program.

The floor was opened for each member of the City Commission to ask questions and voice concerns.

**Motion: Move to award the Neighborhood Matching Grants to 11 HOA applicants for a total of \$21,500; and further, approve Forest Ridge and Cross Creek of Ocoee with conditional approvals as recommended by staff; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy; Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Firstner absent.**

**12. The Regency Mixed-Use Development Large Scale Final Site Plan and First Amendment to the Development Agreement (LS-2022-012). (Development Services Director Rumer)**

**Development Services Director Rumer** presented a brief overview of The Regency Mixed-Use Development Large Scale Final Site Plan which consists of three (3) parcels, approximately 16.68 acres in size, and is located on the north side of the Florida Turnpike and the west side of the Maguire Road and Old Winter Garden Road intersection. The parcels are located within the CRA Target Area 1 Special Area Overlay. The Large-Scale Preliminary Site Plan and Development Agreement were approved at the May 3, 2022, City Commission meeting.

He briefly highlighted incentives proposed in the First Amendment to the Development Agreement which was also presented during the CRA Meeting.

**Daniel O’Keefe**, *Shutts and Bowen LLP*, spoke on behalf of The Regency Developers and explained they are excited on starting the project, and working with the City.

The floor was opened for each member of the City Commission to ask questions and voice concerns.

**Commissioner Kennedy** noted a correction to be made to the staff report. **Development Services Director Rumer** acknowledged his request.

**Commissioner Hart** inquired about the widening of the Turnpike and SR429 and if that project would affect this development. **Development Services Director Rumer** addressed his question.

**Motion: Move to approve The Regency Mixed-Use Development Large Scale Final Site Plan and First Amendment to the Development Agreement, as recommended by staff; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy; Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Firstner absent.**

**13. Ocoee Christmas Parade. (Parks and Recreation Director Johnson)**

**Parks and Recreation Director Johnson** explained this item has been brought back at the request of the City Commission. He requested direction on how they would like to proceed such as parade date, time, and vetting of applicants. He briefed the City Commission on several issues the Lions Club experienced in the past when they hosted the event.

The floor was opened for each member of the City Commission to ask questions and voice concerns.

**Commissioner Wilsen** voiced her support of the Jolly Jamboree and suggested elevating that event instead of creating an additional event. **Consensus of the City Commission was to continue with the Jolly Jamboree event in lieu of having a Christmas Parade.**

• **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS 7:10 PM**

**Commissioner Kennedy** – *No comments*

**Commissioner Wilsen** – *No comments*

**Commissioner Hart** – Commented on the following:

- 1) Thanked those involved in executing the Community Picnic, and noted that it was a wonderful event.
- 2) Commented on the Memorial Event, and praised the guest speaker for providing an exceptional speech.
- 3) Commented on the Car show and noted that the City needs to consider building a parking garage to accommodate citizens when visiting the City and attending events.
- 4) Reminded residents that school is out and encouraged all drivers to drive with extra caution, as children will be outside playing.
- 5) Wished his daughter a Happy Birthday.

**Mayor Johnson** – Commented on the following:

- 1) Asked for staff to coordinate a City Commission Workshop to address the Downtown Revitalization Project with regards to the following items: parking lot, old City Hall, Oakland Street, and increased traffic concerns. **City Manager Frank** addressed his request and offered to have Staff coordinate. After a brief discussion, it was decided to hold the workshop before the 23/24 FY Budget Workshops, for City Manager Shadrix to be the Facilitator and to have Development Services Director Rumer and Deputy Director of Development Services/CRA Administrator Corless attend.
- 2) Noted the need for a bathroom at Bill Breeze Park/Starke Lake, and made suggestions. **City Manager Frank** addressed his concerns.
- 3) Inquired about staffing Bill Breeze Park/Starke Lake during the summer. **Commissioner Wilsen** inquired about a previous arrangement of Police presence during this time. **City Manager Frank** addressed their concerns.
- 4) Shared the danger of crossing the road by foot due to low visibility within the downtown area along McKey Street at multiple intersections, and expressed a need for signage or lighting in the downtown area along McKey Street at multiple intersections. **Consensus was for staff to research and present options.**
- 5) Noted the need for City Limit *aka* "Gate-Way" signs on Roberson Road near Pet Paradise, and on Tomyn Road. **City Manager Frank** and **Assistance City Manager Shadrix** addressed his request.

- 6) Encouraged residents to check out the new Ocoee Action Sports Park. **Parks and Recreation Director Johnson** announced the Ribbon Cutting date.
- 7) Inquired about the opening date of Unity Park, and asked about the \$10,000 allocated for the Unity Park Monument to honor the victims of the 1920 Massacre.
- 8) Announced the next City Commission is on June 20th.

• ADJOURNMENT 7:25 PM

APPROVED:

Attest:

City of Ocoee

  
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~~Melanie Sibbitt~~, City Clerk  
*Kathy Heard Acting*

  
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Rusty Johnson, Mayor