

OCOEE CITY COMMISSION

Ocoee Commission Chambers
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

October 17, 2023

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 **Commissioner Hart**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by **Commissioner Firstner**. **City Clerk Sibbitt** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

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

Also Present: City Manager Frank, City Attorney Ardaman, City Clerk Sibbitt

• **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS 6:17 PM**

2023 Week of the Family Proclamation, read and proclaimed by **Mayor Johnson**. Proclamation presented to Victoria Laney, *Representative with Week of the Family Organization*. **Victoria Laney** thanked the Commission for their support.

2023 Fire Prevention Month Proclamation, read by **Commissioner Firstner** and proclaimed by **Mayor Johnson**. Proclamation presented to Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp and Fire Dept. staff.

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

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:25 PM**

The following persons addressed the City Commission:

- **Tom Lowery**, *Ocoee Resident*, spoke about the challenge of combating veteran suicide and shared a video that highlights Challenge 22, an organization committed to suicide prevention. He encouraged the community to show their support by participating in the Challenge 22 Walk scheduled in November.
- **Jim Moyer**, *Ocoee Resident*, reiterated previous concerns about signage on the 429 and shared that he has spoken to several community leaders. Invited the public to attend Human Relations Diversity Board meetings.
- **Steven Hewitt**, *Winter Garden Resident*, expressed concerns about the N. Lakewood Avenue detour and inquired about the project's duration and expected completion date. **Development Services Director Rumer** addressed his concerns and provided an update on the project.

• **CONSENT AGENDA 6:38 PM**

Consent Agenda Motion

Motion: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda Items #1-15 with Items #3 and #4 being pulled for separate consideration.

Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Hart; Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Commission Meeting held October 3, 2023. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
2. Approval of 2024 Orange County Supervisor of Elections Vote Processing Equipment Use Agreement and Elections Services Contract for Municipal Elections. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
3. Assignment of Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Chevron Property to Montierre Development, PLLC. **(Assistant City Manager Shadrix)**
4. Authorization to Transmit and Execute, subject to *de minimis* changes, a Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement (BSRA) between Chevron, the City of Ocoee, Montierre Development PLLC, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), with Montierre named as the Responsible Party. **(Assistant City Manager Shadrix)**

Motion: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda Items #3 and #4 with the approval contingent upon the review and approval by the City Manager or his designee of the terms of conditions of the Assignment, Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement, and the insurance policy the City is to receive for this matter. Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Hart; Motion carried 5-0

5. Approval of Utility Use and Indemnification Agreements for Ocoee Village Center PUD. **(Development Services Director Rumer)**
6. Approval of Two-Year Warranty Surety and Maintenance, Materials, and Workmanship Escrow Agreement for Ocoee Village Center, Phase 1 Off-Site. **(Development Engineer Keaton)**
7. Approval for Fire Department to Piggyback NAFECO Contract # 22 -7301 with Lake County. **(Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp)**
8. Approval to Accept the Florida Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant for the Purchase of Structural Firefighting Gloves. **(Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp)**
9. Approval of Educational Affiliation Agreement with Valencia College (Citywide). **(Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp)**
10. Approval for Declaration of Surplus and Disposal of Assets from FY22/23 Annual Inventory. **(Finance Director Roberts)**
11. Approval to Award RFQ #23-008 Continuing Contract for Transportation Planning Consulting Services. **(Procurement Manager Tolbert)**
12. Approval to Award Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #23-010 Professional Planning Services for the City of Ocoee's Land Development Code Update. **(Procurement Manager Tolbert)**
13. Approval of Lighthouse Real Estate Consultants Mediated Settlement Agreement. **(Public Works Director Krug)**
14. Approval of 2023-2024 Budget Vehicle and Equipment Purchases. **(Public Works Director Krug)**
15. Approval of Foreclosure Registration Services Agreement. **(Support Services Director Gaines)**

• **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE - None**

• **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING 6:42 PM**

16. Second Reading of Ordinance for The Backyard Annexation & Rezoning from County A-1 to City C-2 - AX-07-28-06 & RZ-23-07-06. **(Zoning Manager Whitfield)**

Development Services Director Rumer announced that due to an advertisement issue, this item is being continued to the November 7th Regular City Commission Meeting, and will be re-advertised for that meeting date.

17. Second Reading of Ordinance for FY 2024 Budget Amendment. **(Finance Director Roberts)**

City Attorney Ardaman read the title of the ordinance.

Finance Director Roberts explained the Fire Chief's request to buy a ladder truck, which would result in a cost savings of \$1 million.

Mayor Johnson inquired about the cost. **Finance Director Roberts** addressed his question.

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

Motion: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-20, Amending the FY 2024 Budget; moved by Commissioner Firstner, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy; Motion carried unanimously.

18. Second Reading of Ordinance Approving of Proposed Amendments to the City Charter to be Placed on the 2024 General Election Ballot. **(City Attorney Geller)**

City Attorney Ardaman 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. 2023-21, Approving the Proposed Amendments to the City Charter to be placed on the 2024 General Election Ballot; Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, Seconded by Commissioner Hart; Motion carried unanimously.

• **PUBLIC HEARING - None**

• **REGULAR AGENDA - None**

• **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS 6:50 PM**

Commissioner Kennedy – Commented on the following:

- 1) Commented on the traffic on N. Lakewood Avenue and asked residents to be careful.

Commissioner Wilsen – Commented on the following:

- 1) Acknowledged that cooler weather draws people outdoors and encouraged drivers to reduce their speed and remain attentive.
- 2) Announced Halloween Howl Night date, time, and location.
- 3) Announced the Veteran's Day Event date, time, and location.

Commissioner Firstner - None

Commissioner Hart – Commented on the following:

- 1) Shared the persistent question he has been receiving concerning the mysterious tree left within the construction zone for the Clarke Rd widening project, and asked staff for an explanation.
- 2) Emphasized the significance of family and community, expressing his joy in residing in a community that not only celebrates both but also fosters unity.
- 3) Spoke about Veterans and PTSD, acknowledged the challenge, and urged the community to come together to provide assistance and support to one another.
- 4) Urged citizens to exercise caution on October 31st as the little ghosts and goblins trick-or-treat.
- 5) Discussed the upcoming charter review questions for the next election and urged residents to thoroughly research and make informed votes to help shape Ocoee's future.

Mayor Johnson – Commented on the following:

- 1) Announced the Jolly Jamboree event date, relayed a request for a Christmas golf cart parade, and informed that staff was actively working on a plan.
- 2) Shared that two separate organizations have expressed interest in hosting a local Farmer's Market and explained his ongoing efforts to help establish an Ocoee Farmer's Market for the community.
- 3) Encouraged residents to be mindful of speeding and inquired about the lighted stop sign for McKey Street. **City Manager Frank** addressed his question.
- 4) Next City Commission meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2023.

• **ADJOURNMENT 7:00 PM**

APPROVED:

Attest:



Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk

City of Ocoee



Rusty Johnson, Mayor