



OCOEE CITY COMMISSION

Ocoee Commission Chambers
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

June 18, 2024

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 **Brad Lomneck**, *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, Commissioner Oliver

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Shadrix, City Attorney Ardaman, City Clerk Sibbitt

• PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS 6:17 PM

Vision Zero Safety Action Plan Presentation by MetroPlan Orlando - **Mighk Wilson**, *Senior Transportation Planner at MetroPlan Orlando*, presented a PowerPoint on Vision Zero, detailing efforts to ensure safe roadways both regionally and nationally. He summarized crash and fatality statistics, while **Ryan Mansfield** from Kittelson & Associates, Inc. discussed specific safety projects to be included in the City's Vision Zero Safety Action Plan.

The City Commission was given the opportunity to share comments and have any questions addressed.

• STAFF REPORTS AND AGENDA REVIEW- 6:30 PM

City Attorney Ardaman provided a brief update on the Orange County Charter Amendments and informed that a memorandum containing the City's feedback has been submitted to Orange County.

Public Works Director Krug provided an update on sidewalk repairs and the accessible link on the City's website that provides completed and upcoming repairs. The City Commission thanked the Public Works Team and emphasized the need for a press release or notification to inform residents about this informational tool.

• PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:36 PM

The following persons addressed the City Commission:

- **Georges Darius**, *Ocoee Resident*, presented Officer Bode with a special custom gold pin, as a gesture of thanks and appreciation for his service.

- **Jim Moyer**, *Ocoee Resident*, thanked UCF for bringing their Speaker Series Workshop on Inclusive Communications to the Human Relations Diversity Board. He further announced the observances recognized in June and July.

The following Ocoee High School FFA Students and Teachers expressed their concerns with new

developments surrounding the school and how they could affect the FFA program and the access to their farm and animals:

- **Payton Grant**, *Ocoee High School Student*
- **Ava Yarborough**, *Ocoee High School Student*
- **Zyah Pierre**, *Ocoee High School Student*
- **Madelyn Young**, *Ocoee High School Student*
- **Colton Glover**, *Ocoee High School Student*
- **Amy Anderson**, *Ocoee High School FFA Instructor*
- **Thomas Lightbody**, *Ocoee High School FFA Representative*

Assistant City Manager Shadrix informed the City Commission that there is no intention from either the City or the Developer to disrupt this program. Many years ago, the City entered into a PUD agreement with Orange County Public Schools and Orange County, establishing a zoning land use plan known as the PUD Land Use Plan, which has always included development plans. The City has been working closely with the Developer and the School Board to address this matter and has developed a plan to ensure necessary access. However, it was noted that the School Board should have originally requested a PUD Amendment, which would have prompted a site plan and allowed for accommodations for future development. The City is hopeful of resolving all issues by the end of this week.

- **Sheron Seiter**, *Ocoee Resident*, asked if the City and OCPS meetings are open to the public. **Assistant City Manager Shadrix** informed her that these are private staff level meetings and **Mayor Johnson** informed her that she can go to the School Board Meetings.

- **Douglas Oliveck**, *Ocoee Resident*, expressed his concerns with the traffic studies and safety, in the area.

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- **Brad Lomneck**, *Ocoee Resident*, expressed his concerns for pedestrian safety, at the crosswalk intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Orlando Avenue. He presented a video to the audience and the Commission, and requested the Commission to direct staff to address this issue. He further expressed his concerns with the beautification of the area.

Commissioner Wilsen concurred with all comments made by Mr. Lomneck. She addressed his suggestions of a four-way stop and stated that there is no irrigation down Montgomery Avenue, to help with the beautification process.

Mayor Johnson agreed that this area is a dangerous area. He also encouraged everyone to work together to get the landscaping done.

- **Gary Smith**, *Ocoee Resident*, expressed his belief that there is drip irrigation installed along Montgomery Avenue. for the Grape Myrtles, and there is also a reclaimed water line waiting to connect to Admiral Pointe. **Public Works Director Krug** stated that he is unaware of a drip system in that specific area, and further explained to connect Admiral Pointe, the City would need to install an entire irrigation system, as the water line feeding Admiral Pointe passes through

Veronica Circle rather than directly down Montgomery Ave. He further emphasized that while it is technically feasible, it depends on the associated costs.

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a consensus from the Commission, for staff to begin addressing the safety issue. **Consensus of the City Commission was to direct staff to look at the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Orlando Avenue.**

- **Robert Young, Pastor of Victory Tabernacle**, stated that they serve the citizens by providing food in the area of Kissimmee Avenue and Silver Star Road. He asked what can the City can do to get that road paved. **Public Works Director Krug** stated that he and his team are working on a solution. **Mr. Young** further inquired about a property he is interested in purchasing for his church, and **Development Services Director Rumer** explained what the intended use for that area is.

• **CONSENT AGENDA 7:54 PM**

Consent Agenda Motion

Motion: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda Item #1-5; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Oliver. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Commission Meeting held June 4, 2024. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
2. Approval of Agreement Renewal for Code Enforcement Board Attorney. **(Acting Support Services Director Gaines)**
3. Approval to Submit Application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the Purchase of Fire Safety Education Equipment. **(Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp)**
4. Approval of the Utility Easement Agreement for Christian Brothers Automotive Development. **(Development Engineer Keaton)**
5. Approval of Ocoee Oaks Joint Venture Large-Scale Final Subdivision Plan: Project No. LS-2023-004. **(Zoning Manager Whitfield)**

• **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 7:54 PM**

6. First Reading of Ordinance for Fountains West PUD - 2nd Substantial Amendment to Lot 8 of Fountains West PUD (Planned Unit Development). **(Zoning Manager Whitfield)**

City Attorney Ardaman 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 July 16, 2024, at 6:15 PM or soon thereafter.

• **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING 7:55 PM**

7. Second Reading of Ordinance for 338 N. Bluford Avenue - Rodriguez Property Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment from LDR (Low Density Residential) to COMM (Commercial) and corresponding Rezoning from R-1AA (Single Family Dwelling) to C-2 (Community Commercial); Project No(s). CPA-2024-005 & RZ-24-03-04. **(Development Services Director Rumer)**

Development Services Director Rumer presented a brief overview of the subject parcel located on the west side of N. Bluford Avenue and north of W. Silver Star Road. The property contains approximately 0.44 acres and is currently vacant, and located in an area that is transitioning to commercial. The property owner wishes to reclassify the future land use from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Commercial (COMM) and rezone it from R-1AA (Single-Family Dwelling District) to C-2 (Community Commercial). There is no proposed use at this time.

City Attorney Ardaman read the titles of the ordinances.

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

Motion: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-22, for 338 N. Bluford Avenue - Rodriguez Property Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment from LDR (Low Density Residential) to COMM (Commercial); Project No. CPA-2024-005, subject to staff's recommendation; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, Seconded by Commissioner Firstner. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-23, for 338 N. Bluford Avenue - Rodriguez Property Rezoning from R-1AA (Single Family Dwelling) to C-2 (Community Commercial); Project No. RZ- 24-03-04, subject to staff's recommendation; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, Seconded by Commissioner Firstner. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Second Reading of Ordinance for Amendment to the Ocoee Land Development Code (LDC) pertaining to Part IA, Article VII, Floodplain Management. (**Zoning Manager Whitfield**)

Development Services Director Rumer presented a brief overview of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), which provides discounts on the cost of flood insurance premiums for NFIP policyholders, depending on the Rate Class awarded to the local government. He further introduced **Zoning Manager Whitfield** and **Staff Engineer Burch**, and explained that City staff is working to improve the rating score.

Zoning Manager Whitfield and **Staff Engineer Burch** detailed the efforts of City staff over the past two years to qualify for participation in the CRS, resulting in the City's admittance to the program in December. They discussed proposed changes to the LDC aimed at improving the City's rating score, which would lead to greater flood insurance cost savings. They further explained the points system, the cost of compliance, the 500-year floodplain, and critical facilities.

Commissioner Kennedy inquired how many critical facilities have been identified and will be impacted, and what is the estimated dollar amount that is being provided to the residents with the discounts. **Staff Engineer Burch** addressed his questions.

City Attorney Ardaman read the title of the ordinance.

The public hearing was opened.

The following person(s) addressed the City Commission:

Robert Young, *Ocoee Resident*, inquired how the code regulations impact a resident/developer who is rebuilding. **Staff Engineer Burch** addressed his question.

The public hearing was closed.

Motion: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-24, Amendment to the Ocoee Land Development Code (LDC) pertaining to Part IA, Article VII, Floodplain Management; Moved by Commissioner Kennedy, Seconded by Commissioner Oliver. Motion carried unanimously.

• **PUBLIC HEARING** - None

• **REGULAR AGENDA** - None

• **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS** 8:32 PM

Commissioner Kennedy – Commented on the following:

- 1) Commented positively on the presentation by MetroPlan Orlando.
- 2) Mentioned that he is working with staff on speed and radar signs on Ocoee Apopka Road.
- 3) Shared he received an update on the traffic study on Wurst Road and Adair Street.
- 4) Mentioned that for Item #6, he has received numerous emails and comments about the Fountains West PUD and encouraged citizens to contact each commissioner with their feedback and concerns.
- 5) Reported that he received the small box retail design standards from staff as requested and hopes that each elected official has also received a copy.

Commissioner Wilsen – Commented on the following:

- 1) Announced the Shred-it Event in September which will be held at the Ocoee Police Department.
- 2) Wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Commissioner Firstner – Commented on the following:

- 1) Encouraged everyone to come out to the July 4th Block Party hosted by the City.
- 2) Expressed satisfaction with the Fire Department's acquisition of the new 70 ft. aerial platform, which will enhance the department's resources and capabilities.

Commissioner Oliver – Commented on the following:

- 1) Provided Summer safety tips for senior citizens.
- 2) Announced the celebration of Juneteenth and explained the historical purpose for this celebration.
- 3) Read an inspirational quote.

Mayor Johnson – Commented on the following:

- 1) Shared they need a voting delegate for the Annual Business Session at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in August. **Consensus of the City Commission was to appoint Mayor Johnson as the voting delegate.**
- 2) Voiced concerns about evening speeding in downtown and requested staff to address this issue.
- 3) Highlighted the need for additional parking spaces in downtown and throughout the City.
- 4) Emphasized the importance of Code Enforcement patrolling the City and proactively addressing code violations, particularly the increasing problem of snipe signs, and suggested that they work on Saturdays.
- 5) Commented on the importance of Summer safety with children being outdoors.
- 6) Inquired if City staff is working on having Ocoee Apopka Road transferred to the City. **Assistant City Manager Shadrix** responded to his inquiry.
- 7) Relayed a citizen's concern about the tennis court at Tiger Minor Park to Assistant City Manager Shadrix, who confirmed that the issue is being addressed.

• **ADJOURNMENT 8:45 PM**

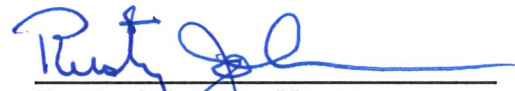
APPROVED:

Attest:



Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk

City of Ocoee



Rusty Johnson, Mayor