



OCOEE CITY COMMISSION

Ocoee Commission Chambers
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

December 17, 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 **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 Wilsen, Commissioner Firstner, Commissioner Oliver

Absent: Commissioner Kennedy

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

• PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - None

• STAFF REPORTS AND AGENDA REVIEW 6:17 PM

City Manager Shadrix expressed his disappointment over an email sent by Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) to parents in the community concerning the renewal of the School Resource Officers (SRO) agreement with several local cities. He shared information on the OCPS budget and requirements for safety of their students. **Police Chief Ogburn** provided additional details about the City's expenses for placing an SRO in the schools and highlighted that there are currently nine SROs assigned to Ocoee schools. He also addressed questions from the City Commission regarding the costs associated with the SRO program. **Mayor Johnson** commented on the school impact fees and taxes provided to the schools by local cities and encouraged residents to contact the Orange County School Board about this issue.

• PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:37 PM

The following persons addressed the City Commission:

- **Josh Given**, *Ocoee Resident*, shared his views on why the Commission should deny the development on Clarke and White Rd.
- **Jim Moyer**, *Ocoee Resident*, delivered a presentation on military history, specifically the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marines. He asked the Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners to consider a 250th anniversary celebration in 2025, coinciding with the City's Centennial event, to honor these branches and their veterans.
- **Ages Hart**, *Ocoee Resident*, expressed his disappointment with the School Resource Officer negotiations being held with Orange County Public Schools and expressed the importance of school safety.

• **CONSENT AGENDA 6:49 PM**

Consent Agenda Motion

Motion: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda Items #1-5; Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Oliver; Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Kennedy absent.

1. Approval of Minutes from the Regular City Commission Meeting held December 3, 2024 and Final Budget Hearing held December 11, 2024. **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
2. Approval of Reappointment to the Citizen Advisory Council for Ocoee Police Department (CACOPD). **(City Clerk Sibbitt)**
3. Approval of Third Amendment to the Development Agreement for The Regency at Ocoee. **(Assistant City Manager Rumer)**
4. Approval to Proceed with a Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. for a Municipal Impact Fee Study. **(Concurrency & Commitment Coordinator McFarlane)**
5. Approval of Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with TNXL Baseball Academy. **(Parks and Leisure Services Director Johnson)**

• **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE- None**

• **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING 6:49 PM**

6. Second Reading of Ordinance for MDTL Enterprise LLC Property (Conservation Tract) Annexation; Project No. AX-10-24-01. **(Zoning Manager Whitfield)**

Zoning Manager Whitfield provided a brief overview of the subject parcel, explaining that the property is eligible for annexation. She advised that the proposed annexation aims to support the protection and preservation of conservation and existing wetland areas, and will be dedicated to the City for wetlands mitigation and inclusion with floodplains. She further noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission considered this item at its November 12, 2024, meeting and made a recommendation of approval subject to a timing condition that the property be dedicated to the City at the time of project kickoff.

City Attorney Geller 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. 2024-35, for MDTL Enterprise LLC Property (Conservation Tract) Annexation, Project Number AX-10-24-01, subject to staff's recommendation; moved by Commissioner Firstner, seconded by Commissioner Wilsen; Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Kennedy absent.

7. Second Reading of Ordinance for the Annual Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to Adopt Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements and Update the Capital Improvement Element (CIE); Project No. CPA-2024-007. **(Zoning Manager Whitfield)**

Zoning Manager Whitfield explained that, per Florida Statutes, the Comprehensive Plan must include a Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements. She presented an overview of the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan, which aligns with the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 – 2028/2029 Budget approved by the City Commission. This plan includes only projects and improvements previously authorized by the City Commission.

City Attorney Geller 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. 2024-36, for the Annual Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to Adopt Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements and Update the Capital Improvement Element (CIE); Project No. CPA-2024-007, subject to staff's recommendation; moved by Commissioner Oliver, seconded by Commissioner Firstner; Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Kennedy absent.

• **PUBLIC HEARING** - None

• **REGULAR AGENDA 6:55 PM**

8. Acceptance of Rehab & Emergency Shelter Transport Bus from Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition. (**Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp**)

Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp explained the details and benefits of acceptance of a mass casualty bus from the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition, in partnership with Lynx and Firstline, at no cost to the City. He further summarized the multiple functions the bus could be utilized for, the conversion proposed and covered by the Coalition, and the one-year time frame commitment required by the Fire Department. If approved, the bus will not be a staffed unit and can be declared surplus if deemed out of service, as there is no formal contract or agreement between the City and the Coalition.

Commissioner Firstner asked how the Fire Department was made aware of this partnership program, and if any other agency is a recipient of a bus. **Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp** addressed his question.

Commissioner Wilsen expressed concerns about the current mileage of the bus, as well as the associated maintenance and costs. **Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp** explained that the program could be discontinued, and the vehicle declared surplus if the City determines that the expenses are excessive. **Commissioner Wilsen** requested that, if approved, the Fire Department provide an update on the program at the end of the year.

Commissioner Oliver asked about the lifespan of a fire engine and the associated insurance costs. **Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp** provided information regarding the engine's lifespan but apologized for not having details on the insurance costs at that time. He further shared he would also like to see the cost benefit analysis at the end of the year.

Mayor Johnson inquired who would be driving the bus and if it would need to be staffed. **Deputy Fire Chief Van Camp** addressed his question. **Mayor Johnson** further expressed concerns

about the costs associated with accepting the bus and the existing EMS services available to City residents.

Motion: Move to accept the Rehab & Emergency Shelter Transport Bus from Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition; however, should the expenditures exceed what is forecasted, the Fire Department will report such expenditures to the City Commission; moved by Commissioner Firstner, seconded by Commissioner Oliver;

Commissioner Wilsen sought Fire Chief Smothers' opinion on accepting the bus, and he responded to her inquiry. Discussion ensued about unexpected expenditures that may occur.

Motion carried 3-1 with Mayor Johnson opposing and Commissioner Kennedy absent.

• **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS 7:23 PM**

Commissioner Wilsen – Commented on the following:

- 1) Addressed H.R.8753, a Bill passed by the House of Representative, regarding unique ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes. She requested staff send a letter to the Legislative Delegation in support of this Bill. Additionally, she requested a letter be sent to the residents of Rose Hill encouraging them to reach out to the Legislative Delegation to support this Bill. She gave her approval to use her discretionary funds to cover the costs associated with staff sending the letters. **Consensus of the City Commission was to support the request for sending out letters.**
- 2) Wished everyone a Happy Holiday and urged everyone to be safe.

Commissioner Oliver – Commented on the following:

- 1) Commended the work being done on Clarke Road, stating that it will be beautiful when completed.
- 2) Announced the construction on McCormick Road, and the expansion of the West Orange Trail.
- 3) Updated the Commission on discussions he has had with Orange County Staff about the possibility of installing a traffic light at the intersection of McCormick and Apopka Vineland Road.
- 4) Read an inspirational quote and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Commissioner Firstner – Commented on the following:

- 1) Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays and thanked the community for supporting the City and the City Commission.

Mayor Johnson – Commented on the following:

- 1) Announced that City Hall and all City Administrative Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
- 2) Announced that candidate qualifying ended on Friday, December 13th and an election will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, for District 4 Commissioner and Referendum Ballot questions. District 2 Commissioner Rosemary Wilsen was unopposed, so no election will be held for that district.

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- 3) Announced upcoming City event dates, times, and locations through January 2025.
- 4) Gave kudos to the Recreation Department for putting on an excellent Jolly Jamboree event this past weekend, and acknowledged the Ocoee Youth Council and City Clerk Team for assisting with serving at the Brunch with Santa event.

• ADJOURNMENT 7:35 PM

APPROVED:

Attest:



Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk

City of Ocoee



Rusty Johnson, Mayor