



Ocala City Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Regular Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The Ocala City Council held a meeting at the Ocala City Hall on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

a. Opening Ceremony

1. Invocation - Chaplain Eugene Kenney

2. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Welcome and Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Reuben Kent Guinn	Mayor	Present	
Jay A. Musleh	Pro Tem	Present	
Justin Grabelle	Council Member	Present	
Brent R. Malever	Council Member	Present	
Matthew Wardell	Council Member	Present	
Mary S. Rich	Council President	Present	

Municipal Officers/Others Present: City Manager John Zobler, Deputy City Manager Sandra Wilson, Assistant City Attorney Robert Batsel Jr., Assistant City Manager Bill Kauffman, Assistant City Manager Ken Whitehead, City Clerk Angel Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk Roseann Fusco, Fire Chief Shane Alexander, Deputy Chief of Police Michael Balken, Senior Assistant Internal Auditor Randall Bridgeman, Assistant Finance Director Peter Brill, Resource Development Manager Connie Carroll, Growth Management Director Tye Chighizola, Director of Facilities Maintenance Chris Dobbs, Division Head - Sanitation Dwayne Drake, Internal Auditor Alice Garner, Budget Manager Tammi Haslam, Manager Planning & Zoning Patricia Hitchcock, Marketing & Communication Manager Katie Hunnicutt, Assistant Director Recreation & Parks Julie Johnson, Manager Compliance Monitor Rusella Johnson, Director of Procurement Tiffany Kimball, Multimedia & Communication Coordinator Lee Kramer, City Engineer/Director Water Resources Sean Lanier, Planning Director Pete Lee, Civil Engineer III Payal Pandya, Director Public Works Darren Park, Director of Telecommunications Mel Poole, Strategic Business Administrator Jeannine Robbins, Director of Finance Emory Roberts, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Jared Sorenson, Real Estate Project Manager II Tracy Taylor, Civil Engineer III Oscar Tovar, Cultural Arts & Sciences Division Head Laura Walker, Community Engagement Coordinator Ramona Williams, Business Analyst/Vendor Relations John Long, Administrative/Fiscal Supervisor Michele Bond, Civil Engineer Noel Cooper, Chief Code Official Matt Leibfried, Operations/Reliability Engineer Eric Weaver, Ocala Police Department Representative, IT Representative and other interested parties.

c. New Employees**James Bigham - Public Works****Kenneth Butcher - Public Works****Beverly Jordan - Recreation & Parks****Joseph Davis Jr. - Water Resources****Philip Hill - Water Resources****Austin Moxley - Water Resources****William Pilcher - Water Resources****2. Public Notice****Public Notice for the February 5th, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting was posted on December 20, 2018****3. Proclamations & Awards****a. Key to the City - Vanguard Volleyball Class 7A State Champions**

Mayor Guinn presented a Key to the City to Vanguard Volleyball Class 7A State Champions.

b. Key to the City - Trinity Catholic Girls Volleyball Class 5A State Champions

Mayor Guinn presented a Key to the City to Trinity Catholic Girls Volleyball Class 5A State Champions.

c. Proclamation - Ocala/Newbridge Twinning Month - Murty Aspell

Mayor Guinn presented a proclamation to Mayor Murty Aspell from Newbridge Ireland proclaiming the month of February 2019 as a Newbridge Twinning month.

Mr. Jeff Gold on behalf of Board of Marion County Commissioners presented a proclamation to Mayor Murty Aspell from Newbridge Ireland proclaiming the month of February 2019 as the 10th year celebration of Newbridge Twinning.

Mayor Aspell thanked the Mayor, City Council and the Board of County Commissioners for their support.

d. Proclamation - Grandview Invitational - Karen Cobbs

Mayor Guinn presented a proclamation recognizing and welcoming the Grandview Invitational to the City of Ocala.

4. **Presentations**

5. **Public Comments**

Ire Bethea 2657 NW 27th Avenue thanked Council for their support of all Martin Luther King Jr. celebration events, which were well received by the community.

Mayor Guinn stated this was the best Martin Luther King Day ever. He thanked staff for their efforts.

Richard Black 1124 NE 2nd Street, Apartment 105 commented on the power of the economy.

13. **City Manager's Report**

a. Consensus concerning preparation of a City of Peace resolution

Barbara Fritos 926 SE 12th Street spoke in favor of the City of Peace resolution. She also explained what it means to be a City of Peace.

Leda Perez 4490 SW 44th Street spoke in favor of the City of Peace resolution.

Council President Rich requested comments from Council Members. President Rich expressed her support for the resolution. Council Member Wardell agreed.

Council Member Grabelle expressed his concerns of joining the organization. He would support a proclamation of peace outlining the City's goals and aspirations for peace. Council Member Rich pointed out the resolution would be to support the City of Peace, not join them.

Council Member Musleh echoed Council Member Grabelle's concerns and would also support a proclamation.

Mayor Guinn stated he is proud of the City of Ocala for being a peaceful city. He inquired about the representative for the group.

Dr. Manal Fakhoury 3110 SE 17th Court would serve as the representative, if required. Dr. Fakhoury spoke about efforts she has made to help promote peace. The organization has been around for 10 years and has close to 250 cities of peace.

Council Member Wardell explained the City of Ocala presents proclamations often for different types of reasons, and there is no negative impact if there were a proclamation for this. He pointed out Rockford, IL had a proclamation, and it did not reference the City of Peace organization.

Mayor Guinn explained there are a lot of proclamations that are requested, and not all are fulfilled.

Council President Rich questioned why this is different from any other proclamation. Mayor Guinn expressed his concerns of moving forward with a proclamation.

Dr. Fakhoury explained this is a group of citizens that come together and care about the community and can work together with the City of Ocala.

David Liner 10515 SW 56th Avenue expressed his concern for being the first city associated with international peace.

Council Member Wardell pointed out the proclamation or resolution does not have "international" on it.

Mark Robinson 1028 SE 8th Street spoke in support of peace.

Cindy Kelly 78 Pecan Course Loop offered an alternative solution to a proclamation or resolution. She requested Council consider the City of Peace work with City Manager Zobler to bring back language for a resolution, that's generic and does not tie the city to the organization. Council Member Musleh and Wardell agreed.

Betti Jefferson-Gason 1612 NE 25th Avenue would love to see peace in the community and to see more of the Council Members in the community.

Harry Rock Gibboney 597 NE 45th Terrace is always cautious about joining organizations, and he found it difficult to find out what City of Peace is about. He suggested Council further research this organization. Council Member Rich pointed out researching an organization has never been required for any other proclamation that has been presented.

Eugene Kenney explained it is unknown who the organization City of Peace is. He discussed his concerns with being affiliated with City of Peace.

Michael Novak 1912 NE 6th Street believes there are misconceptions of what's being asked of Council. He expressed his support for City of Peace.

Kim Burt 2 Pecan Pass Drive read the Peace Pledge for the City of Peace.

Approved City Manager to prepare a resolution for City of Peace and bring back to Council for consideration

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matthew Wardell, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mary S. Rich, Council President
AYES:	Musleh, Grabelle, Malever, Wardell, Rich

6. Public Hearings

7. Second and Final Reading of Ordinances

(All are Public Hearings)

- a. **Adopted Ordinance 2019-19** to repeal and replace Chapter 70 Article II, Division 1. Section 70-32. Definitions to include updated definitions for facility, grease interceptor, recurrent maintenance, and tampering

Presentation by Sean Lanier

Introduced by Council Member, Matthew Wardell January 22, 2019

There being no discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matthew Wardell, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jay A. Musleh, Pro Tem
AYES:	Musleh, Grabelle, Malever, Wardell, Rich

- b. **Adopted Ordinance 2019-20** to repeal and replace conflicting ordinances under Chapter 70 Article I. In General, Section 70-1, 70-2, 70-3, and 70-5

Presentation by Sean Lanier

Introduced by Council Member, Brent Malever January 22, 2019

There being no discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brent R. Malever, Council Member
SECONDER:	Matthew Wardell, Council Member
AYES:	Musleh, Grabelle, Malever, Wardell, Rich

8. General Business

- a. **Failed Budget Resolution 2019-130** providing a one-time supplemental check to retirees of the old Ocala Police Department Pension System for a 5-year amortized cost of \$96,800

Presentation by Steven Cuppy

Vance Ferguson 4609 NE 22nd Avenue, is an Ocala Police Department (OPD) retiree. He spoke in favor of the plan and explained how the plan would benefit OPD retirees.

Ellery Dunn 4022 NE 8th Street, also an OPD retiree, discussed struggles retirees face and how this plan would help benefit them.

Council Member Grabelle questioned the cost of the program. City Manager Zobler stated it will cost \$96,800 over 5-years. He cautioned this could cause other retirees to come forward to Council with similar requests.

Council President Rich expressed her concern of the gift and not being able to do the same for the Fire Pension and General Employee Pension.

Council Member Malever stated if it's a one-time cost, and the city can afford it, he would support it.

Council Member Wardell questioned how many groups are in the city that would not receive COLA. City Manager Zobler estimated it's around 90 employees/beneficiaries.

Council President Rich asked if there are Firefighters that will not receive COLA. City Manager Zobler was unsure.

Mr. Cuppy commented about the impact this would have on the City. The savings the Pension Board found would more than cover this request.

Council Member Malever withdrew his second.

Council Member Musleh shared the same concerns as Council President Rich.

There being no further discussion the motion failed by roll call vote.

RESULT:	FAILED [2 TO 3]
MOVER:	Matthew Wardell, Council Member
SECONDER:	Justin Grabelle, Council Member
AYES:	Grabelle, Wardell
NAYS:	Musleh, Malever, Rich

- b. Approved** contract for alternative paving methods utilizing Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. not to exceed \$4,000,000

Presentation by Sean Lanier

Council Member Rich questioned the contract. Mr. Lanier explained this is not to exceed \$4 million and discussed the areas that will be repaired.

Council Member Grabelle questioned how this repair process is holding up on NE 8th. Mr. Lanier responded it's doing very well.

Council Member Grabelle asked if the new technology will have an impact on future road repairs. Mr. Lanier responded in the negative.

Council Member Malever asked if the city is responsible for 31st Street. Mr. Lanier responded in the affirmative and discussed future work needed on 31st Street.

Council President Rich questioned the length of the contract. Mr. Lanier responded 1-year, with an option to extend.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay A. Musleh, Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Matthew Wardell, Council Member
AYES:	Musleh, Grabelle, Malever, Wardell, Rich

- c. Pulled Resolution 2019-16** to identify water and sewer service for customers both within and beyond the corporate limits of the City of Ocala

Presentation by Sean Lanier

RESULT:	PULLED
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- d. Approved** contract with SPE Utility Contractors FD, LLC for the installation of a three-phase feeder line and street lights in the amount of \$703,223.13

Presentation by Eric Weaver

There being no discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brent R. Malever, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jay A. Musleh, Pro Tem
AYES:	Musleh, Grabelle, Malever, Wardell, Rich

- e. Adopted Budget Resolution 2019-128** amending the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 Budget to appropriate funds to support the Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County totaling \$100,000

Presentation by Tammi Haslam

Council Member Musleh thought this was going to be in the 2019 - 2020 budget. City Manager Zobler explained the work will begin now, and this will not be funded from the 2019 - 2020 budget.

Council President Rich requested updates be relevant to the City of Ocala. City Manager Zobler confirmed this is a one-time award.

Council Member Wardell requested confirmation this will not be included in next year's sponsorship. City Manager Zobler explained this would not be programmed at the staff level as part of the sponsorship budget. The charities Council has typically supported will be brought to Council.

Council President Rich asked if they received funding from Marion County. City Manager Zobler replied the Community Foundation put the request in but was unsure if the funds have been provided.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Grabelle, Council Member
SECONDER:	Matthew Wardell, Council Member
AYES:	Musleh, Grabelle, Malever, Wardell, Rich

- f. Adopted Budget Resolution 2019-129** to appropriate funds from the Sanitation and Stormwater Reserves for Contingencies to pay for two Environmental Enforcement Officers and their equipment in the amount of \$156,390

Presentation by Tammi Haslam

Council President Rich asked if there were more than two officers now. City Manager Zobler stated there are currently no officers in these roles and he explained the need for these positions.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay A. Musleh, Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Brent R. Malever, Council Member
AYES:	Musleh, Grabelle, Malever, Wardell, Rich

- g. Approved** consent to assign contract for the Water Resources Improvement Program from Hamlet Underground LLC to Miller Pipeline LLC

Presentation by Tiffany Kimball

Council President Rich asked if Hamlet Underground LLC is selling the business. Ms. Kimball responded in the affirmative.

City Manager Zobler questioned the contract amount. Ms. Kimball responded the contract is for \$4 million.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jay A. Musleh, Pro Tem
SECONDER: Brent R. Malever, Council Member
AYES: Musleh, Grabelle, Malever, Wardell, Rich

9. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of Council or the public request specific items to be removed for separate discussion and action.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Matthew Wardell, Council Member
SECONDER: Brent R. Malever, Council Member
AYES: Musleh, Grabelle, Malever, Wardell, Rich

- a. Approved** the City's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) 2018 incentive strategy recommendations

Presentation by Melanie Gaboardi

- b. Approved** reappointment of Terry Crawford and John "Chap" Dinkins to the Airport Advisory Board for new four-year terms ending November 2, 2023

Presentation by Angel Jacobs

- c. Approved** Work Session City Council Minutes for Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Presentation by Angel Jacobs

- d. Approved** Regular Meeting City Council Minutes for Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Presentation by Angel Jacobs

10. Consent Agenda Items Held for Discussion

Should any items be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, they will be discussed at this time.

11. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinances

(Second and Final Reading - February 19, 2019)

- a. Introduced Ordinance 2019-21** for annexation of approximately 0.24 acres of property located at 1820 SW 3rd Ave (Case No. ANX18-0007)

Introduced by Council Member, Jay A. Musleh

RESULT:	INTRODUCED	Next: 2/19/2019 4:00 PM
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- b. Introduced Ordinance 2019-22** for a land use change from Commercial (Marion County) to Low Intensity for approximately 0.24 acres of property located at 1820 SW 3rd Ave (Case LUC18-0007)

Introduced by Council Member, Justin Grabelle

RESULT:	INTRODUCED	Next: 2/19/2019 4:00 PM
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- c. Introduced Ordinance 2019-23** for a zoning change from B-4, Regional Business (Marion County) to B-4, General Business, for approximately 0.24 acres of property located at 1820 SW 3rd Ave (Case ZON18-0023) (Quasi-Judicial)

Introduced by Council Member, Matthew Wardell

RESULT:	INTRODUCED	Next: 2/19/2019 4:00 PM
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- d. Introduced Ordinance 2019-24** to allow changes concerning a vacant parcel in the historic district surrounded by properties outside the historic district and changes to signage requirements in the Ocala Historic District concerning certain properties (COD18-0017)

Introduced by Council Member, Brent Malever

RESULT:	INTRODUCED	Next: 2/19/2019 4:00 PM
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12. Internal Auditor's Report - None

13. City Manager's Report

Homeless Study with Salvation Army- Update

City Manager Zobler discussed what would be included in the homeless study. The cost of the Homeless study should not exceed \$21,850 and will be funded from the Downtown CRA fund.

January was the busiest month at the Airport since 2010

Landing and takeoff counts are up 20%.

15. City Attorney's Report

16. Informational Items

a. Calendaring Items

- 1. Council Strategic Planning Session - Tuesday, February 12, 2019 - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm - iGlobal Logistics/R & L Carriers - Conference Room - 315 NE 14th Street**

2. Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Agency Meeting - Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - 3:45 pm - City Hall - Second Floor - Council Chamber

b. Comments by Mayor

c. Comments by Council Members

Council Member Grabelle supports doing a proclamation for City of Peace. He does not want to tie the City to the International Cities of Peace organization

While researching the organization, there were only talking points available from the organization and those that support it.

Council Member Wardell spoke about the Rockford, IL resolution, which does not mention the organization International Cities of Peace.

Council Member Wardell expressed his support for general language in a resolution

Council Member Musleh expressed his sentiments regarding the Ocala Police Department pension vote

Council Member Malever echoed Council Member Musleh's comments

14. Mayor's/Police Department Report

Police Chief Greg Graham - Opioid Update

There have been 4 deaths and 2 saved with Narcan and 51 people to-date have participated in the Amnesty Program. Narcan numbers are down due to Narcan being administered by family members and friends directly.

Chief Graham advised Council of his discussion in Tallahassee regarding funding for the Amnesty Program.

d. Informational

1. Executed Contracts Under \$50,000

17. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Minutes

Mary S. Rich
Council President

Angel B. Jacobs
City Clerk