



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

MAY 5, 2026

6:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING OFFICIAL AGENDA

Mayor

Dowling R. Watford, Jr.

Vice Mayor

Monica Clark

Council Members

Noel Chandler

Bob Jarriel

David McAuley

Mission Statement:	The mission of the City of Okeechobee is to provide accommodating services that enhance the quality of life for our citizens and businesses in a fiscally sound manner.
Vision Statement:	The City of Okeechobee will maintain a vibrant and prosperous community built on our heritage, history, unique character, and small-town atmosphere.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. AGENDA AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Requests for the addition, deferral, or withdrawal of agenda items.
- B. Motion to adopt agenda.
- C. Public participation for any issues not on the agenda requires an Agenda Item Form or Comment Card. Citizen comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless otherwise approved by the Mayor.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Proclaim May 2026 as Building Safety Month (**Exhibit 1**).
- B. Proclaim May 6 through 12, 2026, as National Nurses Weeks (**Exhibit 2**).
- C. Proclaim May 2026 as Mental Health Month (**Exhibit 3**).

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve April 21, 2026, Minutes (**Exhibit 4**).
- B. Motion to approve the purchase of two Database Servers for the Police Department from ICS Computers in the amount of \$25,898.00 (**Exhibit 5**).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fire Services update by Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Justin Hazellief.
- B. Motion to approve the 2025 Audited Financials prepared by Carr, Riggs & Ingram as presented by Lindsay Aviles (**Exhibit 6**).
- C. Motion to approve a Grant Agreement with the Department of Financial Services, an agency of the State of Florida, through its Division of State Fire Marshal for the exterior renovation of the City of Okeechobee Public Safety Building in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 (**Exhibit 7**).
- D. Motion to approve a Sign Easement Agreement with Park Street Okeechobee, LLC (**Exhibit 8**).

VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

X. ADJOURN MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that if any person desires to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. City Clerk media are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Clerk. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office no later than five (5) business days prior to proceedings, 863.763.9814. Vision, speech, or hearing impaired, call Florida Relay Service 7-1-1.

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