



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

MAY 19, 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. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to dispense with the reading and approve May 5, 2026, Minutes (**Exhibit 1**).
- B. Motion to approve the April 2026 Warrant Register (**Exhibit 2**).
- C. Motion to approve Prime Contract Change Order #001, Contract Reduction #1, reducing payment to Proctor Construction in the amount of \$96,600.91 and Prime Contract Change Order #002, Contract Reduction #2, reducing payment to Proctor Construction in the amount of \$8,410.16 for City purchased materials (**Exhibit 3**).
- D. Motion to temporarily close a portion of SW 2nd, 3rd and 4th Avenues between North and South Park Streets from 12:00 P.M. on September 6, 2026, to 5:00 P.M. on September 7, 2026, for the Labor Day Festival as submitted by Okeechobee Main Street (**Exhibit 4**).

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of the need for Foster Homes and Community Support in Okeechobee by Amanda Capalbo, Regional Executive Director of Camelot Community Care Inc.
- B. Okeechobee Utility Authority update by John Hayford.
- C. Motion to approve a permit application by Okeechobee Main Street to host a Summer Concert Series on July 3rd, August 7th, and September 7, 2026, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm in Settlers Square (**Exhibit 5**).
- D. Update on the City Hall 100 Year Building Celebration plans and ideas from Deputy City Clerk Rogers.
- E. Consider a motion to amend the City Council Regular Meeting 2026 Schedule as adopted by Resolution No. 2025-05, canceling the December 1, 2026, Meeting (**Exhibit 6**).
- F. Motion to approve Grant Agreement for Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program with the State of Florida Department of Management Services, Contract No. DMS-25/26-175 (**Exhibit 7**).
- G. Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Okeechobee County relating to the Collection of Impact Fees (**Exhibit 8**).

VI. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

VII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

IX. 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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