



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

JULY 7, 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 June 16, 2026, Minutes (**Exhibit 1**).

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update on Proposed Property Tax Reform by Mickey Bandi, Okeechobee County Property Appraiser (**Exhibit 2**).
- B. Legislative issues with the potential to impact the City overview by Taylor Connell, Finance Director (**Exhibit 3**).
- C. Motion to approve naming Councilman David McAuley as the Voting Delegate for the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference on August 13-15, 2026 (**Exhibit 4**).
- D. Motion to approve a Contract Change Order for installation of Street Light Conduits and Hand Boxes in Park Street Commerce Center by B&B Site Development, Inc. in the amount of \$17,996.00 (**Exhibit 5**).
- E. Motion to approve the renewal of Public Risk Management Group Health Insurance for Fiscal Year 2026-27 with a maximum cost to the City of \$1,142.00 per employee per month for employee premiums only (**Exhibit 6**).
- F. Motion to continue to contribute \$300.00 per employee per month for FY 2026-27 towards dependent health insurance premiums (**Exhibit 7**).
- G. Review of School Resource Officer Program (**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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