CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

JULY 21, 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 approve the June 2026 Warrant Register **(Exhibit 1)**.

V. OPEN A TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

A. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and submit to the State for Expedited Review, proposed Ordinance No. 1330, providing Text Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element Policy 2.1, the Mixed Use Planned Unit Development classifications on the Future Land Use Map, and the Commercial Use designations, City initiated Application No. 26-001-CPA **(Exhibit 2)**.

Close Transmittal Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Amendments

VI. OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR) AMENDMENTS

A. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and set August 18, 2026, as the Final Public Hearing Adoption date for proposed Ordinance No. 1329, providing for Text Amendments to the LDRs Definitions Section 66-1, Mixed-Use and Residential Planned Unit Developments and their Permitted Uses, Code Sections to be amended are 90-416 through 90-419, and 90-428 through 90-434, as requested in Application No. 25-001-TA submitted by Erin Less of WGI, Inc on behalf of the Applicant, Edison Real Estate Partners, LLC **(Exhibit 3)**.
B. Motion to read by title only, approve the first reading, and set August 18, 2026, as the Final Public Hearing Adoption date for proposed Ordinance No. 1328, providing Text Amendments to the LDRs Mixed Use Planned Unit Developments and the Permitted Uses, Code Sections to be amended are 90-401 through 90-415, as requested in City initiated Application No. 26-001-TA **(Exhibit 4)**.

Close Public Hearing for LDR Amendments

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Kaylee King, President of Okeechobee County Economic Development Corporation **(Exhibit 5)**.

B. Motion to approve the Budget Calendar for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 setting the maximum millage rate at a City Council Special Meeting on July 29, 2026, at 5:01 PM; a Budget Workshop on August 4, 2026, following the City Council Regular Meeting commencing at 5:00 PM; (IF NECESSARY) a Budget Workshop on August 18, 2026, following the City Council Regular Meeting commencing at 6:00 PM; the First Budget Public Hearing on September 1, 2026, at 6:00 PM during the City Council Regular Meeting; reschedule the September 15, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting and conduct the Final Budget Public Hearing on September 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM, during the rescheduled Regular Meeting **(Exhibit 6)**.

C. Discussion regarding an overview of the City's tax base and recent history compared to other Florida municipalities **(Exhibit 7)**.

D. Discussion regarding some additional information in consideration for the upcoming budget workshops **(Exhibit 8)**.

E. Motion to approve a Right of Way Dedication by Park Street Property Owners Association, Inc. to the City of Okeechobee a Roadway Tract, Park Street Commerce Center, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 91, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

IX. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XI. 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.

BE ADVISED that should you intend to show any document, picture, video, or item to the Council in support of or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video, or item must be provided to the City Clerk for the City's records.