



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE
55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974
AUGUST 4, 2026
5:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING AND
BUDGET WORKSHOP 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. PRESENTATIONS

- A.** Recognize the 2026 Okeechobee 12U All-Stars.
- B.** Presentation honoring Council Member Noel Chandler for Twenty Years of Service.
- C.** Presentation honoring Police Sergeant Chad Troutman for Twenty Years of Service.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the following Minutes:
 - 1. July 7, 2026 (**Exhibit 1**).
 - 2. July 21, 2026 (**Exhibit 2**).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Public Works Department update by Willie Hall, Director (**Exhibit 3**).
- B.** Motion to appoint City Administrator, Denise Whitehead, to the Okeechobee County Economic Development Corporation.
- C.** Motion to approve the Engagement Letter from Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC allowing them to audit the Financial Statements and the disclosures of the City of Okeechobee for the fiscal year 2025-2026 (**Exhibit 4**).

- D. Motion to approve the Engagement Letter from Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC allowing them to obtain reasonable assurance whether the City of Okeechobee is free from material misstatement for the fiscal year 2026-2026 (**Exhibit 5**).

VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

X. RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND OPEN BUDGET WORKSHOP

- A. Discuss the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (**Exhibit 6**).

XI. ADJOURN WORKSHOP AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

- A. Unfinished items or issues discussed during the budget workshop to be addressed.

XII. 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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