



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE
55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974
AUGUST 18, 2026
6:00 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 12 & Under Ozone Division 1 Youth Baseball Team as State Champions (**Exhibit 1**).

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the following Minutes:
 - 1. July 29, 2026 (**Exhibit 2**).
 - 2. August 4, 2026 (**Exhibit 3**).
- B.** Motion to approve the July 2026 Warrant Register (**Exhibit 4**).

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

- A.** Motion to read by title only, approve the second reading, and adopt 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 5**).
Planning Board and Planning Staff recommend adoption.

- B.** Motion to read by title only, approve the second reading, and adopt 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 6)**.

Planning Board and Planning Staff recommend adoption.

Close Public Hearing for Land Development Regulations Amendments

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Quarterly report by Justin Hazellief, Public Safety Director/Fire Chief of Okeechobee County **(Exhibit 7)**.
- B.** Motion to adopt a new Drug Free Workplace policy to include the classification change of medical marijuana and clarification of the definition of mandatory testing positions **(Exhibit 8)**.

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

IX. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XI. RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND OPEN BUDGET WORKSHOP

- A.** Discuss the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 **(Exhibit 9)**.

XII. ADJOURN WORKSHOP AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

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

XIII. 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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