



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

OCTOBER 6, 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 any modifications to the agenda.
- B. Motion to adopt the agenda as published or amended.
- 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. PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Proclaim October 19 through 25, 2026 as Florida City Week (**Exhibit 1**).
- B. Proclaim October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (**Exhibit 2**).

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **September 21, 2026, Minutes:** Motion to dispense with the reading and approve the September 21, 2026, Minutes (**Exhibit 3**).
- B. **100-Year Building Celebration and Festival:** Motion to temporarily close a portion of 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue between North Park Street and South Park Street and a portion of South Park Street between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue on Friday, November 13, 2026, from 1:00pm – 8:00 pm for the City of Okeechobee's City Hall 100-Year Building Celebration and Festival (**Exhibit 4**).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Martin Luther King Jr. Parade discussion:** Motion to approve a Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on Saturday, January 16, 2027, from 10:00am–11:00am (**Exhibit 5**).
- B. **PRM Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal:** Motion to approve the renewal proposal of Property and Casualty Insurance coverages with Public Risk Management (**Exhibit 6**).
- C. **Recommendation for Landscaping Services:** Motion to direct the City Administrator to enter into negotiations with Nunez Landscaping, Inc. for Landscaping Services (RFP No. GS 01-32-08-26) (**Exhibit 7**).

- D. Discussion of Transferring funds to cover expenses for the 100-Year Celebration and Festival:** Motion to transfer \$6,000.00 from the Centennial Park Fund to cover expenses for the 100-Year Building Celebration and Festival (**Exhibit 8**).
- E. Discussion for new roof on Chamber of Commerce Building:** Motion to allow City Administrator to go out for a Request for Proposal to replace the roof on the Chamber of Commerce Building utilizing funds from the Capital Projects Fund (**Exhibit 9**).
- F. Review of Reserve Fund Balances:** Discussion to provide the City Council with an overview of current reserve balances in the City's fund accounts and explain factors affecting reserve levels (**Exhibit 10**).
- G. Review of MOU for Building Department Services:** Council to review the recent Memorandum of Understanding for Building Department Services between Okeechobee County and the City of Okeechobee and provide direction (**Exhibit 11**).

VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

X. 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 proceeding, such an interested person will need a record of the proceeding, and for such purpose may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. City Clerk recordings 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 in person or call 863-763-9814, Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1 no later than four business days prior to proceeding. **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.