CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

NOVEMBER 5, 2026
9:00 AM
SPECIAL 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. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor Watford to provide instructions to the Council and candidates regarding the interview process.
B. Conduct interviews with candidates for the role of City Clerk. Candidates are Katerri Johnson, Leanne LaLonde, Heather Prince, and Katie Rogers **(Exhibit 1)**.
C. Discuss next steps in the process to appoint a new City Clerk.
Close New Business

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: American Legion Property

A. Mayor Watford announces the commencement of the Executive Session with an estimated length of up to a half hour.
B. Mayor announces the names of each Council Member in attendance, Mayor Dowling Watford Jr., Vice Mayor Monica Clark, Noel Chandler, Bob Jarriel, David McAuley, the City Administrator Denise Whitehead, City Attorney John Fumero , and Assistant City Attorney Stephen Conteaguero.
C. Mayor closes the session to the public.
D. Executive Session discussion begins.
E. Mayor Watford announces the termination of the Executive Session.

V. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

A. Unfinished items or issues discussed during New Business to be addressed.

VI. 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.
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