



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA
JULY 29, 2026, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Watford called the special meeting of the City Council for the City of Okeechobee to order on July 29, 2026, at 5:01 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 55 Southeast 3rd Avenue, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida. A moment of silence was held in honor of former City Council Member and Volunteer Fire Fighter, Mr. Clayton Williams, who passed away on July 28, 2026. The invocation was offered by Mayor Watford; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Clark.

II. ATTENDANCE

City Clerk Lane Gamiotea called the roll. Members physically present to establish a quorum: Mayor Dowling R. Watford, Jr., Vice Mayor Monica M. Clark, Council Members Noel A. Chandler, Robert "Bob" Jarriel, and David R. McAuley.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Council Member Chandler made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Clark to approve advertising the 2026 Tax Notices maximum Millage Rate at 5.9602 for Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget preparation [as recommended by staff and presented in **Exhibit 1**].
Motion Carried Four to One, with Council Member Jarriel Voting No.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items, Mayor Watford adjourned the meeting at 5:06 P.M.

Submitted By:

Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk

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