



PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2025
TIME: 3:15 PM
LOCATION: City Hall – City Council Meeting Chambers
CONTACT: (352)629-8401

The City Council for the City of Ocala, Florida will hold its regularly-scheduled, late January meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

The meeting will begin at 3:15 PM but approximately the first thirty minutes of the meeting will be reserved for a private, attorney-client meeting (often referred to as a “Shade Meeting”). The private, attorney-client meeting will be conducted in accordance with Section 286.011(8), *Florida Statutes*; was announced by the City Attorney at the City Council meeting on January 7, 2025; and is for the purposes of discussing settlement negotiations and/or strategy for the pending litigation before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit styled *Art Rojas, et al. v. City of Ocala, Florida*, with Case Number 24-12634.

Present for the private, attorney-client meeting will be City Council Members Barry Mansfield, Kristen Dreyer, Ire Betha, James P. Hilty, Sr. and Jay Musleh, City Manager Peter A. Lee, City Attorney William E. Sexton as well as Abigail Southerland and Geoffrey R. Surtees, litigation counsel for the City in the above-referenced matter.

A court reporter will be present and will record the entire private, attorney-client meeting. The transcript of the meeting will be made a part of the public record upon conclusion of the litigation.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting in respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceeding, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made.

If reasonable accommodations are needed for you to participate in the meeting, please call (352)629-8401, 48 hours in advance so arrangements can be made.