



## **City of Oak Hill Budget Workshop Minutes**

**Date:** July 14, 2025

**Time:** 4:30 PM

**Location:** 234 S. U.S. Hwy 1, Oak Hill, FL 32759

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### **A. Opening**

#### **1. Call to Order**

- Mayor Ricky Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

#### **2. Invocation**

#### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

- Led by Mayor Taylor.

#### **4. Roll Call**

#### **Present:**

- Mayor Ricky Taylor
- Vice Mayor Joe Catigano
- Commissioner Carrie Werning
- Commissioner Mark Drollinger
- Commissioner Linda Hyatt

#### **Staff Present:**

- City Manager John Barkley
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### **B. Commission Discussion – Fiscal Budget 2025–2026 Process**

- City Manager John Barkley provided an overview of the budget process.
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### **C. Public Input**

- **Dru Ann Welch:** Spoke regarding the Budget vs. Actual report and various line items.

- **Tom Pence:** Commented on the budget.
  - **Jim Talbott:** Inquired about paving on Bradbury Street, the lack of certain public works equipment, and questioned whether the city received any funding through its lobbyist.
  - **Tom Pence:** Inquired about attachments for the tractor.
  - **Dru Ann Welch:** Brought up budget considerations for special events and the possibility of a bathroom trailer at the Powell property.
  - **Janna Taylor:** Asked whether the new program being considered would track ditch maintenance and suggested budgeting for feasibility studies for future projects.
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#### D. Final Comments from Mayor & Commissioners

- **Commissioner Werning:** Commented on the Budget vs. Actual report and noted line items were not properly categorized.
- **City Manager John Barkley:** Stated the auditor's report would highlight weaknesses that can be addressed.
- **Commissioner Werning:** Asked when the auditor's report would be completed.
- **City Manager John Barkley:** Estimated completion in August.
- **Commissioner Werning:** Voiced support for hiring a part-time accountant.
- **Commissioner Werning:** Referred to the backhoe as a wishlist item.
- **Mayor Taylor:** Confirmed the backhoe is on his list as well.
- **Commissioner Werning:** Supported increased budgeting for community events.
- **Commissioner Hyatt:** Discussed the events committee.
- **Commissioner Werning:** Expressed interest in re-establishing a Parks and Recreation Committee to host events.
- **Mayor Taylor:** Requested commissioners provide a list of events for the City Manager to share on social media.
- **Commissioner Drollinger:** Asked if the City's Facebook page was active again.
- **City Manager John Barkley:** Confirmed that it is.
- **Mayor Taylor:** Expressed support for purchasing a bucket truck for public works and an enclosed trailer for event chairs.
- **Vice Mayor Catigano:** Spoke about the City's reserve funds.
- **City Manager John Barkley:** Noted that the recommended reserve level is 23.5%.
- **Vice Mayor Catigano:** Suggested depositing \$20,000 into the reserve account this fiscal year.
- **Commissioner Werning:** Asked for an update on remaining ARPA funds.
- **Mayor Taylor:** Requested City Manager follow up at the next meeting.
- **Commissioner Werning:** Listed capital needs including a tractor, city truck, Ford Escape, and playground equipment.
- **Vice Mayor Catigano:** Discussed ditch issues and recommended allocating funding for related maintenance.
- **Mayor Taylor:** Stressed the importance of a ditch maintenance schedule and identifying necessary equipment.
- **Commissioner Drollinger:** Asked the City Manager for an update on the Meade & Hunt project.

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## E. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Commissioner Werning made a motion to adjourn.
  - **Second:** Commissioner Hyatt.
  - **Adjournment:** Mayor Ricky Taylor officially adjourned the meeting.
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**Note:** In accordance with Resolution 2006-17, a three (3) minute time limitation per speaker will be imposed. A speaker may address the Commission for a maximum of three (3) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, and for a maximum of three (3) minutes during any specific agenda topic. Pursuant to Florida Statute 166.041(3)(A), if an individual decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, that individual will need a record of the proceedings and must ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

**Attest:**

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City Manager  
John Barkley

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Ricky Taylor  
Mayor