



**MEETING MINUTES
SESSION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF KISSIMMEE
CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS
101 CHURCH STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA 34741-5054
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Members Present: Mayor Jackie Espinosa, Commissioners Noel Ortiz, Angela Eady, Carlos Alvarez, III, Janette Martinez

Staff Present: City Manager Mike Steigerwald, City Attorney Olga Sanchez de Fuentes, Deputy City Manager Austin Blake, City Clerk Tameara Crespo

Members Absent: Deputy City Manager Desiree Matthews

Mayor Espinosa called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

After a Moment of Silence, Commissioner Alvarez led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.A Proclamation - Women's History Month

To present a proclamation in honor of Women's History Month.

City Manager Steigerwald read a proclamation in honor of Women's History Month as the Mayor and Commissioners presented the proclamation to local women artists.

3.B Proclamation - Honoring Cesar Chavez Day

To present a proclamation to Yolanda Bernard, CEO of Saqui Community and Vice President of Agri-Food Councils of the Americas and the Caribbean.

City Manager Steigerwald read a proclamation in honor of Cesar Chavez Day as the Mayor and Commissioners presented the proclamation. Recipient, Ms. Bernard thanked the City for their support.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. HEAR AUDIENCE *Anything requiring a vote will be heard at a later time.*

Yolanda Bernard, 2550 Technology Drive, Orlando, FL, thanked the city for supporting Cesar Chavez Day and reviewed his achievements and advocacy background.

7. CONSENT AGENDA *The consent agenda is a technique designed to expedite the handling of routine miscellaneous business of the City Commission. The City Commission in one motion may adopt the entire Consent Agenda. The motion for adoption is non-debatable and must receive unanimous approval. By request of any individual member, an item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Commissioner Eady seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

7.A Approval of City Commission Minutes from the March 4, 2025 meeting

Request Commission approval of the March 4, 2025 Commission Minutes.

7.B Authorization to submit application for 2025-26 VOCA Grant

The Police Department requests authorization to submit an application to the Office of the Attorney General for the Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) grant for fiscal year 2025-2026. (VOCA26)

7.C Design Services for the Kissimmee Police Department Forensic & Evidence Storage Facility

Approval to utilize the City's continuing services contract with Harvard Jolly Architects, Inc. (Contract # 20240133) for the design of the Kissimmee Police Department (KPD) Forensic & Evidence Storage Facility in the amount of \$255,077.00.

7.D Grant Application for the Watershed Planning Program

Approval to apply for the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Watershed Planning Program and for the City Manager to sign any documents related to the application and award process.

7.E Justice Assistance Grant Award for advanced restraint systems

Approval to accept the Justice Assistance Grant – Countywide (JAG-C) Program in the amount of \$12,600 (grant #JAGCBL) and approval to amend the budget accordingly.

7.F Disposal of City Assets

Approval to dispose of the asset items detailed in the attached report.

7.G Approval of a Resolution to apply for a State of Florida Job Growth Grant

Approval to apply, by Resolution, for a State of Florida Job Growth Grant in the amount of \$8,000,000. Grant No. Job Growth.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. HEAR CITY OFFICIALS

9.A CITY MANAGER

City Manager Steigerwald reviewed the previous commission's desire for retirement benefits and a pension, which leaned toward a 457B deferred compensation program. He is seeking commission direction to prepare the budget accordingly. The commission consensus was to bring the information back at the next meeting to make an informed decision on the options. He also reminded everyone about the Kowtown Festival on March 22nd at Lakefront Park.

9.B CITY ATTORNEY

9.C CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Martinez recognized all women for Women's History Month. Commissioner Alvarez thanked all the volunteers involved with "The Wall that Heals" and invited the community to the Kowtown Festival. Commissioner Ortiz expressed gratitude to women staff and community members for their hard work. Commissioner Eady commended the City Manager for selecting the new Police Chief, Charles "Chuck" Broadway. Mayor Espinosa invited the community to her next Mayor's Table event on March 20th.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Espinosa adjourned the meeting at 6:23 PM.



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MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Tameara Crespo

CITY CLERK