

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA
"The Great City"

CLERK'S ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2012

7:00 P.M.

OPA-LOCKA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

780 Fisherman Street, 2nd Floor
Opa-locka, FL 33054

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Myra L. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 on the 2nd Floor of the Opa-locka Municipal Complex, 780 Fisherman Street, Opa-locka, Florida.

2. ROLL CALL:

The following members of the City Commission were present: Vice Mayor Dorothy Johnson, Commissioner Rose Tydus, Commissioner Gail Miller, Commissioner Timothy Holmes and Mayor Myra L. Taylor. Also in attendance were: City Manager Bryan K. Finnie, City Attorney Joseph S. Geller and City Clerk Deborah S. Irby.

3. INVOCATION:

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Myra L. Taylor.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND PULL LIST (deferrals and deletions):

The following resolutions were pulled from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately under agenda item 15 – Action Items: 19-2, 19-3 (Johnson); 19-4 (Miller); and 19-1 (Holmes).

Manager Finnie deferred agenda items 17A1 and 18C1 to allow for the item to go back before the Planning Council.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the agenda, consent agenda and pull list.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

Request to amend the agenda to include the following resolution as agenda item 16-1:

16-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES FOR ALL CITY ACCOUNTS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 11-8256 AND REVOKING ALL PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

It was moved by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Miller to amend the agenda to include the above resolution as item 16-1.

There being no discussion, the motion to amend the agenda failed by a 3-2 vote.

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| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Commissioner Holmes | No |
| Mayor Taylor | No |

To address the confusion as to whether the motion failed or pass, Attorney Geller explained that it takes four votes to amend the agenda; therefore, the item didn't get amended to the agenda because it only received three affirmative votes.

Because this item failed to get amended to the agenda, Vice Mayor Johnson asked, who will sign checks for the city?

Commissioner Holmes said that the same individuals would be authorized to sign checks: the City Manager, City Clerk and the Finance Director.

In response to Commissioner Holmes, Vice Mayor Johnson said she was not aware of who signed the city checks. She asked for an explanation as it relates to the rescinding of a previous resolution.

Manager Finnie advised that this is the standard signature authority provided subject to the change of management. Generally he asked for signature since the Assistant Finance Director has left the city and he wanted to replace her temporarily to have the four signatures; however, the city does have three signatures that are active on the previous resolution that would allow the city to operate.

Vice Mayor Johnson asked, what are the current signatures on record?

Manager Finnie replied, Dr. Ezekiel Orji, the City Clerk Deborah Irby and himself as the City Manager.

7. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Commissioner Tydus along with the City Commission presented a commendation for Business of the Month to Eloy Romo of Romo's Pizza for his dedication and commitment to the community.

Mayor Taylor congratulated and welcomed the new Deputy Chief Sanchez of the Opa-locka Police Department.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Commission Meeting – 12/14/2011

It was moved by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of December 14, 2011.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

9. 17th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF FLORIDA REPORT:

10. STATE SENATORS REPORT:

11. STATE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

12. DISTRICT ONE - COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Larry Gardner, Community Liaison for Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara Jordan's Office (District 1) came forward and provided information on the availability of the Mom & Pop grants for businesses.

As it relates to the redistricting, Vice Mayor Johnson said she noticed a portion of the City of Opa-locka was lost to District 2. She said she was appreciative of the notice provided by Commissioner Jordan regarding the meeting held in which Commission and community support was needed. In moving forward, she requested that the Commission receive as much information as possible.

Mayor Taylor questioned Mr. Gardner about the meeting information for redistricting which she believed began in September; however, the Commission was not made aware until the last minute.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that he wasn't aware of these meetings up until the last minute.

Of concern to Mayor Taylor was the fact that the information for the meetings was not provided to the Commission in advance.

Vice Mayor Johnson clarified that the public meeting was not opened in September; the meeting and dialogue that took place was amongst the County Commission. However, Miami-Dade County website did post the public hearing and that's when the Commission was notified because that is the only opportunity for input.

She continued by saying that she would like for city staff to be more engaged and look up information to provide to the Commission.

Mayor Taylor requested that Mr. Gardner keep the Commission abreast of what is going on.

13. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

14. PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

14a. CITIZENS' FORUM:

1. John Riley of 2963 NW 135th Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission in support of agenda item 19-4. His concerns have dated back to last year when he informed the Commission of pending cases that would cost the city in excess of \$100,000.00. Other concerns included the lift stations throughout the city; unnecessary expenditures of city funds; contracted services at Sherbondy Village for local businesses; and the treatment and low morale of city employees which affects the productivity of city services.

2. Eldridge Redmon of 2766 NW 131st Street, Opa-locka, Florida, came forward and spoke in opposition to agenda item 19-4. It was his opinion that the resolution was based off the rumor mill. He spoke in favor of the City Manager as a result of his recent actions in addressing issues affecting city residents. He went on to say that the same individual who just left the podium is part of the rumor mill and is trying to encourage individuals.

3. Johnnie Greene of 2091 Wilmington Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission in support of the hardworking city employees out on the field. She mentioned that some of the Urban Rangers and Water Meter Readers of the city have come to her and expressed their concerns relating to the unfair treatment, verbal abuse and threats. She suggested that this matter be straightened out to prevent any additional lawsuits against the city.

She added that the Urban Rangers also indicated that they will soon have to cut the alleyways because the current contractor will no longer be providing those services. Due to the Urban Rangers hard work and added duties, she encouraged the city to provide those employees with an increase.

Vice Mayor Johnson suggested that employees be directed to the right channel if in fact they are approaching citizens regarding employer concerns. She added that she was approached by several individuals regarding job openings for Urban Rangers which she has no knowledge of. In reviewing the November and December check registers, she noticed \$192,000.00 expenditures which she is concerned about and although it is budgeted for, the city shouldn't be spending every penny. Of further concern was the culture, treatment of people, and performance because at the end of the day the city should be dealing with the Department Directors to make sure there is 8 hours work for 8 hours pay.

She further stated that it is wrong for any member of the City Commission to get involved with the day to day operations of the city, but it is happening and it is wrong. If all of this is happening, then it must be addressed through the proper channels because there are too many people in this city playing games.

4. Victor Fraiss, Principal of North Park High School came forward and provided a brief overview of the school which is located in Opa-locka and servicing youth between the ages of 16-21 who are currently out of school.

5. Linda Parker, resident on Arabia Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and expressed her concerns relating to one of her neighbor's children not being able to receive a toy at the Holiday in the Park.

6. Luis Santiago, an Opa-locka resident, came forward and commended the city for the improvements in the Opa-locka Police Department and the administration for doing a great job. Because everyone is always watching the decisions of the city, he said the New Year is a great time to make changes and resolutions for the betterment of the community. He encouraged the Commission and staff to keep up the good work.

7. Jason Higgins of 13875 NW 22nd Avenue, Apt. 253, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and expressed his many concerns regarding the 22nd Avenue Apartments that included an increase in crime due to the lack of on site security, lack of housing inspections, curfew not being enforced, increased drug activity, trespassing, sexual activity and the overall poor management of the facility.

Vice Mayor Johnson agreed to contact Cindy Broussard of the 22nd Avenue management team about these concerns.

Mayor Taylor suggested that the City Manager look into and address the concerns.

She further encouraged Mr. Higgins to report any signs of retaliation to the Chief of Police and the City Manager.

8. Shalonda Rivers, resident of the 22nd Avenue Apartments, came forward and addressed the lack of curfew enforcement by property management and the police department and the overall poor management of the facility. In addition, there is an existence of mold throughout the entire complex. She suggested that the city somehow make the management company accountable.

Mayor Taylor directed the City Manager to look into these concerns right away. She suggested that there be an action plan after the dialogue.

9. Steven Barrett of 633 Sharar Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, came forward and stated that in dealing with employees he will check out whatever they say first before he says anything because there are some good employees as well as bad employees. He provided several incidents he witnessed of poor workmanship by city employees. He suggested that the Commission not go by what they have heard, but instead check it out and get the facts first.

He said he would like the Commission to let the citizens know some of good positive things they would like to see this year.

Manager Finnie requested that the Commission allow Chief Cheryl Cason of the Opa-locka Police Department to come forward for a presentation.

Chief Cheryl Cason of the Opa-locka Police Department briefly introduced the newest addition to their fleet, a T3 Series Personal Mobility Vehicle. Major Evelyn Barrett of the Opa-locka Police Department and Director of the Community Empowerment Team (CET) shared some of the ideas and plan for the utilization of the two (2) T3 Personal Mobility Vehicle and the eight (8) new mountain bikes.

Chief Cason publicly recognized Major Eleven Barrett and Major Miguel Galvez for stepping up to the plate during a period when the Opa-locka Police Department was going through some issues. She further introduced the new Assistant Chief Antonio Sanchez.

Assistant Chief Antonio Sanchez of the Opa-locka Police Department expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the city and promised to give his full dedication to the City of Opa-locka and the Opa-locka Police Department.

15. ACTION ITEMS (items from consent agenda pull list):

Commissioner Holmes suggested that the Commission consider 19-4 before 19-3.

Commissioner Miller questioned the need to consider 19-4 before 19-3.

Mayor Taylor said that there would be no need to talk about money for the City Manager if 19-4 has a concern.

Attorney Geller advised that the items could be moved with the consent of the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, (Mayor Taylor relinquished the gavel to Vice Mayor Johnson) seconded by Mayor Taylor to consider 19-4 before 19-3.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

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| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Commissioner Miller | No |
| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |

Vice Mayor Johnson returned the gavel to Mayor Taylor.

1. (19-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S EXPENDITURE FOR THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF FOUR VALVE AND APPURTENANCES COSTING TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND FORTY-FIVE CENTS (\$29,508.45) FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF PUMP STATION 14 FORCE MAIN VALVES, PAYABLE FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 35-535690; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Geller.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson to pass the above resolution.

Commissioner Holmes asked for an update on the progress of pump station 14?

Manager Finnie requested that the Public Works Director come forward to respond to the question presented by Commissioner Holmes.

Fritz Armand, Director of the City of Opa-locka Public Works Department came forward and reported that the pump station should be completed by the end of April 2012.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

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| Commissioner Holmes | No |
| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

2. (19-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GRANT FOR THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-ONE

THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$41,650.00); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by C.M.

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Geller.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Miller to pass the above resolution.

Vice Mayor Johnson asked, who wrote this particular grant?

Manager Finnie replied, Mr. Smith.

Vice Mayor Johnson asked, is this a new grant or a renewal?

Manager Finnie stated that this is a renewal and it was originally written by Mr. Smith. The county has been renewing this grant over the last couple of years.

Vice Mayor Johnson questioned the period of the grant due to inconsistencies in dates in the documentation provided.

Manager Finnie stated that he would provide the term of the grant via memorandum on the following day.

Vice Mayor Johnson expressed the importance of having legislative history for this and every item coming before the Commission. In her review of the supporting documentation there is indication that this is a new grant and not a renewal.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

3. (19-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO REMOVE BRYAN K. FINNIE AS THE CITY MANAGER, DUE TO LACK OF CONFIDENCE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by T.H.

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Geller.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to pass the above resolution.

Commissioner Miller expressed her frustration with the constant change in City Managers and said that every time an individual on the Commission gets mad they want to remove the City Manager. She stated that the city will never be a "5 Star" city if the Commission continues to fire and hire City Managers.

Commissioner Holmes made it clear that this was not personal and he continued by providing a list of allegations against the City Manager that included issues concerning the attempt to outsource the Code Enforcement and Building & License Departments, taking away Code Enforcement Officers vehicles, failure to require businesses to display the "No Saggy Pants" sign as required in the ordinance, failure to follow through with his numerous requests for an inquiry on Johnson Controls, failure to look into an early retirement package for employees, failure to move forth with renovations/repairs to Historic City Hall following the \$2,000,000.00 grant award from Commissioner Jordan's office, failure to follow through with the rulings of the Personnel Board on employee matters to reduce costs, failure to adhere to Judge orders on matters concerning former employees, failure to repair low area on NW 151st Street at NW 32nd Avenue after numerous requests, failure to provide information by specified date as requested by a colleague at the last commission meeting regarding the city's 12 bank accounts, failed to take a proactive approach for relocating city offices from Town Center Building to save the \$600,000.00 annual rental fee, failure to address the mold at Historic City Hall in a timely fashion, not addressing the city's pump stations, the existing low morale of city employees, failure to make sure Sherbondy Village project had adequate parking spaces, failed to move forth with the renovations at Segal Park, and inability to respectfully address his staff.

He said these are the reasons why he sponsored the resolution because he can no longer have any dealings with Mr. Finnie.

Vice Mayor Johnson said she would not support this resolution because she is not 100% convinced of what Mr. Finnie can do; but she has seen improvement and with some guidance, direction and commitment, the City Manager can get the job done. She said she is willing, based on the previous resolution, to go until June 30, 2012. However, she is concerned because she feels personally that too many employees run to the Commission when things don't go their way and the Commission interferes. She expressed her concerns relating to employees taking their grandchildren to school in a city vehicle, employees taking things for granted and not correcting the situation, and lack of employee loyalty and pride in this city. Everything her colleague mentioned indirectly to the City Manager, but shame on each of the department directors and employees because they are not doing their jobs. The job will not get done when every time something doesn't go an employee's way, that individual runs to a commissioner.

She continued by saying that this city will never be a Five Star City because it is corrupted until they don't get leaders and employees that want to do the right thing.

She further stated that she could not be supportive of this resolution; however, she does think the salary should be reduced until that person has proven themselves to that salary.

Commissioner Tydus stated that she was not in support of this resolution and in all due respect to Commissioner Holmes concerns, some have been addressed in the past and some she's hearing for the first time. Most of those concerns, Commissioner Holmes was privy to during the time of his support of the City Manager and that concerns her. Also, according to the Charter or the Code, this resolution should have been accompanied with charges giving the City Manager an opportunity to respond within a certain amount of time and that was not done. She requested that the City Manager respond to the Commission in writing as to those concerns mentioned by Commissioner Holmes.

She went on to say that there are three officials of whom the Commission is responsible for: the City Clerk, City Manager, and the City Attorney. In her opinion, the top administrator, the City Manager's position, is of top importance. Having understanding that, the Commission must think about stability and overall performance and evaluation in the hiring and firing of that individual. This is what she will also base her decision on, not on rumor and not on isolated situations.

There being no further discussion, the motion failed by a 3-2 vote.

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| Commissioner Tydus | No |
| Commissioner Miller | No |
| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Johnson | No |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

4. (19-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO SPECIFY THE TERMS OF COMPENSATION OF BRYAN K. FINNIE AS CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by D.J.*

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Geller.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson to pass the above resolution.

Vice Mayor Johnson provided a brief explanation as to the terms of compensation for the City Manager. She proposed an amendment to Section 2(a) of the resolution for a reduction in the monthly rate of pay from \$8,750.00 to \$7,000.00.

Commissioner Tydus stated that the \$7,000.00 monthly rate would bring it to an amount equal to or less than some of the City Manager's department heads and that would be unfair.

Vice Mayor Johnson withdrew her recommendation for the reduction of salary based on the possibility that there may be department directors who would be making more than the City Manager which would be unfair.

Since the city doesn't pay staff based on accomplishments, but based on the pay scale budgeted because sometimes the city escalates which leads to a deficit at the end of the year, Mayor Taylor said she would have like to have the pay scale in front of them.

Commissioner Holmes suggested that the resolution be continued until the next meeting to allow for the Commission to be provided with the necessary information.

Mayor Taylor also suggested that the resolution be deferred until the Commission can have all of the facts in front of them.

Vice Mayor Johnson stated that if the Commission holds on this resolution, the City Manager would be operating on the current resolution approved with a monthly rate of \$8,750.00. She provided her reasoning for not wanting to defer the resolution.

Commissioner Miller suggested that the vote be taken on the resolution because it is unfair to put the City Manager on hold because everybody is upset after things didn't go their way.

Mayor Taylor explained that this was not about the City Manager, but about the concern Commissioner Tydus raised and the Commission not having the pay scale before them to be able to determine whether any department director salary is more than the City Manager. She said she had already given her issues with Mr. Finnie on more than one occasion and as Mayor she cannot support him as City Manager of the City of Opa-locka.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

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| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Commissioner Holmes | No |
| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | No |

16. NEW ITEMS:

17. PLANNING & ZONING:

A. HEARINGS:

B. APPEALS:

18. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FIRST READING:

B. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 21-80, DEPOSITS, OF THE CODE OF

ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading held on December 14, 2011).
Sponsored by C.M.

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Geller.

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for a public hearing. There being no persons to speak on the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Miller to pass the above ordinance on second reading.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

C. RESOLUTION/PUBLIC HEARING:

19. ADMINISTRATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Finnie reported to the Commission the status of the request at the last regular commission meeting for workshops on Sherbondy Village and the city's lift station initiative. He announced that the Employee Appreciation Day is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

He informed the Commission that he has been assessing the city's operations and looking at areas where he could save money and become more efficient. In looking at those areas and trying to maintain an operating budget, he's had to make tough recommendations and the city will have to make some hard decisions as they move forward.

He continued by saying that in the coming months the Commission could expect the following: reactivation of the sidewalk repair program, planning efforts for Segal Park, rehabilitation efforts of the lift stations, completion of lift station no. 14, and establishment of a weekly trash collection initiative.

He further stated that the RFP for sidewalks was re-issued due to some issues and hopefully he would bring back to the Commission a recommendation on moving forward with the sidewalk initiative.

Lastly, he provided an explanation of the correspondence from the Office of Community Development relating to the city's relocation of offices to Sherbondy Park as a governmental building.

Vice Mayor Johnson suggested that the City Manager seek legal advisement from the City Attorney relating to one of the city's department obtaining a 501c3 without approval from the city as reflected in the packet provided to the Commission.

Manager Finnie agreed with Vice Mayor Johnson 100 percent because the city is the fiduciary agent for Weed & Seed. In the meeting, he recommended to Weed & Seed that they not move forward until the Commission provided approval, but they disobeyed the directive and they were counseled by their attorney that they could move forward. The board is represented by the US Attorney's Office.

Vice Mayor Johnson questioned as to how the board for Weed & Seed is represented by the US Attorney's Office when the Commission that governs the city doesn't know anything about it and that needs to be corrected.

She continued by voicing her concerns regarding the garbage on NW 22nd Avenue, charges for Direct TV for the Public Works Department as listed on the check register when the city has Comcast, keeping the Commission aware of the hiring for Urban Rangers, and providing notice in advance for events and activities taking place in the city.

Commissioner Holmes reiterated that it was not personal with the City Manager, but he would be taking notes and holding the City Manager accountable for what he says he is going to accomplish in the city.

Commissioner Tydus directed the City Manager and City Clerk if they are in fact using profane language when speaking to staff to cease and desist from this moment on because it is not conducive to a good work environment.

After hearing what Mr. Finnie reported on the use of Sherbondy Park, Mayor Taylor said she did not believe a word of it that the attorneys at the county would mislead and misinform her. She said she read what the City Manager provided and it has stipulations. A good portion of the city's money came from the bond, not from the county; only a small portion came from the county. She challenged the City Manager on what he said relating to this matter and said that she asked the City Manager from the beginning whether he had a conflict of interest because she knew there was some sort of relationship between him and owners of Town Center. She went on to say that she was not satisfied that the City Manager does not want to move out of this building.

She continued by saying that she has made her position perfectly clear to the Commission. She believed that the City Manager is slowing this up when the city should have already been in the process of giving due notice to get out of this building and save the people money.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ezekiel Orji, Finance Director for the City of Opa-locka came forward and informed the Commission that included in tabs 5 & 6 of their packet is the financial reports.

Vice Mayor Johnson informed Dr. Orji that in his absence one of his employees from Finance stated that the city had 12 bank accounts and she requested for a list of all city bank accounts. She directed Dr. Orji to provide a list of all accounts, banking institution, and the balance of each by the following day (01/12/2012).

Mayor Taylor asked whether the entire Commission received a copy of the pay plan.

Dr. Orji said that the pay plan is provided by the Human Resources Department.

20. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

John Riley, Chairman of the Civil Service Board came forward and stated his intent to seek whatever action necessary after hearing the mentioning of criminal activity with the board.

As far as the Housing Authority Board is concerned, he said that the clerk is ill, but he hopes to hold meetings at the end of this month at the 22nd Avenue Apartments. He would keep the Commission informed as to when the meetings would take place. Additionally, he will be contacting the regional director and secretary for HUD to address the management problem.

21. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Geller provided an update on the CSX matter and addressed Commissioner Holmes concern about the court orders for employee matters.

He continued by providing an update on the Flea Market case.

He further reported that Oliver Gilbert, III has joined Greenspoon Marder, P.A. Mr. Gilbert will be assisting on Opa-locka matters and keeping office hours.

Vice Mayor Johnson requested that the City Attorney bring back a resolution for a smoke free park and facilities in the city.

She also requested that the City Attorney provide the office hours for Mr. Gilbert.

She further stated that as per the last meeting, she was still looking for the charter amendments.

Attorney Geller advised that he had a consultation with both the City Manager and the City Clerk about that issue and they've indicated that they are close to resolving.

Vice Mayor Johnson said that the City Attorney reported the exact same thing relating to the charter amendments at the last meeting and she needs something to be on the agenda at the next meeting or at least by February 1, 2012.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to direct the City Clerk and City Manager to submit the charter amendments in draft format to the Commission by the first regular commission meeting in February 2012.

Mayor Taylor asked, is that enough time?

Attorney Geller referred to the City Clerk.

City Clerk Irby advised that the direction was for her to review the Miami Gardens charter; however, there are charter amendments from several years ago that have come to the City Commission numerous times. She asked, does Vice Mayor Johnson want those same charter amendments to come back?

Commissioner Tydus reminded the Commission that they received a copy of Miami Gardens charter months ago and by now they should have familiarized themselves with that; therefore, she is in favor of Vice Mayor's motion that in draft form, the City Clerk and the City Attorney present them with what they have been working on by the first meeting in February.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

Attorney Geller provided an overview of the CRA process as requested by Vice Mayor Johnson.

Vice Mayor Johnson said she would get together with the City Attorney to discuss the CRA and the status of the 501c3.

Mayor Taylor acknowledged the presence of Attorney Oliver Gilbert, III. Because Mr. Gilbert is an elected official, she asked, would the upcoming election have an affect on the City of Opa-locka as it relates to his position with the city?

Attorney Gilbert responded by saying it would not have an affect on the city.

At the request of Mayor Taylor, Attorney Geller provided further clarification as it relates to the CSX issue.

Of concern to Mayor Taylor was that while the negotiations are taking place, the city could at least put some pressure on FDOT to cut the grass. Also, FDOT needs to pay attention to where SR9 interface with NW 27th Avenue.

Attorney Geller stated that the FDOT involvement is probably a positive thing because the city's influence with FDOT is probably greater than with CSX. He agreed to prioritize the issue Mayor Taylor just raised about cutting the grass.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Miller directing the City Manager to cut along the train route as well as the median along SR9 and to seek reimbursement from FDOT within 30 days.

Mayor Taylor directed the City Attorney and City Manager to make sure they put "reimburse" in bold letters.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

Mayor Taylor requested that a copy of the above motion be provided to each member of the Commission.

22. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Irby reported to the Commission on the redistricting and recommended a workshop is held to further discuss this matter.

Attorney Geller added that the city would be in one congressional district and the same will be on the state senate level. It is only the house that is really a question as to whether they will split Opa-locka.

23. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORT:

Vice Mayor Johnson mentioned her attendance at the following meetings/events: the CAA board meeting representing District 1; Nathan B. Young Elementary School's 1st Farmer's Market; Crime Prevention Business Concept; and a science fair in Miami Gardens. Additionally, she would be in contact with New Birth Enterprise about doing a job fair in the city.

She went on to speak about the educational compact, enhancing the Opa-Steppers, and putting together a Junior Commission Leadership Council.

Commissioner Miller reported her attendance at the Old School Toy Give Away at Segal Park, the Holiday in the Park and the BGBA Toy Giveaway for children with special

needs. She expressed her concerns about being notified at the last minute of the Press Conference that was scheduled at the Gardens Apartments which she too attended.

She went on to provide an update on Larry Hill, a scholarship recipient from last year's scholarship awards banquet.

Lastly, she reported that she received a telephone call from a woman in North Carolina whose 7 year old daughter found an old key engraved with her mother's name (Mayor Helen L. Miller). In appreciation of them sending her the key, she sent them a commendation and "thank you" letter.

Mayor Taylor suggested that Commissioner Miller consider mounting the key in the Commission Chambers.

Commissioner Tydus announced that in observance of Sanctity of Human Life Month in January, she has joined Florida Baptist Children's Home in what is being called "Love Opa-locka". This would consist of a medical mobile unit at Historic City Hall (parking lot) on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Additionally, she announced that starting on the last Saturday in February 2012, she will begin the Lunch & Learn Cinema Saturdays at 12:00 noon.

Vice Mayor Johnson announced the Portrait of Empowerment's 2012 Essay Competition and said the information was sent out to all principals in Miami-Dade County.

Mayor Taylor reported her attendance at the Holiday in the Park event and US HUD press conference involving the renovations at the Garden Apartments. She said that she will get additional information to be able to provide to the tenants.

She continued by saying she met with the managers of the airport and the meeting was going good until they began discussing changing the name of the Opa-locka Executive Airport. She asked that the City Attorney write a letter expressing the fact that the Mayor objected to the name change.

Commissioner Holmes suggested that the City Attorney prepare a resolution opposing the name change of the Opa-locka Executive Airport.

Mayor Taylor agreed with Commissioner Holmes and asked that the City Attorney bring back a resolution.

She continued by saying that the meetings are being held on the 2nd Floor temporarily because there were some issues in the Commission Chambers at Historic City Hall; however, the issue has been resolved. She provided copies to the Commission of a report. In the meantime, she directed the City Manager and the building official to get together between now and the next meeting because part of getting rid of the situation is to tear out walls, but there is something between tearing out walls and doing a professional job.

Manager Finnie clarified that the conclusion of the document reads: “the Chambers is unable to be used in its present condition”.

Mayor Taylor asked that the City Manager and Building Official come together and fix the problem.

Manager Finnie said he would bring back an official report to the Commission.

Mayor Taylor encouraged the Commission to respect one another in order to move the city towards a 5 Star.

Chief Cheryl Cason of the Opa-locka Police Department proudly announced that the City of Opa-locka has two officers who will be presented the Law Enforcement Officers award on January 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Taylor announced the Prayer Observance in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Friday, January 13, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. She further invited everyone to attend the State of the City Address on January 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

She announced that she will be attending the Democratic Women of Miami-Dade County’s Women in Blue Luncheon on January 21, 2012.

24. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Tydus appointed Linda Parker to the Community Relations, Recreation & Activities Board.

Commissioner Holmes nominated George Ellis and Lillie Odom to the Planning Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Tydus to appoint George Ellis and Lillie Odom to the Planning Council.

There being no discussion, the motion failed by a 3-2 vote.

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| Vice Mayor Johnson | No |
| Commissioner Tydus | No |
| Commissioner Miller | No |
| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

Commissioner Miller nominated Steven Barrett to the Planning Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson to appoint Steven Barrett to the Planning Council.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
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| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

Vice Mayor Johnson nominated Lillie Odom to the Planning Council.

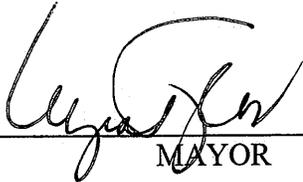
It was moved by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to appoint Lillie Odom to the Planning Council.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

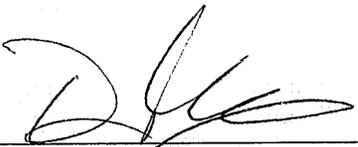
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| Commissioner Miller | Yes |
| Commissioner Holmes | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Johnson | Yes |
| Commissioner Tydus | Yes |
| Mayor Taylor | Yes |

25. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, it was moved by Vice Mayor Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK