

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA
“The Great City”

CLERK’S ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

July 10, 2013

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, July 10, 2013 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: Commissioner Dorothy Johnson, Commissioner Luis B. Santiago, Commissioner Timothy Holmes, Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley and Mayor Myra L. Taylor. Also in attendance were: City Manager Kelvin L. Baker, Sr., City Attorney Joseph S. Geller, and City Clerk Joanna Flores.

3. INVOCATION:

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Myra L. Taylor. A Moment of Silence was observed in honor of Irma Skiles.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND PULL LIST (add-ons, deferrals and deletions):

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately under Action Items: 19-3, 19-4, 19-6 and 19-7 (Commissioner Johnson); 19-8 (Vice Mayor Kelley).

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

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

Vice Mayor Kelley

Yes

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Request to amend the agenda to include the following items:

16-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE AWARD OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF GRANTS COORDINATION, FOR THE FY 2013 EDWARD J. BURN MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS (\$2,814.00), FOR OVERTIME FOR RECORD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to amend the agenda to include item 16-1.

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

Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

16-2: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO ADOPT AN EMERGENCY HURRICANE PLAN FOR THE 2013 HURRICANE SEASON; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by D.J.*

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to amend the agenda to include item 16-2.

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

Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

16-3: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO BEGIN SEARCH FOR AN IN-HOUSE ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by D.J.*

Vice Mayor Kelley deferred item 16-3 until the July 24, 2013 Regular Commission Meeting.

Clerk Flores distributed a new resolution for item 16-3 to replace the legislation in the agenda packet.

7. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Mayor Taylor acknowledged the efforts of Commissioner Santiago for a beautiful Fourth of July Celebration.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Commission Meeting – 06/26/2013

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of June 26, 2013.

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

Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

9. 24th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF FLORIDA REPORT:

10. STATE SENATORS REPORT:

11. STATE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

12. DISTRICT ONE / DISTRICT TWO - COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Larry Gardner, of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jordan's Office (District 1) came forward and provided a follow-up report regarding the condition of State Road 9. He said they reached out the North Dade office of FDOT and spoke with Alex Perez, Maintenance Engineer.

Mr. Gardner further suggested a meeting to get all parties on the same page.

He continued by saying there were permits and agreements pulled to maintain the road and the City Manager may be familiar with the actions.

Commissioner Johnson asked Manager Baker to provide her with any information he has on the issue no later than 12:00 p.m. tomorrow.

She further said it is her understanding that one portion of the road belongs to Miami-Dade County up to 17th Avenue and from 17th Avenue to 27th Avenue belongs to FDOT. The maintenance needs to be done like it would be in any other city.

Jason Smith, of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Monestime's office (District 2) came before the City Commission and informed them that Commissioner Monestime's office is available to assist the city.

13. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

14. PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

**1. Community Relations, Recreation & Activities Advisory Board Members
Re: Welfare of the city**

Jannie Russell, 1210 Perviz Street, Opa-locka, FL came forward on behalf of the Community Relations, Recreation & Activities Advisory Board.

Mrs. Russell said the board is pro-active and they have been functioning on an interim basis and would like to continue to work on projects. They are requesting that the City Commission allow them more than a three month time period for appointments, they would like their term to be extended for one year.

Jacqueline Fogarty, 1151 Peri Street, Opa-locka, FL came forward on behalf of the Community Relations, Recreation & Activities Advisory Board.

Mrs. Fogarty said the board has carried out events such as Art In the Park and would like to conduct more but is having difficulty because there are not enough meetings to adequately plan. There are a lot of ideas such as *Talent of the Town*, to showcase local talent such as singing and dancing. The projects could involve the community on a much broader basis and have much stronger community outreach. Another project they would like to implement would be *Robot Wars*, which would be an event involving engineering departments of various schools and universities to involve and expose citizens in learning engineering and technical skills.

Mayor Taylor asked the City Attorney for a status on the Re-Establishment of city boards.

Attorney Geller said the Committee on Re-Establishing of Boards held what was supposed to be its last meeting about a week ago. They still have some issues and will have one more meeting to resolve them, as soon as the meeting is scheduled and conducted, they will make their report. Then legislation can be introduced and passed to start making board appointments.

Mayor Taylor asked if the City Commission can grant their request this evening.

Attorney Geller responded, yes.

Commissioner Johnson asked Vice Mayor Kelley what was the outcome of the last meeting.

Vice Mayor Kelley said each Commissioner selected a citizen to serve on the committee and make recommendations to the City Commission. The City Clerk has provided a copy of the meeting minutes to the City Commission for review. The Planning Council and the Recreation Activities Board have been granted two extensions to continue to function until they reach a decision which should be within the next month. The Committee has met on several occasions and there is consensus on all the boards except for the Civil Service Board. They have concerns and want to see other city charters. There is one more meeting to be scheduled for this coming week to get final discussions and a recommendation to the City Commission to implement the Charter process. He understands the Community Relations, Recreation & Activities Advisory Board, but it is his understanding they will continue to function until a final decision has been reached. They can be extended until there is a firm date. The Commission is going to get out the last report, have one meeting and/or a workshop and then bring the ordinance forth for passage and they do require two readings.

Commissioner Holmes said he is beginning to resent the Committee regarding their consideration of the Civil Service Board. Regarding the subpoena issue, he does not want anyone to sit in front of the board and be abused. If this continues he will no longer support the Committee.

Mayor Taylor expressed her concerns with the status of the Community Relations, Recreation & Activities Advisory Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the extension of the Community Relations, Recreation & Activities Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Kelley said he would agree to the extension but the Planning Council should be included in the same resolution and their term should go until September 30th, 2013.

Attorney Geller said the resolution has been passed twice already, so it will be the exact wording, except the language will substitute the date to be September 30th, 2013 for the two boards.

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

Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

2. Alvin Burke

Ref: Welfare of the City

Alvin Burke, 2928 NW 132nd Street, Apt. 328, Opa-locka, FL came forward and informed the City Commission and said in the past he have voiced his concerns and they

were never addressed, moving forth he expects his concerns to be addressed. The last time he appeared before the City Commission he spoke about jobs, there are citizens making the choice to pay their light bill or feed their family. He appreciates the Job Fair and the effort of Vice Mayor Kelley but that is not enough. The city has contracts with businesses and the issue needs to be addressed for job opportunities. The city accepted RFP's for garbage collection and it looked like a feeding frenzy, how many of those businesses will commit to hiring the citizens of Opa-locka.

He further said during the 4th of July event some children could not enjoy the bounce house or ride the ponies because their families didn't have money.

Commissioner Santiago thanked Mr. Burke for his support. He agreed there are companies doing business with the city and not offering many employment opportunities for the citizens. He will canvas the community to see how they are doing, and to review the city business for job opportunities for the citizens.

Commissioner Johnson asked for clarity with regards to paying for pony rides.

Mr. Burke said during the 4th of July event several parents told him they had to pay for an armband to go in the bounce house and ride the ponies.

Commissioner Johnson said she is concerned about employment issues within the city. This kind of activity has been brought to her attention and nepotism is a perception. Hiring of immediate family members of City Commissioners and Board members should be handled with caution and it is an ethics issue.

Commissioner Holmes said vendors cannot be forced to hire. They can reach an agreement such as the Family Dollar store but forcing hiring is against the law.

Vice Mayor Kelley said the workforce ordinance will go a long way in the future. The new ordinance should address the citizens concerns.

He further said there was a special meeting regarding Segal Park last week and the vendor is aware of how important it is to hire local residents. Agreements can be put in place and businesses need to be held accountable.

He continued by said he plans to schedule additional Job Fairs in the future.

Commissioner Santiago said he wants to make sure his colleagues to understand that he wants to make sure the businesses give opportunities to the citizens.

Mayor Taylor said she realizes the importance of the issue.

She asked the City Manager if someone will be watching the vendors doing business with the city.

Manager Baker said, yes.

He said he will be giving updates at each city commission meeting on the new projects.

Mayor Taylor asked who is keeping tabs on the contractors and developers with regards to hiring local residents who actually live in Opa-locka.

Manager Baker said Howard Brown is overseeing that project.

Commissioner Johnson asked the City Attorney are the hiring requirements included in any RFA/RPQ or RFP.

Attorney Geller said the requirements are typically included within the contracts that are entered into between the city and the entity that is a successful bidder as a condition that the city inserts, to the extent that the law allows; such as the development agreement with Family Dollar. When entering into a development agreement, negotiations on these requirements will occur that will go as far as the law permits to include these provisions.

Commissioner Johnson asked the City Manager, has this agreement been executed with any companies?

Manager Baker said yes, Presidente Supermarket.

He further said there is another agreement but it is on a voluntary basis and that is the Senior Housing Project.

Commissioner Johnson asked who is monitoring that.

Manager Baker said Howard Brown is monitoring the project.

Commissioner Johnson said other than Family Dollar and Presidente, she has heard him mention Town Center Senior Apartment, and that she recalls two actual Opa-locka residents being hired.

Howard Brown said, yes.

Commissioner Johnson said she knows of an incident when a citizen of Opa-locka was told to go to Hialeah; by the time he went to Hialeah and came back there was no jobs. There needs to be strong monitoring so these situations do not occur. Citizens need to be considered for jobs.

Howard Brown agreed.

Mayor Taylor said Manager Baker needs to address those concerns.

14a. CITIZENS' FORUM:

Lisa Pena of 1106 Peri Street, Opa-locka, FL came forward and the Commissioner Santiago and the City Commission for a job well done for the 4th of July event.

Oria Rodriguez of 785 West Superior Street, Opa-locka, FL came forward and voiced her concerns with hiring city residents; she further stated that the city must hire their own

before they ask businesses. There are a lot of qualified citizens in the City of Opa-locka and hiring has to start from the top.

She further spoke about the correct spelling for the city, there are a lot of new signs being installed with the incorrect spelling. The correct spelling of the city is *Opa-locka*.

She said she is concerned with a lot of businesses using the parking lots to put things out such as tires, cars and trucks. A parking lot is for parking not for items a business wants to advertise and she have been seeing it a lot on 135th Street. This could be a hazard and it does not look good, and it should be addressed.

Ronald McRay of 1310 Kasim Street, Opa-locka, FL informed the City Commission that he have been having issues with the building plans. A previous owner lost the house and there is now a new owner. On the plans it shows 1310 Kasim Street as a full set of plans, but the air-conditioning plans shows 1325 Sesame Street. Mr. Lee informed him that he would have to get an engineer to sign off on a set of plans that he picked up from the city's Public Works Department, which means the Building Department approved the plans and the process for construction in 2005.

Mr. McRay further stated that he is trying to renew the permit and he is having difficulties. He does not want to pay an additional \$2,500.00 for an engineer to sign off on a set of plans that was already permitted in 2005 and has expired. He would like to get an architect to wipe out where is says 1325 Sesame Street and put 1310 Kasim Street on the air-conditioning drawings. Mr. Lee is telling him that he has to take the plans and get the whole thing done over.

Mayor Taylor directed the City Manager to address the citizens concerns.

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

(19-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS TO PROVIDE IMPROVED ACADEMICS AND PREVENTION SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$37,344); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Geller.

Attorney Geller said this resolution has the correct language. There are three grants and two of them got combined. The city commission has the correct language in front of them.

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

Commissioner Johnson asked Manager Baker asked what portion of the students to be served under the grants will be from Opa-locka.

Manager Baker said no one has been hired under the grant; everything is pending the approval of the resolution.

Commissioner Johnson said the summer will soon be over.

Manager Baker said the grant goes beyond the summer; that is just the title.

Commissioner Johnson instructed Manager Baker to make sure that a high percentage of the participants are from Opa-locka.

Manager Baker said yes.

Vice Mayor Kelley asked, how will the hiring will be broken down?

Manager Baker said the plan is for two Counselors and two Tutors.

Vice Mayor Kelley asked if this will go from summer into the school year.

Manager Baker said yes. The city just got the approval and wants to take advantage of it before the youth return to school.

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

19-4: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BELKIS & FAMILY CORP., TO RENT SPACE FOR THE CITY OPERATED CAR WASH SERVICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1700 MONTHLY, *A BUDGETED ITEM*, PAYABLE FROM ACCOUNT NO. 19-519440; 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 Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to pass the above resolution.

Commissioner Johnson asked for clarification on the rental space.

Manager Baker said the scope of this plan is for city employees to utilize the facility three days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Johnson asked what liability coverage will be needed.

Manager Baker said all the activities will be covered by city insurance.

Commissioner Johnson said she will not support the legislation until she is assured of legal sufficiency and there is nothing in the package to substantiate it.

She said she is aware that the city is about to lose its Risk Management Insurance policy and there is nothing in the package for liability on someone else property.

Commissioner Holmes said there was some discussion of the car wash being located at Public Works.

Manager Baker said figures were provided on what it would cost to actually set up a facility. For the last month the Pilot Program has been successful and feedback has been positive. Previous indications were that if the Pilot Program was successful, the city would move forward with a contract. Setting up a permanent facility would cost approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 in set-up cost. The desire has been to get something immediate.

Commissioner Holmes said he would support it for one year but there should be additional options.

Vice Mayor Kelley said if it is for one year; that is fine. This option right now is a good start. It would be nice to see something done in-house down the line. He thought liability was addressed.

Manager Baker said it is addressed in Page 5 under Insurance.

Attorney Geller said it is in Article 10 – Insurance.

Vice Mayor suggested his colleagues support the legislation. He further said the City Attorney has reviewed the document and he will not sign it if it's not legally sufficient.

Commissioner Santiago asked Manager Baker if the two employees working there are covered by insurance.

Manager Baker replied, yes.

Commissioner Santiago asked did the Pilot Program save the City money.

Manager Baker said he could answer that, but it has been clearly more efficient in keeping the vehicles clean.

Commissioner Holmes said he took his car to the car wash and was not satisfied.

Commissioner Johnson said she went to the car wash and no one was there. Moving forth she would like to see them open Monday through Friday.

She asked Attorney Geller if he and/or his firm drafted this agreement.

Attorney Geller said no. The agreement was reviewed and edited it substantially included making changes to protect the City and it calls for his signature.

Commissioner Johnson said she is not comfortable with outside counsel drafting city legislation. The liability risk is very high.

Mayor Taylor asked Manager Baker if he wanted to further review the agreement.

Manager Baker said he would prefer to move forward.

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	No
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

19-6: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE PAYMENT TO WRIGHT GUARD SECURITY SERVICES, INC., FOR PAST DUE FEES OWED FROM MARCH 2013 THROUGH JUNE 2013, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,375.00, WITH CONTINUATION OF WRIGHT GUARD SERVICES UNTIL JULY 31, 2013, *THIS IS A BUDGETED ITEM*, PAYABLE FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 75-572340; 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 Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to discuss the resolution.

Commissioner Johnson asked the City Manager if he has any invoices in his possession that has been attested by staff stating services have been rendered.

Manager Baker said the invoices are normally signed before they are paid.

Commissioner Johnson asked why the amounts are different.

Charles Brown, Parks & Recreation Director appeared before the City Commission and stated that he stay at the park until 6:00 p.m. to verify that security is on the premises. As far as the prices, they did not change but some of the days have been pro-rated.

Commissioner Johnson asked what dates are pro-rated.

Mr. Brown said he did not have the information with him to provide an accurate answer.

Commissioner Johnson said the March invoice was \$4,650.00 and she does not see Mr. Brown's signature.

Mr. Brown said he signed for the month of January.

He further said the invoices have not been signed because they have not been approved by the City Commission. The invoice for January has been forward to the City Manager.

Manager Baker said what is before the City Commission is the invoices for March, April, May and June. The desire is to close out the contract. It is a spillover from construction and he would like to clean it up and move forward with a new company.

Commissioner Johnson directed the City Attorney to amend the resolution to include the month of January and that will be the final payment.

Commissioner Holmes asked are there any additional outstanding invoices.

Manager Baker said the July invoice is not included.

He further said he would like roll out a new company under a County or State contract and have it up for consideration at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Johnson asked what is the status of the January invoice.

Manager Baker said the January bill has been paid.

Commissioner Johnson asked are the payments listed in the accounting department?

She requested a copy of the check showing the invoice was paid.

Commissioner Santiago expressed his concerns with regards to the amounts fluctuating.

Manager Baker said the amount varies because an additional month was added to the balance.

If the City Commission goes forward with the recommendation, there would only be one invoice due for the month of July.

Vice Mayor Kelley said he is going to assume that this is a spillover, and he would like to see the sign-off. The document says there will be an armed guard, a patrol vehicle from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and he has not seen a patrol vehicle.

He asked Manager Baker has he seen a patrol car over the last four months.

Manager Baker said, no but he has not specifically gone over there looking for a patrol car. He agreed the document states a patrol car will provided.

Vice Mayor Kelley said the city should get the services they are paying for. He has not seen what they have done to honor the agreement.

Commissioner Holmes said he spoke with the gentlemen and he was told the company only has one car. The City needs to make sure that the next company has the security detail to provide in compliance with their contractual requirements.

Mayor Taylor said the company needs to get paid.

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	No
Vice Mayor Kelley	No
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

19-7: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO PRICE MODULAR TRAILERS FOR TEMPORARY LOCATION OF CITY OFFICES NOW LOCATED AT TOWN CENTER; 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 Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to pass the above resolution.

Commissioner Johnson said she would like to go on record to recuse herself from voting on issues regarding Town Center. She owes rent and is a tenant of the building. She does not want any ethics issues.

Vice Mayor Kelley asked Commissioner Holmes if this is to price the trailers and bring the cost back to the City Commission.

Commissioner Holmes said no.

He further said it was his hope that the City Manager would have had some prices to present this evening. He was directed to get some prices at the last meeting.

Vice Mayor Kelley said if Manager Baker has already been directed, there is no need for the resolution.

Commissioner Holmes said the purpose of the resolution is to get a date to move out of this building.

Manager Baker said he has undertaken a detailed cost analysis for relocating city offices and the preliminary amount is \$335,000. That would put the offices in modular units for a one year period.

Mayor Taylor said to the sponsor, the resolution only authorizes the City Manager to price the modules, but there is nothing in the City Commission packet with regards to a time frame.

Manager Baker said when he learned of the resolution; his office began to work on it.

Mayor Taylor said there is no back-up documentation regarding a cost and a time frame.

Commissioner Holmes said he will defer the resolution until the next meeting.

Mayor Taylor directed the City Manager Baker to provide additional details.

Manager Baker said the numbers just came in a few hours ago.

Vice Mayor Kelley said he agrees with the basis of the resolution, but it is not clear.

Commissioner Holmes said he will try to make things clear.

He directed the City Manager to present a plan for moving out of the current building and the cost to relocate city offices.

Attorney Geller said what he understands is that the amendment Commissioner Holmes wants is not only to authorize the City Manager to price modular units for temporary relocation, but to bring back a detailed plan to implement the move, to be reviewed and approved at the next City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Holmes said that is correct.

Commissioner Santiago expressed his concerns regarding trailers and moving without documentation.

He directed the City Manager to get quotes from several companies.

Commissioner Holmes deferred item 19-7 until the July 24, 2013 Regular Commission meeting.

19-8: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE CLEAN UP SERVICES FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS CUYAHOGA; 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 Vice Mayor Kelley, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to pass the above resolution.

Vice Mayor Kelley asked the sponsor what level of clean-up he is requesting.

He said there could be liability issues going on private property.

Commissioner Holmes said in his opinion clean-up means taking a bulldozer and scraping the land so if anybody tries to put anything in the field. Just chopping the weeds down does not mean it is clean. If the landlord or whoever owns the property does not want to do clean the property then the city could do it and bill them for the cost.

Vice Mayor Kelley said scraping the land with a bulldozer will take special skills because what is out there is unknown. He would prefer to have the resolution deferred unless the City Manager can tell him the clean-up plan. The cost could easily exceed the City Manager's spending limit.

Commissioner Johnson asked, have staff communicated in writing to the property owner asking them to clean their property?

Manager Baker said he is not aware of any documents that have gone out, except maybe some code violations.

Commissioner Johnson suggested that Manager Baker contact the owner in writing regarding the issue. Homeland ruling does prevent cities from going onto other people's property and there are liability issues.

Manager Baker said there are concerns about environmental issues on the property. His preference would be to have an environmental company do the cleaning. If there are hazards, they would be better prepared to properly handle them. He would like to set up a meeting with the property owner to discuss the issue. The owner does seem like a reasonable person and the city could try to discuss sharing the cost.

Commissioner Holmes said he will defer the resolution until the next meeting. He suggested contacting the Corps of Engineers to see if they would assist in the clean-up.

16. NEW ITEMS:

16-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE AWARD OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF GRANTS COORDINATION, FOR THE FY 2013 EDWARD J. BURN MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS (\$2,814.00), FOR OVERTIME FOR RECORD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; 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 Commissioner Johnson to pass the above resolution.

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

16-2: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO ADOPT AN EMERGENCY HURRICANE PLAN FOR THE 2013 HURRICANE SEASON; 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 Johnson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelley to pass the above resolution.

Vice Mayor Kelley said he received a hurricane preparedness book, he asked was that the plan?

Commissioner Johnson replied, yes.

Vice Mayor Kelley said he just got the book a few days ago. He assumes it is thorough and addresses all the important points.

Commissioner Johnson said the plan should be approved before holding workshops or going to the citizens. The plan is similar to what was used in 2009 but there may be a need for some revisions however, the plan should be passed by the Commission prior to going to the citizens.

Commissioner Santiago said there is a sense of urgency due to the hurricane season being upon us.

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

17. PLANNING & ZONING:

A. HEARINGS:

B. APPEALS:

18. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

B. SECOND READING ORDINANCE/PUBLIC HEARING:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE 86-8, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ARTICLE 3.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS TO CREATE A MIXED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT, FURTHER TO CREATE ARTICLE 6.15 MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT, PROVIDING DISTRICT PURPOSE, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, PERMITTED USES, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA TO INCLUDE NW 135TH STREET, FROM NW 47TH AVENUE TO NW 27TH AVENUE; ALI-BABA AVENUE FROM NW 37TH AVENUE TO NW 151ST STREET; OPA-LOCKA BOULEVARD FROM ALI-BABA AVENUE TO NW 27TH AVENUE; NW 27TH AVENUE FROM NW 127TH STREET TO NW 151ST STREET; PERMITTED USES SHALL INCLUDE, RETAIL, OFFICE, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, PUBLIC FACILITIES, PARKING STANDARDS AND HEIGHT LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading held on June 12, 2013). *Sponsored by C.M.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Geller.

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for a public hearing.

Attorney Geller said there has been a slight revision to the legislation

There being no additional persons to speak on the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelley to consider the amendment to the ordinance.

Attorney Geller said he will read the amendment into the record. The amendment will read as follows;

“STATE ROAD 9 NW 42ND AVENUE FROM NW 135TH STREET TO EAST 65TH STREET.”

Attorney Geller said that is the only change to the title. There is a further amendment further into the document. Under Exhibit A, on Page 5 under “eligibility properties that may use the district” “*R-TH*” has been added. Above that, the language that was just read about State Road 9 has been added and the Map Exhibit has been further modified as well to reflect the additions.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kelley, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to amend the ordinance to include the new language.

Commissioner Johnson asked where East 65th Street is in Opa-locka.

Howard Brown said it is the southern edge of the city. It is the actual line that separates Hialeah from Opa-locka. Straight down 42nd Avenue and past the Gratigny, there is a street that runs east and west, that is East 65th Street.

Commissioner Johnson asked if it was within the city.

Mr. Brown replied, yes.

Commissioner Johnson said no one from Opa-locka has consulted with the city of Hialeah.

Mayor Taylor asked why the City of Hialeah would be consulted about Opa-locka property.

Commissioner Johnson asked Attorney Geller is there is anything that needs to be done with the adjacent city regarding prior due diligence.

Attorney Geller said there is a difference between best practice and legal requirement. The best practice deals with a border area, but to the extent that the city is legally unable to affect any property that is outside of the city's municipal limits, it would be his professional opinion that that the city is only affecting property within city limits since the city can do nothing else. Accordingly it would not be legally impermissible to take the action.

Commissioner Santiago said the same situation occurred with the City of Miami Gardens on 151st. He does not see any problem sharing the borderline.

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	No
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelley to pass the ordinance as amended.

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	No
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DELETING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS AND AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15, OFFENSES-MISCELLANEOUS,

ARTICLE X, SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION SAFETY, TO IMPLEMENT CS/CS/HOUSE BILL 7125 (2013), CHAPTER 2013-_, LAWS OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL HEARING OFFICERS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading held on June 12, 2013).
Sponsored by C.M.

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Geller.

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for a public hearing.

Alvin Burke of 2928 NW 132nd Street, Apt 328, Opa-locka, FL appeared before the City Commission and asked is the legislation mentioned above dealing with red light traffic cameras?

Mayor Taylor replied, yes.

He asked if the cameras would be continued; and will the city get its own Hearing Officer to hold Court in the city.

Attorney Geller said it doesn't say the city has to continue, it says that the city comply with State law which says if the city has cameras, there needs to be a local Hearing Officer.

There being no additional persons to speak on the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelley to consider the amendment to the ordinance.

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

Commissioner Holmes	No
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

C. RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN NICHOLAS STRATIGAKES – FD OPA LOCKA FLORIDA 13553 NW 22ND AVENUE BETWEEN OPA-LOCKA BOULEVARD AND NW 135TH STREET, OPA-LOCKA, DESCRIBED AS FOLIO 08-2122-013-0100; FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION A FAMILY DOLLAR STORE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by C.M.

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Geller.

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for a public hearing.

Nicholas Stratigakes, 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603 appeared before the City Commission and thanked the City Commission, Manager Baker and Attorney Geller for working with him to address issues and concerns regarding the Family Dollar project during the past week.

He said he has a revised letter from Family Dollar which has been distributed to the City Commission. The letter states that the company will take all efforts to hire locally.

He will work with the city to hold a job fair for construction jobs for Opa-locka residents and the store will offer employment opportunities to Opa-locka residents. He is working with South Florida Workforce for hiring of skilled and un-skilled construction jobs and Opa-locka residents will be given the first opportunity. He would like a good working relationship with the city.

There being no additional persons to speak on the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kelley, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to pass the above ordinance.

Vice Mayor Kelley gave thanks to staff for their hard work with addressing his concerns stated during the last meeting. He also thanked Mr. Burke for his concerns about local residents being hired.

Commissioner Holmes said he still thinks it is too dangerous to put a Family Dollar Store at that location.

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

Commissioner Holmes	No
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

19. ADMINISTRATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

(19-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A NEW INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 PARKING FINES REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by C.M.

(19-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE 2013 FLORIDA JAG ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS (\$27,704) FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by C.M.

(19-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BSN SPORTS FOR GYMNASIUM BLEACHERS FOR SHERBONDY VILLAGE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,447.84, *A BUDGETED ITEM*, PAYABLE FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 44-541802; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by C.M.

The above resolutions were read by title by Attorney Geller.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the above resolutions.

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

A. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Baker said the sidewalk project has continued to move forward.

There is some final clean-up on the AMR project. He observed the electronic system and is proud of the success.

There is a tentative Employee Appreciation Picnic scheduled for July 26th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Street-sweeper operation is scheduled to be activated on July 15th. The necessary training has been done. A large portion of the activity will take place early in the morning and will be made available to the Commission. One of challenges will be to clean the curbing gutter areas due to cars parked on the street overnight.

Hurricane Chantal is now being tracked and there will be heavy rain falls. The necessary preparations have been dealt with regarding flooding. Generators are ready and are functioning.

The Shelter Bus Service for 151st Street schedule will be forwarded to the Commission.

The Saturday shuttle bus service is being finalized and funding allocated for the service only provides for a limited route. He is trying to make sure the entire city is covered and this is taking a bit more time. It will not stop at every single location, but it will cover the east, west, north and south parameters. It should take only one more meeting to get everything set and move forward.

He has provided a list of Capital Projects. The City Atlas Project is over 60% complete and will be wrapping up in a couple of months. The Helen Miller Community Center is on schedule. The permit is not complete as the County has some changes they require on the plan before they approve it. This should come through any day now and then move forward.

The well capping of the old water plant is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

The planning of the Historical City Hall project is wrapping up. The City Commission approved the plan to go in to look at the condition of the facility as well as work on programming. There have been meetings with the architect and engineers who have looked at the facility. The domes of the facility are in very good shape. In one of the spires, the staircase is in very poor shape. The recommendation coming forward will be not to re-build the staircase inside one of the larger spires. The next step will be to go into the programming and discuss what is envisioned for the Historical City Hall. There are 4 or 5 options on the table. There will be a workshop to discuss the options with the Commissioners and then move forward. It is on schedule, with the bulk of the funding becoming available on October 1st. It is the goal to have a remodeled and refurbished Historical City Hall in 2014.

The budget process is ongoing and he would like to meet with the Commissioners one-on-one to discuss their thoughts and ideas as the draft FY 2013-2014 budget is finalized.

Commissioner Johnson asked for the status of bus benches on NW 22nd Avenue.

Manager Baker said he is planning to have three units in the new budget.

Commissioner Johnson said the road repairs on Burlington Street look nice.

She asked the City Manager if he planned to distribute sand bags to city residents and businesses in the low lying areas during the hurricane season?

Manager Baker said he will make that available to the residents. There is a tentative Hurricane Town Hall Meeting scheduled and sand bags will be addressed.

Commissioner Johnson said she was told by city employees that their life insurance was canceled.

She further said the citizens should have input through meetings regarding historic City Hall prior to the City Commission making any decisions.

Commissioner Johnson said she is not comfortable with the Saturday bus rotation.

Commissioner Holmes voiced his concerns regarding the drainage on Veteran's Way not working properly.

He further said citizens have informed him of bus benches being missing and he will provide the City Manager of the location.

Commissioner Holmes asked, will signs be posted regarding the street sweeper?

Vice Mayor Kelley said he have observed that there is no clear cross pattern on the street for the Rutland roundabout. This is good time to fine tune the structure and get a plan for the Crossing Guards.

Manager Baker said he will look into the issue.

Vice Mayor Kelley asked about the pavers discussed during the last meeting.

Manager Baker said once the project is finished, he will work on some inexpensive modifications.

Vice Mayor Kelley asked for the status of the bus shelter advertising, and signage on the park fencing.

Manager Baker said he had a meeting with the company under contract, Martin Advertising. Pricing is being obtained, as these locations are new and not included in the contract. A commission schedule has been requested for the city and the business. He is projecting a proposal in a month or so. There are some issues with the contract regarding how it is structured and what type of revenues are coming in, which could have some favorable opportunities.

Vice Mayor Kelley said he met with the Interim Finance Manager. He said there are some major challenges with invoicing including late payments. The package he has includes invoices from December 2012 and that is too late and should not be occurring. He does not know what process is in place, but it is a major concern. Are there standard invoice processes for each department.

Manager Baker said for the most part the processes are standard but there are some cases where invoices are not paid due to a service was not properly done, or a service that is not performing as it should be. That should not be the norm and be isolated instances. In construction, sometimes invoices are not paid until the end. He will commit to working with staff to ensure the process is as streamlined as possible.

Vice Mayor Kelley said there is a great concern with too many employees being intimidated and scared of their superiors including upper and middle management. He would like Manager Baker to talk with the staff and get a handle on this. It seems to be recurring problem.

Manager Baker said he would do so.

Vice Mayor Kelley said the only people that report to the City Commission are the City Clerk, the City Attorney and the City Manager. If this does not get addressed, he will address it himself. He has heard about this too many times, and no one should experience that.

Commissioner Santiago said he received a letter from Human Resources this week for the automobile insurance policies. It is important for employees to follow the rules and respect the city. He likes the drug-free policy. He asked if it is possible to have employees tested for drugs every three or four months.

Manager Baker said there is a random drug testing policy in place. That is the FDOT requirements for CDL Drivers.

Commissioner Santiago would like that policy for everyone who drives a city vehicle.

Mayor Taylor said she wanted to remind the City Manager of the Gateway. She would also like a city-wide festival and asked to get the planning moving forward.

Manager Baker replied, yes.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Sophie Miller, Assistant Finance Director and Interim Finance Director came forward and stated that all documents required for the report are part of the package. The Reserve Balance as of July 10th is \$273,616.00.

Vice Mayor Kelley emphasized to get the invoices paid on a timely and consistent basis.

Commissioner Johnson asked for the plan to repay the money owed to the city's reserve account.

20. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

21. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Geller said he and the City Manager will be engaging in a mediation of an EEOC matter and related matters regarding Tamika Miller.

Commissioner Johnson asked who working at City Hall office Monday through Friday.

Attorney Geller said he is available anytime he is needed. He comes in as needed, and he comes in himself.

Commissioner Johnson said she thinks for the amount of money the city is paying, there should be someone on-site three days a week. She said someone needs to be present, and this has been an issue for some time. She told Attorney Geller to think about it before she submits a resolution for an in-house attorney.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the status of the Educational Compact.

Attorney Geller said he forwarded the documents to her attention. He offered to meet with Commissioner Johnson via email but that time was not convenient. He said he is willing to meet with the Commissioner any time; he just needs a time and date.

Commissioner Johnson said she needs Attorney Geller to follow on the CSX.

Attorney Geller said the Manager's Office has been in touch with them regarding additional cleaning. Anyone who had a complaint was to file one with the Police Department and he has not received a single matter from them regarding that.

Commissioner Johnson asked Clerk Flores to go through the records and provide Attorney Geller with a copy dealing with the CSX issue. She will then address it at the next meeting.

Commissioner Holmes said he wants to echo what Commissioner Johnson said. He said Attorney Geller needs to spend more time at the City Hall office. The Manager, the Police Department and the Commissioners all need him on-site at least two days a week.

22. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Flores informed the City Commission that the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics is having a Campaign Skills seminar on Monday, July 22nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Commissioner Santiago asked if this was only for people who are considering running for office.

Clerk Flores said yes. The announcement is only for informational purposes to let people know about the seminar, it doesn't mean he has to attend.

Commissioner Johnson asked Clerk Flores to follow-up with Manager Baker regarding the Welcome Kits and the signage legislation as she wants it for the next meeting. She also wants to know the status of the Financial Reports due from the committees.

Clerk Flores said the committees have been notified regarding the Statement of Financial Reports requirements.

Commissioner Johnson asked if once the Boards are approved if annual training will be provided.

Clerk Flores said yes.

Commissioner Holmes said he has something else for Manager Baker. He asked if the \$40 Million bond for the roads was progressing and what was the status.

Manager Baker said the Master Plan is scheduled for the next meeting. There is a commitment of \$10 million from Tallahassee that would make a major dent in the

infrastructure in addressing in some of the heavy drainage problems. The bond issue for City Hall once it is certain which way it is going will be tied into the Police Department. He is looking at a couple of locations where City Hall and the Police Department can be built together which will be one bond issue.

Commissioner Holmes said he concerned with city employees not being paid overtime for work they are performing. He would like Manager Baker to look into that.

Manager Baker agreed to do so.

23. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORT:

Vice Mayor Kelley said the Employee Picnic will be held on Friday, July 26, 2013.

He said job creation is very important. There is the sidewalks, the car wash and the alley ways should be up and coming this weekend which will add an additional 10 jobs for city residents.

A funding search continues for a gym for the Ingram/Segal Park area.

He wanted to thank the Mayor and the Chamber for allowing the Beacon Council to piggy-back on their event for the Business Preparation and Recovery Workshop on Thursday, July 18th.

He asked people to save the date for August 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Farm Share which will be doing food distribution in the parking lot of the old City Hall. Flyers will go out moving forward.

The Summer Job Initiative Program is doing quite well for those who are employed. He thanked Manager Baker for his efforts.

Commissioner Johnson said she is working on bringing a Women's Commission to the city.

She is meeting with the church tomorrow on the parking issue regarding the Community Center.

She needs to work with Attorney Geller on the Education Compact.

She said in 2004 an Opa-locka Chamber of Commerce was established, so care needs to be taken with naming the Chamber the Mayor is working on at present.

She will be speaking with Manager Baker regarding employee complaints of a hostile environment in the workplace.

Commissioner Santiago thanked all his colleagues and the staff for supporting the July 4th event. He also said the Police Department did a great job as well.

Mayor Taylor said the wake for Mother Irma Skiles will be on Friday at the Range Funeral Home at 5727 NW 17th Avenue. Funeral services will be at Greater New Bethel Church on Saturday at 17025 NW 22nd Avenue. She was the city's historian and a wonderful woman.

The city wide Book Bag Give-away will be held on August 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will be at Sherbondy Park.

Commissioner Holmes said he received a call from a gentleman who wanted to donate 100 book bags for the event.

Commissioner Johnson said Family Dollar is a business partner for the book bag event.

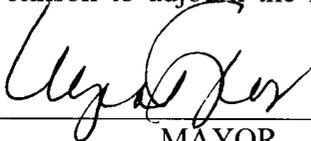
Mayor Taylor went to the Art Museum located in downtown. People see the diamond in the city. There is a display there that needs to be seen. There is artwork and models of Opa-locka that are amazing. She would like the Commissioners to go if possible and asked Manager Baker to look into a charter bus to get people there to see the exhibit.

Vice Mayor Kelley said he has a funeral service to attend on Saturday so he may not be able to attend Mother Skiles funeral or may have to leave early.

24. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

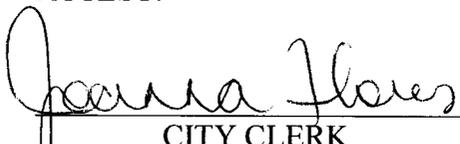
25. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK