

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

“The Great City”

CLERK’S ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

April 09, 2014

7:00 P.M.

**City Commission Chambers at Sherbondy Village
215 President Barack Obama (Perviz) Avenue
Opa-locka, FL 33054**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Myra L. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 09, 2014 in the City Commission Chambers at Sherbondy Village, 215 President Barack Obama (Perviz) Avenue, 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, 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. Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley was not in attendance.

3. INVOCATION:

The Invocation was delivered by Commissioner Dorothy Johnson.

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):

Commissioner Johnson deferred agenda item 18A3.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Santiago directing the City Manager as funds become available to make all revisions to repair the streets/roads on Cairo Lane.

Commissioner Santiago said he like the idea and he asked to be a co-sponsor to the legislation.

Attorney Geller said he does not see any reason for him not to be a co-sponsor.

Commissioner Holmes said he thinks this is premature, everyone is aware of what needs to be done on Cairo Lane and 38th Avenue. Infrastructure is expected to start next month on Cairo Lane, 38th Avenue, and 147th Street.

Mayor Taylor asked the City Manager if he has a plan for Cairo Lane?

Manager Baker said he will give a full report during the City Manager's Report regarding citywide infrastructure.

Commissioner Santiago said based on the comments made by the City Manager he will like to remove his second.

Commissioner Johnson asked the City Attorney what is the proper way to direct the City Manager to take action.

Attorney Geller said the Elected Officials have the right to put something on the record. In the past he has ruled that the agenda may be amended at any point prior to the adjournment of the meeting.

Commissioner Johnson removed her motion.

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

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Not Present
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

7. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Commission Meeting – 03/26/2014

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of March 26, 2014.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Not Present
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

9. **17th 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 said he did not have any reports or announcements at this time, but he will be glad to take back any concerns or issues to Commissioner Jordan.

Commissioner Johnson requested a follow up regarding summer employment.

Commissioner Holmes asked, does Miami-Dade County have a first time homebuyer program?

Mr. Gardner said yes and he will make the information available to Commissioner Holmes tomorrow.

13. **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**
14. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION:**

1. **Charles Citrin & Partner**

Charles Citrin, Citrin Financial & Insurance, 300 71st Street, Miami Beach, FL came forward and said when he appeared before the City Commission in October he suggested that the city select the GAP insurance, however at that time the budget did not permit. He had an opportunity to meet with the City Manager this week and supplied him with proposals for GAP coverage. GAP insurance pays for what your insurance policy doesn't cover.

Mr. Citrin said he received quotes from All State insurance and the way it works is the employee will receive an SIS card which can be used at most facilities and not have to come up with the money up front.

He further advised the City Commission that the insurance rates will not be as expensive next year; unfortunately some of the claims have gone away. It is important for the City Manager to communicate to him what the city can afford, subject to the City Commission's desire to move forth with the plan.

Commissioner Santiago said based on the information Mr. Citrin provided it sounds like a good plan, however he wants to be sure that any member of the family will be included in the GAP insurance.

Mr. Citrin said if they are covered under the health plan then they are covered under the GAP insurance.

Commissioner Santiago asked, who will be responsible to pay for the GAP insurance?

Mr. Citrin said if it's only the employee then they don't have to pay, however if they have the family plan then the employee will be responsible to cover the cost of their family GAP insurance.

Commissioner Santiago said he would like the City Manager and City Attorney to review the information provided by Mr. Citrin because he will be sponsoring legislation directing the City Manager to get GAP insurance for the city.

Commissioner Johnson said she agree with Commission Santiago, however she would like to know what line item the money will be coming from to cover the cost of GAP insurance.

She suggested that the Human Resources Department know the importance of their dependants being on the plan to receive the GAP coverage.

Commissioner Johnson further said she was informed that employees went to sign up or Obama Care earlier this week, but if they weren't in the queue it is impossible for them to sign up.

She suggested that the City Manager schedule one-on-one meetings with the City Commission to hear their concerns regarding the GAP insurance coverage.

Commissioner Holmes said he think it is a premature for legislation at this point. Mr. Citrin is only giving information should the city decide to choose GAP insurance.

Mayor Taylor directed the City Manager and Mr. Citrin to make their self available to each one of the Commissioners for further explanation.

14a. CITIZENS' FORUM:

1. Dante Starks of 13205 Cairo Lane, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said for the sake of time he will be the only person speaking. Per the City Commission, the City Manager sent out an invitation to the businesses located on Cairo Lane for a meeting. The business owners met with the City Manager and his Senior Staff. At that meeting they laid out the timeline for design of Cairo Lane and when the construction will possibly begin. He said overall they are extremely happy. After a couple of decades they see the light at the end of the tunnel. Staff also spoke about temporary fixes and repairs to 127th Street which is not a dedicated street on the county's roll.

Mr. Starks further said that Mr. Muhammad has already begun the work with the traffic lights because they will have to do temporary roads going in and coming out.

Mr. Starks said some of the business owners had concerns this evening when the resolution was being expressed directing the City Manager. He said with the meetings

they had with the City Manager they don't have any problems, but he understand how the process goes. The City Manager does not make any decisions without the approval of the majority of the City Commission and that have been said in the past. If the legislation cannot be passed tonight, they would like to see it come back at a later meeting to give the City Manager a comfort level.

Commissioner Holmes asked Mr. Starks have he been hired to speak for the people as a lobbyist.

Mr. Starks said for the record he is speaking on a non paid, non compensatory status, if he was being paid he would have signed up.

To the business owners on Cairo Lane, Commissioner Holmes said the City Commission is aware of what needs to be done to the roads. The city have repaired that road numerous of times.

Commissioner Johnson said she have not seen the design, but she hope it includes fire hydrants in that area. She requested legislation to come back for the Commission to vote on.

For the record, Commissioner Johnson said she asked the City Manager to take a tour with her to look at the area.

Commissioner Santiago said if the city knew about the streets in that area, then they should have did something a long time ago.

2. Zonya Ray of 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and stated that the senior employees are getting frustrated and the moral is going down because there are several positions being offered and employees are applying for them, however after they are interviewed they are not getting a response. Employees are being hired on a temporary status and they are earning more money than employees that have been with the city 10 years or more. The employees have a major concern because they feel they should be able to be promoted with their years of service.

Ms. Ray requested that the City Commission give the employees an answer regarding their concern.

3. Ricky James of 1156 Jann Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission on behalf of the union. As a dues paying member the people are upset because they don't know what's going on with their local union. There have been contract negotiations taking place and they don't know anything because the president does not report to them. They are requesting that upper management give them some directions regarding the union because it is time for fair chances.

Commissioner Holmes said he brought the union to the city in the 90's and the members are in control of the union. The City Manager cannot do anything about the union; it's left up to the members.

Commissioner Johnson said what both of the employees have brought up in a public setting have some validity. When she spoke to the City Manager a week ago he said he was in the progress of negotiating the AFSCME contract, she asked is that correct?

Manager Baker replied, yes.

She asked, has the negotiations been completed?

Manager Baker replied, no.

Commissioner Johnson said she is concerned about the employees pay schedule and for the record the pay schedule have not been revised since 2009. She said she will be sponsoring legislation for the pay schedule and Vice Mayor Kelley previously requested to be a co-sponsor.

Manager Baker said they must be extremely careful with the process because they are in negotiations and any interference will jeopardize the negotiations. The delay is on the union because they have some things they are trying to work out.

Attorney Geller said any action by the city or any of its officials as internal matters of the union could be viewed by the union as an unfair labor practice.

4. Shalonda Rivers of 13875 NW 22 Avenue, Apt. 116, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and informed them of several issues at the apartment complex where she reside. The apartment units have mold, she asked that the city get involved with the towing rules management put in place, she requested that the city start sending the residents notices regarding meetings and events. She said Charter Realty has a monthly newsletter and the city can ask management to include information in that newsletter.

Mayor Taylor asked Ms. Rivers do the tenants receive any notices from the city?

Ms. Rivers said no they don't and she was informed that residents who receive water bills get information in their bill.

Commissioner Johnson asked, is the community center still open?

Ms. Rivers said the old community center was closed and it's being used as a storage room.

Ms. Rivers further stated that the residents use to have a code to access the gate, now they have a button which can be a safety hazard in the event of an emergency.

5. Terence Pinder of 250 Sabur Lane, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and thanked the citizens for engaging in city meetings/events. He said with regards to the union, the issue is how much money the city will provide. In February he asked the City Commission to sponsor legislation for an individual audit of employees, once that was done they will be able to say what the bottom line number is. The city needs to decide what they can add to the reserve and what they can do for the employees.

He further requested that the city focus on the Ingram Terrace area because there is no drainage in that area. Whenever it rains the residents cannot go in or out the complex.

He requested that Miami-Dade County spray the gardens apartments for mosquitos.

Mr. Pinder said after reviewing the city's accounts receivable he have not noticed a cost from the towing companies for the past year. He asked, where is the towing money going or are they paying franchise fees?

6. Lloyd Johnson of 1820 Service Road, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and stated that he has been living in the city for 60 years and he hasn't seen any improvement.

He further said his son was born and raised in the city and is in need of a job with the City of Opa-locka.

Commissioner Johnson said at the Town Hall Meeting Vice Mayor Kelley suggested that Mr. Lloyd son apply for a job. She asked Mr. Johnson has his son taken the necessary steps to apply for a job?

Mr. Johnson said his son went to see Cora on numerous occasions and she has not called him back.

Commissioner Johnson said she will follow up to assist Mr. Johnson.

7. Brian Dennis of 3135 NW 134th Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and provided the City Manager with two possible grants that may be beneficial to the city.

Commissioner Holmes said the only reason the city is not giving raises to the employees is because the budget does not allow it at this time, however they try their best to give the employees a Christmas bonus.

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

16. NEW ITEMS:

17. PLANNING & ZONING:

A. HEARINGS:

B. APPEALS:

18. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FIRST READING:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 17 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE III SUBDIVISION AND PLATTING CODE OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR VACATING STREETS AND ALLEYS – GENERALLY; PAYMENT OF COSTS, EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Geller.

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

Note: This portion of the minutes is transcribed in verbatim form.

Commissioner Johnson: *Is this a budgeted item?*

Manager Baker: *Madam there's no cost associated with this item, however the desire to have a process in place when there's a need to vacate an alleyway, right away, or what have you. We did not have a process in place and we felt it was proper to have a process in place so as request come forward we will know how to handle the matter. In this package the applicant making the request will pay those necessary fees to do such an activity.*

Commissioner Johnson: *In the supporting document it needs to be spelled out by the second meeting, it needs to be spelled out to reflect what you just said verbally because the support documentation does not spell it out in that fashion.*

Note: This concludes the verbatim portion of these minutes.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Not Present
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 13-30 THE OPA-LOCKA EDUCATION COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by D.J.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Geller.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Santiago to pass the above ordinance.

Commissioner Johnson said she has consulted with Miami-Dade Public Schools and they reviewed the proposed legislation. The Education Compact only consists of traditional public schools.

Mayor Taylor asked, why are charter schools excluded when they are public schools?

Commissioner Johnson said she was told they have to be traditional public schools, but charter schools can serve in an advisory capacity.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a 3-1 vote.

Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	No
Vice Mayor Kelley	Not Present
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Mayor Taylor asked when will the committee formulate?

Commissioner Johnson said they have been meeting in an advisory capacity until the committee is structured.

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO IMPLEMENT AN ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY FOR CITY EMPLOYMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by D.J.*

Commissioner Johnson deferred item 18A3.

B. SECOND READING ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARING:

C. RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

19. ADMINISTRATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

(19-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CHIEF OF OPA-LOCKA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND RESOURCES; 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 PIGGYBACK ON DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURCHASE ORDER (PO # 13-45559), FOR THE PURCHASE OF ITEM NUMBER 79-000-25 – ONE (1) VMP SINGLE TURNER VALVE MAINTENANCE TRAILER, AND ITEM NUMBER 79-420-00 – ONE (1) LIGHT BAR ASSEMBLY MINI TRAILER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS AND SIXTY EIGHT CENTS (\$26,802.68), PAYABLE FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 64-533640, A BUDGETED ITEM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

(19-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO PROCLAIM APRIL 25, 2014 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA 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 pass items 1, 2, and 3 of the consent agenda.

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Kelley	Not Present
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

A. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Baker reported that he went to Washington, DC and spoke with several legislators regarding the city's legislative agenda and he is expecting great news as a result of those meetings. The city is moving full speed for city hall financing and things are looking favorable.

He further reported that that the water, sewer, and storm water rate studies have concluded and he will meet with the City Commission individually with plans to schedule a Town Hall meeting.

Manager Baker said he is pleased to report that the long awaited citywide infrastructure contracts from the State of Florida have arrived. After the City Attorney review the contracts he will move aggressively to bring the items to the City Commission for approval.

He said the dollar store that was approved last year is expected to obtain plans by the end of the month. He met with the developer of El Presidente Supermarket last week and was informed that they are looking to modify their existing site plan.

Manager Baker said Phase 2 of the Town Center residential development project has a mixed use for retail space and housing. The application has been approved by the Florida Financial office for phase 2, however the developer must sure up the funding and all the necessary pieces before coming back for site plan approval.

He reported that staff has ironed out some details with the Department of Transportation and they are scheduled to move forward with the city's gateway project.

Manager Baker said the annexation project for area A and B is up for its first approval before the Miami-Dade County Planning and Advisory Board.

He further reported that the city is moving forward with the roadway drainage project on Rutland Street, directly behind the Helen Miller Center. He is expecting to break ground once the permits come back from the county.

Manager Baker further mentioned that they are proceeding with lift station 7. The city received a \$490,000 grant to upgrade that lift station. It is his desire to do a complete facelift of that area, creating a sidewalk. There are pending plans from the gardens apartments to change their entrance from Port Said road to Alexandria drive.

He reported that he is planning to bring forward the employee manual and he will be requesting an individual meeting with the City Commission for dialogue. Customer service training will commence soon for the employees to receive training to deal with customers.

Commissioner Santiago said he is happy with the report made by the City Manager.

He said it's been over seven months since the city offices relocated from Town Center to the temporary location at 3400 NW 135 Street.

Commissioner Santiago requested the status of a new city hall.

He further requested a written report of how much money the city saved for rent for the past seven months. He did the calculations and the savings is over \$271,000 which can go towards employee's raises.

Commissioner Santiago said he has been waiting on sidewalks throughout the city for 10 years and he hope the city will have sidewalks on Peri Street soon.

He requested a report on what is needed for the police department.

Commissioner Johnson requested a report of when the donated property will be coming back of the tax roll.

She suggested that temporary employees wear city t-shirts because the city's branding is important. Employees that are supposed to be in uniform need to wear the proper uniform every day.

Commissioner Johnson said as hurricane season is approaching, the city need to begin making preparations because Sherbondy Village is the only hurricane shelter the city has to accommodate our citizens.

She said she does not want the signage legislation to fall in the crack, it is time to bring closure.

Commissioner Johnson requested the status of the fitness program and equipment at Sherbondy Village?

For the record, Commissioner Johnson said citizens informed her that the water department was closed last week, however someone should be there to assist the citizens at all times.

Commissioner Johnson expressed her concerns regarding the Opa-locka buses speeding. She said she observed vehicle 826 speeding on several occasions.

She said whenever the City Commission has events it is imperative for the police to be there for public safety.

Commissioner Johnson requested a written quarterly report on the Police Department stats.

Commissioner Holmes requested the status of the Chevrolet Tahoes and radios for the police department.

Manager Baker said the last report he received was that the Chevrolet Tahoes are expected to arrive in two weeks.

Commissioner Holmes said for the record Mr. Brown does an excellent job with running the recreational facilities and he does not want to see him get tied down with certain things that is out of his control.

He further made reference to the GAP insurance. He said if the GAP insurance is better for the employees than the loan program then he recommends looking at it.

Commissioner Holmes asked, what is the amount of the GAP insurance?

Manager Baker said it can range up to \$150,000 per year.

Mayor Taylor reminded the City Manager that he needs to meet with each member of the City Commission along with Mr. Citrin regarding the GAP insurance.

She said 22nd Avenue is the front porch of the city and she has a great concern regarding the appearance. All garbage containers needs to be dumped and put back in there respectable places. Vacant properties must be maintained throughout the city.

Mayor Taylor further expressed her concerns regarding the former liquor store on 22nd Avenue and Wilmington Street. She said everyone that obtains a permit to paint should see the city's paint chart and she was not pleased with the color of the former liquor store.

She said the city welcome developers, however she have not noticed any residents from the City of Opa-locka cross cultural working in the developments.

Mayor Taylor asked, who is responsible for following up on whose being hired by the developers?

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Susan Gooding-Liburd, Finance Director came forward and stated that all documents required for her report are part of the package provided to the Commission. The report includes the cash requirement report for payment due on March 27, 2014, revenue audit trail and expenditure audit trail. The reserve account balance has increased to \$238,197.86.

She stated that her promise is to bring the second quarter financial report to the City Commission on May 15th before the Commission Meeting on April 23rd. She said she is pleased to report that the first quarter did not have a deficit.

Commissioner Johnson asked, what is the strategy to enhance the reserve account?

Mrs. Liburd said it has been promised to transfer \$25,000 at the end of year to repay the reserve account.

To the City Manager, Commissioner Johnson said \$25,000 yearly is unacceptable.

Commissioner Johnson requested a written report of how much the city saved with the employees taking furlough days. She also requested that the City Manager come up with a strategy from 2009-current to bring the employees pay schedule current.

20. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

21. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Geller reported that the Café Sole case has been withdrawn against the city and the Florida League of Cities has closed the case.

Commissioner Johnson requested a copy of the City Attorney contract no later than May.

She asked, is the city governed under Robert's Rule of Order?

Attorney Geller said Robert's Rule is the city's backup, however the City Commission may adopt its own rules.

Commissioner Johnson said the charter makes reference to Robert's Rule of Order and according to the 11th Edition of Robert's Rule it states if information is brought before the commission that needs to be voted on at a later date, dialogue must be limited.

Commissioner Holmes asked the City Attorney if he was hired by contract or resolution?

Attorney Geller said he was hired by resolution.

Commissioner Holmes directed the City Attorney to prepare a resolution to name the Opa-locka Executive Airport after President Barack Obama.

He further requested that the City Attorney follow up with Miami-Dade County regarding their policy for street co-designations.

Commissioner Holmes reported a street light outage on Bahman and Jann Avenue.

Mayor Taylor said it was brought to her attention that the airport name has been changed.

Attorney Geller said he doesn't believe that is correct, he saw an article in the newspaper on Monday that mentioned the Opa-locka Executive Airport.

22. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Flores said she submitted a written report and will be happy to address concerns from the City Commission.

She asked the City Commission to mark their calendars for the next CRA meeting on April 23, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Santiago asked is there legislation for the monthly community bingo event?

Commissioner Johnson said it is her understanding since 2002 the funds for the community bingo is included in Parks & Recreation budget, however as sponsors of the event herself along with Commissioner Santiago can offset the costs from time to time.

Commissioner Johnson asked the City Manager is it her understanding that the seniors program and community bingo is part of Parks & Recreation budget?

Manager Baker said all of the activities of the parks department are lumped into one line item.

Commissioner Holmes directed the City Clerk to find out how much money has been used from Parks & Recreation budget for the monthly community bingo for the past year.

Mayor Taylor directed the City Clerk to send a thank you letter to Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office for their assistance with the Redemption Workshop.

23. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORT:

Commissioner Santiago said the City Commission has to be careful during citizen's forum and allow the citizens the opportunity to express their concerns.

He said the time is coming for the City of Opa-locka to celebrate 4th of July and they will not spend city funds.

Commissioner Santiago invited everyone to attend the Easter Fellowship on April 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sherbondy Park Pavilion.

Commissioner Holmes said since he was elected in 1994 he sponsored legislation for drainage and sidewalks.

He announced that Mayor Taylor will join him for the book bag giveaway this year and whoever else wants to join is welcome.

Commissioner Johnson said she attended the 40th Annual State of Florida Leadership Conference at Miami-Dade College North Campus where she served as a speaker.

She said she is on the entrepreneur task force and Mayor Taylor has asked her to organize the May Day observance.

Commissioner Johnson said she will be sponsoring a session with Rays Florida Network on Friday regarding payday loans.

She thanked Commissioner Santiago for his support with community bingo.

Commissioner Johnson said she was proud to announce that her grandson was accepted by the United States Military Academy at Westpoint.

Mayor Taylor thanked the Public Defender's Office for hosting the Redemption Workshop and they were able to service over 60 people.

She thanked the citizens for coming to the Town Hall Meeting which was a huge success.

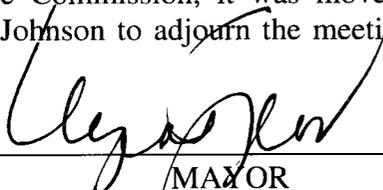
Mayor Taylor thanked the City Manager for his successful efforts in capital and economic improvements.

She further said the city is scheduled to appear before the Miami-Dade County Planning and Advisory Board on April 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. for annexation.

24. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

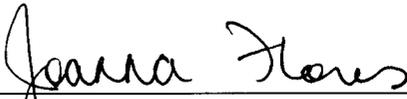
25. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK