CITY OF OPA-LOCKA
"The Great City"

CLERK'S ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
December 10, 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 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 in the Auditorium 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 Terence K. Pinder, Commissioner Luis B. Santiago, Vice Mayor 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. Commissioner Joseph L. Kelley was not in attendance.

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 items were pulled from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately under Action Items: 19-2 (Commissioner Santiago); 19-1, 19-3, 19-4, 19-5, 19-6, 19-7, 19-8, 19-9, 19-10, 19-11, 19-12, 19-13, 19-14, 19-15, 19-16, 19-17, 19-18, 19-19, 19-20, 19-22, 19-23 and 19-24 (Vice Mayor Holmes).

Commissioner Pinder deleted agenda item 19-21 until further notice.

Attorney Geller said the Commission should take care of the recusals before they take a vote. In addition, agenda item 19-2 is not a conflict, but an appearance of conflict and it is his understanding that Commissioner Pinder is requesting to recuse himself on that item.

He further mentioned that he sent a memorandum to the City Commission regarding a letter the city received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and he wants to be clear that they are not giving the opinion that the items cannot be voted on. They are being in an abundance of caution, therefore Commissioner Pinder will be recused on agenda items 18C5, 18C6, 19-1, 19-4, 19-5, 19-6, 19-7, 19-8, 19-9, 19-10, 19-11, 19-12, 19-13, 19-14, and 19-15.

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

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Commissioner Pinder	Out of room
Vice Mayor Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Kelley	Not Present
Mayor Taylor	Yes

7. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The Mayor and City Commission recognized David Norris and Dr. Carroll Storr as Employee of the Month.

In addition, the Vice Mayor Holmes along with the Mayor and City Commission recognized the Opa-locka Optimist Football Players and Cheerleaders on their victory.

Attorney Geller informed the Mayor that there are a few recusals and perhaps they can take those items first.

Vice Mayor Holmes requested that the City Attorney read several letters into the record so the people will understand what they are doing.

Mayor Taylor said as the chair she is not in agreement with the letters being read.

Commissioner Santiago echoed the same concerns as Mayor Taylor.

Vice Mayor Holmes said he will have a copy of the letter available in his office for the citizens.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Commission Meeting – 09/17/2014

It was moved by Vice Mayor Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Santiago to approve the minutes of the Special Commission Meeting of September 17, 2014.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Santiago	Yes

Commissioner Kelley	Not Present
Vice Mayor Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Pinder	Out of room
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Regular Commission Meeting – 11/12/2014

It was moved by Vice Mayor Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Santiago to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of November 12, 2014.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

Vice Mayor Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Pinder	Out of room
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Commissioner Kelley	Not Present
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:

13. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Larry Gardner, of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jordan's Office (District 1) came forward and informed Vice Mayor Holmes that the county is in the process of retiring some vehicles, unfortunately they are 40 ft. regular transit buses, but he will continue to look for other vehicles to accommodate the Seniors on the Move Program.

Melonie Burke, of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Monestime's Office (District 2) came forward and said she did not have any reports or announcements at this time, but she will be glad to take back any concerns or issues to Commissioner Monestime.

14. PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

14a. CITIZENS' FORUM:

1. Ricky James, Union President of Local 2068 appeared before the City Commission and spoke in favor of agenda item 19-22.

2. Alvin Burke of 1240 Jann Avenue, Opa-locka, FL appeared before the City Commission and spoke on agenda item 19-22. The employees need a relief, but from his understanding this is not a budgeted item and this might impact the employees.

3. John Riley of 2963 NW 135th Street, Opa-locka, FL appeared before the City Commission and said in 1980 a question was on the ballot to approve a charter amend and in 1990 the City Commission adopted an emergency ordinance that passed 3-1 and a law suit was later filed because the city was in violation because they needed 4/5 vote.

4. David Norris of 260 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, FL appeared before the City Commission and said he is concerned about the employees of the city. The majority of the employees have not received a raise over the years therefore he is in favor of agenda item 19-22.

5. Dorothy Johnson of 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor, Opa-locka, FL appeared before the City Commission and echoed the same concerns as the previous citizens. She thanked Commissioner Kelley for responding to her email regarding the Educational Compact. She requested that the City Commission appoint someone to that Committee because she can be on that committee without the appointment of the City Commission. She said the city currently has legislation for no agreements/contracts so she advised them to be careful on agenda item 19-16. In addition, she voiced her concerns on agenda items 19-5 and 19-6.

6. Eric Redmon of 2766 NW 131st Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and congratulated the newly elected officials. He further said he had the opportunity to meet with the city's Chief of Police and suggested that the Police Officers get more involved with the youth in light of what is happening in our country.

7. Deacon Ernest L. Woodard of 1121 Atlantic Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and voiced his concerns on the new checking cashing store that is expected to come to the city. He does not see why he has to move out of his house after being in the city for over 40 years.

8. John Cook of 14580 NW 27th Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said he would like to see the Mayor & City Commission work together as a team to give the city a better image and he would like the businesses in the city to be required to follow the city's code.

9. (Inaudible) 13091 NW 43rd Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said when the city had Waste Management the company charged three times more than the city hired Ecological which was much cheaper, but they don' t pick up on a regular basis. For a while Great Waste was picking up the garbage and they were consistent. Now Ecological is telling him he should not be paying Great Waste then he was without service for a month. He was later informed that Universal was taking over the garbage contract, but they are more expensive than Ecological. He asked, who the business owners are paying because the garbage situation is not good.

10. Dan Hurtak of 13800 NW 19th Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and expressed his concerns regarding the city's garbage service. In the past three months he has written checks to three different companies and all three companies got three months in advance. The garbage has not been picked up for two weeks and they called every day.

11. Marc Maritz of 2335 NW 149th Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said the people are frustrated with the garbage situation. The savings compared to the frustration of having to call to get the service that you are paying for is not fair to the people.

12. Matthew Pigatt of 1300 Peri Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said voiced his concerns regarding an Elected Official that cannot fulfill his duties and speak on all agenda items. He further complimented the City Manager for the great job he does throughout the city.

13. Deborah Sheffield Irby of 14202 NW 17th Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said since the inception of Ecological they have had a lot of issues. The company does not pick up the garbage, she has taken pictures, placed numerous of phone calls and nothing has been done. She asked, how the Commission will allow someone they entered into a contract with to extend their contract to someone else that has only been in business since July. The city has been picking up most of the trash and garbage and money is still owed to the city, therefore she would like to know who will be responsible for paying the debt owed to the city. The best thing to do is go back out for bid because the citizens deserve to live in a clean environment.

14. Nathaniel Black of 13280 Port Said Road, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and spoke on behalf of Georgia Ayers Properties. He expressed his concerns regarding the city current garbage company not picking up the garbage which has caused rodents at their facility.

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

1. (19-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY SPACE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TEEN-UPWARD BOUND; 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 Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Santiago to pass the resolution.

Vice Mayor Holmes asked the City Manager is he in agreement with agenda item 19-1.

Manager Baker said yes, he met with Teen Upward Bound and they reached an agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Commissioner Kelley	Not Present
Vice Mayor Holmes	Yes

Commissioner Pinder	Recused
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Commissioner Santiago stated that he had to leave due to a family emergency. Without objection the City Commission moved to agenda item 19-22.

2. (19-22) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A HOLIDAY SEASON BONUS OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500) TO ALL EMPLOYEES AT THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by L.S. & T.P.*

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Geller.

Mayor Taylor relinquished the gavel to Vice Mayor Holmes.

It was moved by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Mayor Taylor to pass the resolution.

Vice Mayor Holmes said a resolution is on the agenda for the employees to get the day off after Christmas and another resolution is on the agenda for the employees to get a $500 Christmas bonus. He is concerned because the employees cannot receive both.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Commissioner Pinder	Recused
Vice Mayor Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Kelley	Not Present
Mayor Taylor	Yes

Vice Mayor Holmes returned the gavel to Mayor Taylor.

16. NEW ITEMS:

17. PLANNING & ZONING:

A. HEARINGS:

B. APPEALS:

18. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FIRST READING:

B. SECOND READING ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARING:

C. RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

19. ADMINISTRATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

20. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

21. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

22. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

23. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORT:

24. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

25. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Vice Mayor Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Santiago to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK