1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Myra L. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in the Auditorium at Sherbony Village, 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida.

2. ROLL CALL:

The following members of the City Commission were present: Vice Mayor Timothy Holmes, Commissioner Joseph L. Kelley, Commissioner Terence K. Pinder, Commissioner Luis B. Santiago, 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.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

5. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Commissioner Pinder along with the Mayor and City Commission presented a Proclamation to Jonathan Kent Osborne for becoming a U.S. State Attorney.

In addition, Commissioner Pinder along with the Mayor and City Commission presented a commendation to Chief Jeffrey Key, Officer Scherry Thompson, and Officer Ruben Barrero for going beyond the call of duty in apprehending a suspect.

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

Clerk Flores informed the City Commission that a replacement resolution was provided to them for agenda 13-5.
Commissioner Pinder asked if any of his colleagues would like to co-sponsor agenda item 13-5.

Commissioner Kelley said he sent a request to the City Attorney's Office to co-sponsor agenda item 13-5 because he has been doing summer jobs for years.

Attorney Geller said he will make changes to reflect Commissioner Kelley as a co-sponsor.

Vice Mayor Holmes said they are all in favor of summer jobs and he is in support of the legislation.

Clerk Flores said agenda item 16A2 is being withdrawn by the sponsor.

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately under Action Items: 13-4 (Commissioner Pinder).

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

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

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7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Due to technical difficulties, the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2015 will be placed on the next city commission meeting agenda for approval.

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

Larry Gardner, of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jordan’s Office (District 1) came forward and announced that Commissioner Jordan is hosting her annual Black Heritage Festival on February 7, 2015 at 12:00 noon at the Betty T. Ferguson Center. He reported that the County Public Works Department is working on cleaning the canals, gutters, and fixing broken signs throughout the city on county roads.

Vice Mayor Holmes asked that Mr. Gardner keep him abreast of the bus previously requested.
10. PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

11. CITIZENS’ FORUM:

1. John Riley of 2963 NW 135th Street, Opa-locka, Florida appeared before the City Commission to object to the City Commission passing agenda item 13-3.

2. Albert Jones of 1200 Oriental Boulevard, Opa-locka, Florida appeared before the City Commission and spoke about the heavy equipment and speeding on Oriental Boulevard.

3. Dorothy Johnson of 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor, Opa-locka, Florida appeared before the City Commission and requested that all Commission Meeting Minutes are posted on the city’s website. She asked that the Commission assure the citizens that they will have the rehabilitation program that was sponsored by Commissioner Jordan. Agenda item 16A2 was deferred, but she wants the Commission to remember the interest of the citizens that were not in support of liquor stores.

In addition, she asked, what is the status of the employee pay schedule?

Speaking as a citizen and former employee of the United States Postal Service, the Opa-locka branch Post Office will remain open for retail, but the carriers will be re-located.

4. Eric Redmon of 2766 NW 131st Street, Opa-locka, Florida appeared before the City Commission and said if a person is sued in an individual capacity then the dais has the discretion whether or not to afford an attorney from the City of Opa-locka in which to defend that person. If they are sued in their official capacity then the dais has an obligation to get them an attorney and that is common practice throughout every entity.

He further mentioned that someone tried to abduct a thirteen year old child after school in the City of Opa-locka and he thanks the City of Opa-locka Police Department for taking the child home safe and they are in the process of doing due diligence in checking on the sex offenders in the city.

5. David Norris of 260 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and reflected on the book of Romans from the Bible. He apologized to Mr. Baker on behalf of the city for how they have been conducting themselves towards him as a man of God. Those of the household of faith know they are supposed to follow peace with the same people of the household of faith. The Commission has been bringing things to the meeting that should have been discussed with the City Manager in a private meeting. Some of the Elected Officials ride around with family members in their vehicles and have them in their office and he’s not saying anything is wrong with that, but when they have issues they need to speak to the City Manager before bringing it to the Commission Meeting. They see things that are wrong and they have two weeks before the next Commission Meeting, that’s plenty of time to talk to the City Manager and it looks bad. It has nothing to do with a personal relationship, but it has a lot to do with him being a man of God like some of the Commission that preaches from the pulpit. Sometimes they get to the meetings and try to exclude the word of God, but they cannot
do that. The things they bring to the Commission meeting do not bring peace when they could have met with the City Manager before the meeting.

6. Johnnie Greene of 2091 Wilmington Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and thanked the City Commission for their support during her time of bereavement. She read section 14.1 which states it is unlawful to create a nuisance business under the city charter by revoking the ordinance to stop liquor stores from opening again which is bad policy. Agenda item 16A2 was withdrawn, but she spoke in objection of that item.

7. Alvin Burke of 1240 Jann Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said everyone is speaking against agenda item 18A2, but one person cannot say they are speaking for all of the citizens. The city does not have businesses beating the doors down to come into the city, so whether it's a check cashing store, liquor store, etc. they cannot cater to only one cliental in the city.

8. Steven Barrett of 633 Sharar Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said the City of Opa-locka is a four square mile area with three liquor stores and every Mom & Pop store sells alcohol. If agenda item 18A2 comes back for consideration, the Commission needs to say enough is enough.

9. Jeannette Arline of 2324 Service Road, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said a liquor store is on 22nd Avenue which is a main thoroughfare of the city and it's not a good site.

10. Joyce King of 2020 Wilmington Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and spoke against agenda item 16A2.

11. Patricia Ellis of 1146 Dunad Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and agreed with the previous speakers that are not in favor of more liquor stores in the city. She asked, what is the process of bringing agenda item 16A2 back for consideration?

In addition, it is her understanding that citizen's forum is for a person that lives in the City of Opa-locka or someone that has an interest in the city has the right to appear before the Commission to speak on behalf of anything that is pertinent to the city and the citizen's bill of rights does exist.

12. Matthew Pigatt of 1300 Peri Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said he attended one of the Commission Meetings and there was discussion regarding an EPA letter. Since that time he wanted to learn more about what is going on in the city.

Mayor Taylor informed Mr. Pigatt that this is an open forum and he is not allowed to call individual names.

Mr. Pigatt said he didn't like what he was hearing with things going on in the city and he will exercise his rights to organize a recall. Yesterday he met with an Elected Official and during that time the Human Resources Director was in attendance.
Attorney Geller said as a point of order, there is nothing in the city’s charter nor the county’s ordinance that says the Commission is not permitted to recognize anyone that wants to speak before the body whether they are a resident of the city or not, that is at the discretion of the Commission.

13. Dorothy Johnson of 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor, Opa-locka, Florida appeared before the City Commission and said the previous citizen has a lot of potential, but he needs guidance. She introduced him to the city and with time he will make a great Elected Official, but he has a lot of growing to do.

Mayor Taylor said she understands potential, but it must be done with order. She encouraged Mrs. Johnson to mentor Mr. Pigatt so he will know how to address the public.

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

1. (13-4) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR SECURITY AND PATROL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by T.P.

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Geller.

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

Commissioner Santiago asked, what is the performance of the current security company?

Manager Baker said the current company is functioning in accordance with the contract and for the most part he is pleased with their performance. The current contract is a piggyback from a large city so they are benefitting from economy of scale.

Commissioner Pinder said he cannot evaluate the company’s performance and he does not have a problem with the price, but he knows the Commission wants to provide jobs for the citizens and that’s why he is suggesting this go back out to include the jobs component in the document.

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

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13. CONSENT AGENDA:

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(13-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT NOT TO EXCEED SIX MILLION DOLLARS WITH CITY NATIONAL BANK IN ORDER TO INSURE SOUND FISCAL STABILITY FOR THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by C.M.

(13-2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO APPOINT VINCENT T. BROWN AS AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL MASTER AND TRAFFIC LIGHT SAFETY HEARING OFFICER AND TO APPOINT PASCALE ACHILLE AS AN ALTERNATE, PAYABLE FROM ACCOUNT NO. 23-521340, A BUDGETED ITEM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by C.M.

(13-3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY POLICE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND A JOINT DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND RESOURCES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by C.M.

(13-5) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT A SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM AND TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT FOR FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE PROGRAM; ENCOURAGING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES; REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO HELP RECRUIT SPONSORS AND BUSINESS OWNERS TO SUPPORT THE SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by City Commission

(13-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY LEGAL ACTION TO DISPOSE OF ALL JUNKED VEHICLES CURRENTLY LOCATED AT THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS SITE AND FOR THE PROCEEDS TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT; 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 Vice Mayor Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Pinder to pass items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 of the consent agenda.

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Vice Mayor Holmes Yes

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14. **NEW ITEMS:**

15. **PLANNING & ZONING:**

   A. **HEARINGS:**

   B. **APPEALS:**

16. **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:**

   A. **FIRST READING:**

1. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON NEW CHECK CASHING PAY-DAY ESTABLISHMENTS ON A CITYWIDE BASIS FOR UP TO TWELVE MONTHS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sponsored by M.T. and J.K.

   The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Geller.

   It was moved by Commissioner Kelley, seconded by Commissioner Pinder to approve the above ordinance.

   Vice Mayor Holmes asked, can they include the check cashing store that was approved at the last Commission Meeting?

   Mayor Taylor said she tried, but the business had already started the process.

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

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2. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 14-09 WHICH ESTABLISHED A MORATORIUM ON THE OPENING OF NEW LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS ON A CITYWIDE BASIS FOR UP TO TWELVE MONTHS;**

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Agenda item 16A2 was withdrawn by Vice Mayor Holmes.

B. SECOND READING ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARING:

C. RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

17. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Baker said his report was provided in writing; however he is planning to schedule a workshop to provide an update on all city projects. They gained additional information from Tallahassee for additional money so they are in the process of finalizing the Legislative Priority Package. The city has an opportunity to appear before the Dade Delegation and gave an overview of some of the things the city is looking at.

He said they have begun to activate the task force that is going to the business areas to address issues that came out of the workshop.

He further reported that the quarterly financial report has been submitted and they are open to any additional input from the City Commission. Adjustments are being made throughout the organization with consolidation of some areas and re-programming of other areas.

Commissioner Santiago said the city has a lot of vacant land and he would like to know what the city is doing with those properties.

Manager Baker said they are working on legislation with the possibility of putting some of the land out as surplus property.

Commissioner Santiago said the city has about 30 vacant properties that can generate revenue for the city. He requested to sponsor legislation to sell all city surplus properties.

He asked, for the status as it relates to the legislation that was passed to purchase exercise equipment for Sherbondy Village.

Manager Baker said he provided a written document reference exercise equipment for Sherbondy Village.

Commissioner Santiago requested police visibility on Aswan Road & 135th Street. He stressed the importance of safety and if additional police is needed he will be in support.

Commissioner Pinder directed the City Manager to meet with his colleagues to get their input on possible dumping areas they would like to see beautified.

Vice Mayor Holmes said if the junk cars are sold in an auction he would like the city employees to have first pick.
He asked that the City Manager, Finance Director, and Grant Writer work together to try to purchase at least five police cars. He directed staff to speak to the principal of North Park High School to inform them of the city’s saggy pants legislation.

He announced that the Parks & Recreation Department will host the 1st Annual Seniors on the Move Valentine Day Groove on February 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kelley said he emailed several concerns to the City Manager and he would like to get a response; one being the legislative agenda and also the Meet Me Monday information as previously requested. Being an Elected Official for several years he would hope the line of credit is used diligently and not viewed as an opportunity to go beyond.

Mayor Taylor thanked the City Manager for the workshop, but she would like the City Clerk to get possible dates from the City Commission to finish the workshop.

She stated that 22nd Avenue is a priority and it needs a fresh look. She directed the City Manager to address the trailers located on 37th Avenue.

18. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

19. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORT:

Commissioner Santiago thanked the citizens of the City of Opa-locka for electing him to do the right thing which he will continue to do well.

Commissioner Pinder said in 2004-2006 they had a Blue Ribbon/Roundtable program and he would like to implement it again because they seem to be on the track to success. He would like to invite the county Mayor, State Senator, State Representative, County Commissioners, and everyone that is on the tenure of political influence in the city to set goals.

Commissioner Kelley thanked the City Manager and Human Resources Director for working on the citywide job fair. He said flyers will be going out soon.

He is working with the Miami-Dade Chamber Commerce for a Small Business Assistance Forum to help the businesses in the city.

He requested a copy of the legislation agenda. In addition, he reported that he is in the process of scheduling a Re-Entry Fair and additional information will be provided. He thanked everyone for their support with the MLK Walk. He attended the CRA Business Workshop hosted by Dynamic CDC for small business Mom & Pop grants.

Vice Mayor Holmes said he requested that the City Clerk’s Office contact Farm Share to get them back in the city to give the citizens a relief.

Commissioner Kelley said his colleague mentioned Farm Share and everyone knows he has been doing that for several years. They are scheduled to come out in June and he has
reached out to Feeding South Florida and Curley’s House who is in a better position than Farm Share. They will come in the city on a monthly basis and anyone that wants to work with him can let him know.

Mayor Taylor reported that she spoke before the Dade Delegation on Monday. She encouraged her colleagues to meet with the City Manager before the Commission Meetings. She further invited everyone to attend the State of the City Address on July 30th at 7:00 p.m.

20. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Clerk Flores informed the City Commission that several boards have vacancies that need to be filled.

21. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Pinder, seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK