

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

“The Great City”

CLERK’S ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

June 10, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Sherbondy Village Auditorium
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, June 10, 2015 in the Auditorium at Sherbondy 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, and Mayor Myra L. Taylor. Also in attendance were: City Manager Kelvin L. Baker, Sr., City Attorney Vincent T. Brown, and City Clerk Joanna Flores. Commissioner Luis B. Santiago arrived at 7:06 p.m. and Commissioner Terence K. Pinder arrived at 7:11 p.m.

3. INVOCATION:

The Invocation was delivered by Commissioner Joseph L. Kelley.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

5. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Mayor Taylor recognized the staff of Jackson North Medical Center for taking care of her husband during his illness.

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: 13-6 (Commissioner Pinder); 13-4 (Commissioner Kelley); 13-5 and 13-8 (Vice Mayor Holmes).

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

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

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Commission Meeting – 05/27/2015

It was moved by Commissioner Pinder, seconded by Commissioner Santiago to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of May 27, 2015.

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

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

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 the Beautification is still open and applications can be picked up from their office.

Commissioner Pinder asked, are they still on track for the bus?

10. PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

1. Mayor's Financial Task Force

Steven Barrett, 540 Sharar Avenue, Opa-locka, FL 33054 appeared before the City Commission on behalf of the Mayor's Task Force and introduce himself as the Chairman.

Roosevelt Bradley appeared on behalf of the Mayor's Task Force and introduced the members of the Task Force. He said they received most of the requested documents; however they are requesting additional time.

Mayor Taylor thanked the Task Force Members for volunteering their time and helping the city.

**2. Annexation Steering Committee
re: Annexation**

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes – 06/10/2015

Enis Burnside appeared before the City Commission on behalf of the North Central Dade Area. Mr. Burnside addressed each Commissioner, starting with Commissioner Kelley who he had an opportunity to observe and listen to as he embark information to the community through his Meet Me Monday meetings. Vice Mayor Holmes who he have observed that he really cares about the citizens of the City of Opa-locka and Commissioner Santiago who voices his concerns about the appearance of impropriety from the perspective of the residents of the City of Opa-locka. He said when he look at Commissioner Pinder he see a prosperous future for the City of Opa-locka and none of what he mentioned could not be possible without Mayor Taylor who he have known for a long time. He said the package they provided today is intended to show the vision of a future marriage between North Central Dade and the City of Opa-locka. North Central Dade wants Opa-locka to annex to State Road 112. They did a great deal of research and it tells them that both areas need each other. Hialeah has 230,000 residents; they have no need for their unincorporated area that has been neglected for more than 50 years. The City of Miami has over 300,000 residents and they don't need any part of their area. The City of North Miami wants no part of them because they have 60,000 residents. The only way that North Central Dade can become a part of a municipality that offers the best hope for economic advancement for North Central Dade is if they become part of the City of Opa-locka.

Dorin Rolle appeared before the City Commission in support of agenda item 13-5. He said they feel the vision the Mayor has to amend the annexation is better than what they would get from any other municipality.

Brian Dennis of 2130 NW 64th Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the City Commission to express his support for agenda item 13-5.

3. War on Poverty-Florida re: Farmers' Market

Karen Landry of 780 Fisherman Street, Ste. 316, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said they would like an opportunity for the Florida Blue Foundation to make an investment in the City of Opa-locka. The citizens have requested to have a Farmers' Market in the city which could create jobs and business development opportunities. They requested a land grant deal to establish a food hub.

Commissioner Santiago asked, what assistance they need from the city?

Ms. Landry said they would like a land grant deal for the property and they pay a certain amount per year.

Commissioner Santiago said he would like to direct the City Manager to begin a study to see if it will help the community.

11. CITIZENS' FORUM:

1. Andre Bryant of 12840 NW 27th Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida appeared before the City Commission and requested permission to utilize the lake for their upcoming events.

They have been serving the community having family fun, back to school distributions for the last seven years.

Vice Mayor Holmes said he frequent the area and he have not observed any wrong doing.

Commissioner Santiago asked, what activities they have?

Mr. Bryant said they ride jet skis and having events for the holidays.

Commissioner Santiago asked the City Manager do the city have liability insurance to protect people in the event something happens at the lake?

Manager Baker replied, no.

Commissioner Santiago asked, is the city responsible for anything that happens there?

Manager Baker replied, yes.

Mayor Taylor requested that the gentlemen go outside and speak to Mr. Chiverton so he can provide a response to the City Commission.

2. Roy Hollaman of 2930 NW 65th Street, Miami, Florida, appeared before the City Commission as Chairman of the Model City CAC Miami-Dade County. He expressed his support of the annexation for the unincorporated area from the 112 expressway to 135th Street into the City of Opa-locka which is needed.

3. John Cook of 14580 NW 27th Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and spoke on agenda item 16A4. Mr. Cook said he supports annexation but he does not think Opa-locka can handle it until the city's image changes. As a longtime resident, Mr. Cook said he is disappointed because people always talk about wanting a clean city but when something is brought before the Commission they find an excuse. The bulk trash and illegal dumping is a major problem in the city.

4. Lamar Cruz of 13831 NW 24th Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared the City Commission and said he is in support of annexation. Mr. Cruz said if the city cleans up the drains because they haven't been cleaned in years and that could prevent the flooding issues.

5. Aundrella Hamed of 9725 NW 14th Avenue, Miami, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and expressed of support for annexation.

6. Alvin Burke of 1240 Jann Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and expressed his support for agenda item 13-5. Mr. Burke said it's not fair to the residents of the city to have a workshop on an item then it's on the agenda the same day. Agenda item 16A4 should be postponed and they should look at other ways to deal with it. His first suggestion is enforcement, if they don't enforce the illegal dumping the problem will still exist.

7. Dante Starks appeared before the City Commission and said he supports the annexation and it's a long time coming and he hope it would include expanding the number of people serving on the Commission. He also said he has a concern with agenda item 16B1. It needs to be looked at because it allows the City Manager to have control in moving the probationary period. He said with regards to the employees, a lot of decisions have to be made, but he hopes it is done in a fair manner.

8. Eric Redmon of 2766 NW 131st Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said he supports agenda item 13-5. He said the Mayor did something that was commendable and outstanding for creating a Financial Task Force. He further said in the past the Mayor asked that they let the City Manager to do his job, now he's going to repeat those words to her. Although a Task Force was created, the City Manager should have the final decision. The City of North Miami Beach was faced with the same problems the City of Opa-locka is having and Mr. Baker was the City Manager that brought them out of it. In addition, Mr. Redmon expressed his support for agenda item 13-8.

Assistant City Manager Chiverton appeared before the City Commission and informed them that the Fathers of Wilmington Street used the lake area for recreational use for the last few years and they have not had any incidents. He recommended that they pull the necessary permits and they have agreed to look into carrying liability insurance and he will provide a response to the Commission by Friday. If things get out of hand then order has to be regained and the Police Department has the right to shut down the activities.

Attorney Brown said if they are going to be required to carry insurance then the city has to be listed as a co-insurer and the policy has to be at least \$1 Million Dollars.

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, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY APPROVED IN RESOLUTIONS 15-9000 AND 15-9001; AND TO RETAIN EDEN LAW OFFICES OF FLORIDA TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY TITLE AND SELLER DOCUMENTS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE SALE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Brown.

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

Commissioner Kelley said the sponsor of the resolution is the City Manager and he thinks it should be the City Attorney. In addition, he is trying to understand why an outside law firm has to be retained for title and sale of documents when the city owns the land. He requested clarity because an amount was not included in the resolution. He asked, who is the sponsor of the legislation?

Manager Baker said this is an Attorney issue.

Attorney Brown said sale of documents and title work are specific in the legal community and not everybody has the specialty to handle it. In speaking with Eden Law Firm it would cost up to \$2,500 per parcel in order to effectuate the sale.

Commissioner Kelley said he would like to see some limitation of what they will pay per parcel. He asked, how will they pay for the retainer fee?

Manager Baker said they will be paid from the proceeds.

Commissioner Kelley said he cannot support the legislation as is, but he can support it with an amendment.

Attorney Brown said the City Commission can amend the legislation to include “up to \$2,500 per parcel”.

Commissioner Santiago said he recalls the city retaining an outside attorney for something similar to this.

Commissioner Kelley said he wants to make an amendment because an amount is not included in the legislation.

Attorney Brown said he hears the concerns from Commissioner Kelley and he have spoken to a representative from Eden Law Firm who stated that it would not cost no more than \$2,500 per parcel and he think that’s a fair amount.

It was moved by Commissioner Kelley, seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes to amend the resolution to retain the Eden Law Firm to prepare the title and sale of docs, and pay the Eden Law Firm up to \$2,500 per parcel for the preparation of the sale of docs.

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

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

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

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

STUDY OF THE REQUEST TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY'S ANNEXATION APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by M.T.*

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Brown.

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

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

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

3. (13-6) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT AN ALTERNATIVE WORK SCHEDULE BY REDUCING THE WORK SCHEDULE TO A 4-DAY WORK WEEK WITH 8 HOURS PER DAY OR A 5-DAY WORK WEEK WITH 6 HOURS PER DAY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.H.*

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Brown.

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

Commissioner Pinder said he received some figures at 5:05 p.m., but anytime someone comes with ideas to help the process he will always supports it, but he wants to support this legislation with an amendment to delete the work "implement" and use the work "study". He applauded the sponsor for the legislation, but he needs time to look at the numbers because he does not want to implement something he has not reviewed.

Commissioner Kelley said as mentioned by his colleague he just received the figures. He said if the legislation was to be implemented it would not cover the entire budget gap. He asked the sponsor if he gave this to the Task Force for consideration?

Vice Mayor Holmes said the Task Force was created by the Mayor, but they all have their own ideas on what they would like to see. He did pass this to the Task Force, but he did this to try to eliminate layoffs. He asked the City Manager how much more will he need to balance the budget?

Manager Baker said it is much more.

Vice Mayor Holmes asked is it close to \$1 Million Dollars?

Manager Baker said it is close to that amount.

Vice Mayor Holmes said his colleagues can come up with other ideas to help balance the budget.

Commissioner Kelley said he commends the Vice Mayor for coming up with this recommendation, but he's been saying since January that they should stop spending unnecessarily and stop authorizing unbudgeted contracts, but this is his first time hearing that the Manager supports this legislation which he haven't heard prior to tonight. He was told this amount was near what it needed to be and it did not fit into the future plan so he needs clarity from the City Manager because it is different from what he was told. He asked, how would this impact the union contracts?

Manager Baker said when they look at the finances they are not looking to just close the budget gap; he is looking for it to go into the next budget year.

Mayor Taylor asked the sponsor, does he have a problem with the amendment that was offered?

Vice Mayor Holmes said he has a problem with the Task Force because that's the Mayor's Task Force and he cannot deal with outside people when dealing with the city's money. He is not going to do anything to harm the city.

Commissioner Pinder said everyone has ideas, but this is not time to point the finger, this is the time for them to come up with a solution.

Commissioner Santiago he agrees with the amendment because that will allow them to review the figures before making a decision.

Vice Mayor Holmes said he would like to continue the item until the next meeting to allow his colleagues to give their concerns.

Commissioner Kelley he would like the item to be voted on and sent to the Task Force to be part of their discussion.

Vice Mayor Holmes withdrew his deferral.

It was moved by Commissioner Pinder, seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes to amend the resolution to delete the word "Implement" and use the work "study".

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

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

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

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

4. (13-8) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DEVELOP CURB YOUR DOG LEGISLATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by L.S.*

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Brown.

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

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

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

13. CONSENT AGENDA:

(13-1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT A VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM PAYABLE FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND WATER AND SEWER RESERVES; 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, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE WAIVER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH LAW FIRM OF WEISS SEROTA, ET AL., IN CONNECTION WITH \$6 MILLION DOLLAR LINE OF CREDIT WITH CITY NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA; 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 CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM ATTACHED HERETO, FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND RESOURCES EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

(13-7) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT A “KEEP OPA-LOCKA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM”; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO CREATE AND SUSTAIN A CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY WHERE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS CAN LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.P.*

The above resolutions were read by title by Attorney Brown.

It was moved by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Commissioner Kelley to pass items 1, 2, 3, and 7, of the consent agenda.

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Pinder	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Holmes	Out of Room
Commissioner Kelley	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

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, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XIV, SECTIONS 2-653 – 2-658 OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by L.S.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Brown.

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

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

Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Commissioner Kelley	Yes
Vice Mayor Holmes	Out of Room
Commissioner Pinder	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA AMENDING THE RATES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Brown.

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

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

Commissioner Kelley	No
Commissioner Pinder	Yes
Vice Mayor Holmes	Out of Room
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER XIII, ARTICLE V OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING COIN OPERATED DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by M.T.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Brown.

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

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

Commissioner Pinder	Yes
Commissioner Kelley	Yes
Vice Mayor Holmes	Out of Room
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLES I THROUGH IV AND ADDING ARTICLE V OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 11, GARBAGE AND TRASH; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF

RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.P.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Brown.

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

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

Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Commissioner Pinder	Yes
Vice Mayor Holmes	Out of Room
Commissioner Kelley	No
Mayor Taylor	Yes

5. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE III OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE III LITTERING, PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.P.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Brown.

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

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

Commissioner Kelley	Yes
Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Holmes	Out of Room
Commissioner Pinder	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

B. SECOND READING ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARING:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING UPDATED ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading held on May 13, 2015). *Sponsored by C.M.*

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for a public hearing.

Dante Starks appeared before the City Commission and requested that the above legislation be deferred until some areas of the ordinance are changed.

Eric Redmon of 2766 NW 131st Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said he supports the City Manager, but if this legislation was created to lay off employees he said the temps need to go first and the secretaries that have assistant needs to go as well. He asked that they do the process the right way.

Lamar Cruz of 13831 appeared before the City Commission and said no one should be laid off because everyone needs their job.

James Oko of 700 South Poinciana Boulevard, Ste. 700, Miami Springs, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said a lot of the employees are part of the union and this is in violation of their contract.

Gregory Cunningham of 1120 Sesame Street, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said the City of Opa-locka has brought the BMG Loan program and most of the employees have the loan and it will be hard for them to pay it back if their hours are reduced.

Vice Mayor Holmes asked, were the employees informed about this legislation?

Manager Baker replied, yes.

Vice Mayor Holmes said he was informed that the employees were not informed.

Manager Baker said this is an administrative Policies and Procedures that governs the employees as a whole. It's not to contradict any bargaining units.

Commissioner Pinder asked, have the employees received a copy of the manual?

Manager Baker said he cannot answer that question. He sent an email out to staff to let them know that it was available in various departments.

Commissioner Pinder said he would like some accountability. He said he is hearing different things and he does not have a comfort level that all the employees have reviewed the document.

Manager Baker said he personally sent an email to every employee informing them that the document was available for their review.

Commissioner Kelley said the question still remains of the uncertainty to the employees of how this will work. He does have concerns so he suggested that the City Manager reach out to the employees and have dialogue with them to hear their concerns.

Manager Baker deferred the above ordinance.

C. RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

17. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Baker reported that the city will soon be recipients of a \$400,000 Brownsfield grant from the EPA. He also received confirmation from the County that the city will receive \$225,000 to renovate the old Cultural Arts Center. In addition, he spoke to the Lobbyist who informed him that it is roughly \$2 Million Dollars at the State level with the city's name on it.

They are finalizing the plans for the renovation at Town Center and after they are complete the city will be transitioning to that facility.

Mr. Baker said the city applied for the Tree City Designation and we were approved. During the month of April we will plant a tree in the city and educate the youth of what makes trees significant.

Commissioner Santiago said the city is in the process of moving to Town Center but he does not see any movement occurring. He asked why are we waiting to have the building cleaned and ready to move?

Manager Baker said there is a process to do it the right way.

Commissioner Santiago asked, when will they start the moving process and how much will be saved. Commissioner Santiago further said he would like to meet with the City Attorney to put a time limit on the Commission speaking at the Commission Meetings.

Commissioner Kelley said the lights on the major corridors are not synchronized and he would like staff to reach out to the county to find out when the last time they did a test on out lights.

Regarding the designation of Tree City USA and to his colleague who sponsored the legislation one of the things they can do that will go towards points for grants is once they start the "Keep Our City Clean" campaign they can utilize some of those events to go towards points.

Mayor Taylor asked the City Attorney have he looked into combining the boards.

Attorney Brown said he is looking to combine the Planning Council and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Commissioner Kelley said if he is wrong he would like the City Manager to send documentation to his colleagues because he is getting concerns from employees and citizens that the city is still giving raises and employees are being hired. If that's the case he wants to know the name of the person, department, and salary. If it is not true then he would like to receive something in writing. At this point, no one should be getting a raise and no hiring. Everything should be frozen until they deal with the budget issues.

18. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

19. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORT:

Commissioner Pinder said he met with the City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney on the process of when they pass legislation. Four months ago they passed a Needs and Necessity Report for every employee in the City of Opa-locka and they failed to provide that to the Commission. With that report they would have been able to match what the Task Force is doing and work smart. He said he expect them to get the procedure together because when the Commission passes legislation they need to take it seriously.

Mayor Taylor said she went to the African American Association of Mayor's Conference in Washington, DC and was congratulated by the EPA for the way the city prepares their grants.

Commissioner Kelley thanked everyone that participated in the Haitian Heritage Celebration. He invited everyone to the Tent Revival hosted by Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Tabor Ministries, and the City of Opa-locka Clergy on June 11th & June 12th. He announced that he will be hosting a Farm Share Food Distribution on June 19th. Commissioner Kelley commended the City Manager and Human Resources Department for their participation in the Summer Job Initiative. He concluded by saying he spoke to Mr. Meadows and he sent him a proposal of which he will be forwarding to his colleagues.

Commissioner Santiago invited all the citizens to the 4th of July event at Ingram Park.

20. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

21. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Vice Mayor Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Pinder to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK