



CITY OF OPA-LOCKA
"The Great City"

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

Friday, November 6, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m.

Sherbondy Village (Auditorium)

**215 President Barack Obama (Perviz) Avenue
Opa-locka, FL 33054**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:**
- 2. ROLL CALL:**
- 3. INVOCATION:**
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- 5. CITIZENS' INPUT:**
Agenda Items Only
- 6. RESOLUTIONS:**
 - a) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, NOTIFYING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 218.503, OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA'S FINANCIAL CONDITION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Mayor & City Commission***
- 7. ADJOURNMENT:**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, NOTIFYING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 218.503, OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA'S FINANCIAL CONDITION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Opa-locka acknowledge that the City is experiencing financial challenges; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Opa-locka have a duty to notify the Governor of the State of Florida when a triggering event occurs as set forth in Florida Statute 218.503 occurs; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Opa-locka acknowledge that a triggering event as set forth in Florida Statute 218.503 has occurred ; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals to the preamble herein are incorporated by reference;

Section 2. The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Opa-locka, Florida, hereby issue their formal notification of a financial emergency, as set forth in EXHIBIT "A," to the Governor of the State of Florida as required by Florida Statute 218.503;

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

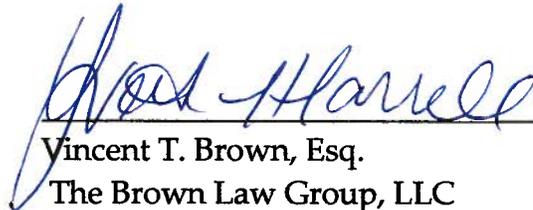
PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Myra L. Taylor
Mayor

Attest to:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Joanna Flores
City Clerk

 OBU The Firm
Vincent T. Brown, Esq.
The Brown Law Group, LLC
City Attorney

Moved by:
Seconded by:
Commissioner Vote:
Commissioner Kelley:
Commissioner Pinder:
Commissioner Santiago:
Vice Mayor Holmes:
Mayor Taylor:



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November 5th, 2015

The Honorable Governor Rick Scott Via Email: Rick.Scott@EOG.MyFlorida.com
State of Florida Governor's Office Marvin.Doyal@EOG.MyFlorida.com
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: City of Opa-locka, Florida, request for financial emergency

Dear Governor Scott,

First and foremost, we, the Mayor and City Commission of the Great City of Opa-locka, Florida, would like to thank you and your staff for taking time to speak with the us, on November 4th, 2015.

As you are aware, on October 22, 2015, as required by *Florida Statute 218.503, Determination of Financial Emergency*, our City Manager Roy Stephen Shiver, Jr., informed your office of several financial conditions that give grave concern to our entire elected leadership. In his correspondence, he discusses briefly the following:

1. Failure to pay uncontested claims from creditors within 90 days....
2. Failure to transfer at the appropriate time, due to lack of funds:
... any pension, retirement, or benefit plan of an employee, and
3. The ongoing struggle to continue to meet obligations for wages and salaries owed to employees....

Due to previous management staff's lack of oversight and not providing timely information, it appears that this financial condition has been in existence for some period of time. Given the urgency, our City Manager requested a meeting to discuss our current situation. As result of the telephone conference with Ms. Miguel of your office, we will be forwarding additional information to your office that will assist in the assessment of the City's financial condition.

As the elected governing body, we recognize the significance of the challenge that lies ahead. That said, we respectfully ask that any and all consideration be given to the City Manager, Roy

Stephen Shiver, and our City Attorney, Vincent T. Brown, as we move through the negotiation process to bring about an amicable solution for all involved.

Rest assured that I and the entire Commission will be supportive and adhere to the direction of your office. We are certain that with your assistance, our professional staff will be able to adequately address and rectify the immediate issues that our City currently faces. We are equally certain that together, we will be able to facilitate and implement the revision of any policies and procedures derived to ensure the long-term viability of the Great City of Opa-locka.

Respectfully,

Honorable Myra Taylor, Mayor
City of Opa-Locka, FL

Honorable Timothy Holmes, Vice Mayor
City of Opa-Locka, FL

Honorable Joseph Kelley, Commissioner
City of Opa-Locka, FL

Honorable Luis B. Santiago, Commissioner
City of Opa-Locka, FL

Honorable Terence K. Pinder, Commissioner
City of Opa-Locka, FL

Cc: Roy Stephen Shiver, Jr., City Manager/City of Opa-Locka
Vincent T. Brown, Esq., City Attorney/ City of Opa-Locka
Marvin Doyal, Audit Director/EOG Office of the Chief Inspector General