

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

“The Great City”

CLERK’S ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, November 12, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Sherbondy Village Auditorium

215 Perviz Avenue

Opa-locka, FL 33054

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Myra L. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2015 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: Mayor Myra L. Taylor, Vice Mayor Timothy Holmes, Commissioner Joseph L. Kelley, Commissioner Terence K. Pinder, and Commissioner Luis B. Santiago. Also in attendance were: City Manager Roy Stephen Shiver, Jr., City Attorney Vincent T. Brown, and City Clerk Joanna Flores.

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:

Isaiah Thomas, an Opa-locka resident, was presented with a proclamation for a job well done as the 2015 Rookie teacher of the Year at the Carrie P. Meek K-8 Center.

Mayor Taylor presented the proclamation that was sponsored by Commissioner Pinder.

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: 2 deferred (Mayor Taylor); 4 deferred, 3 stays (Commissioner Pinder); 3 pulled (Vice Mayor Holmes) 1 pulled (Commissioner Kelley). Ordinance 16.B.1. is deferred until December 9, 2015 (City Manager).

Request to amend the agenda as follows:

NEW ITEMS:

14-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ISSUANCE OF A UNIFIED LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, CONCERNING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTE 218.503 (EXHIBIT "A"); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by Mayor & City Commission

It was moved by Vice Mayor Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Pinder to amend the agenda to include the above resolution as item 14-1.

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

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

14-2: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, REQUIRING THE CITY COMMISSION TO MEET ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS (ON WEEKS WHEN NO FORMAL COMMISSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED) TO DISCUSS, MONITOR AND MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS, SO LONG AS THE CITY IS EXPERIENCING ANY CONDITION UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 218.503; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by Commissioner J. Kelley

It was moved by Commissioner Pinder, seconded by Commissioner Kelley to amend the agenda to include the above resolution as item 14-2.

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

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

14-3: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN WITHIN THE NEXT SIXTY (60) DAYS TO ADDRESS THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by Commissioner T. Pinder

It was moved by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Commissioner Kelley to amend the agenda to include the above resolution as item 14-3.

There being no further 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

14-4: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COMMISSION TO OPERATE AS A BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE FISCAL STATUS OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VIII SECTION 2(B) OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.5(5) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HEARING EXAMINER; CONVENING THE BOARD OF INQUIRY EACH THURSDAY AFTERNOON FROM 2PM UNTIL 5PM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by Commissioner T. Pinder

It was moved by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Commissioner Pinder to amend the agenda to include the above resolution as item 14-4.

There being no further 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

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

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

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Commission Meeting – 10/27/2015

It was moved by Vice Mayor Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Santiago to approve the minutes of the Special Commission Meeting on October 27, 2015.

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

Commissioner Kelley	Yes
Commissioner Pinder	Yes

Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Holmes	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 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 Pinder gave his regards and requested an update on the status of the buses.

Mr. Gardner did not have any updates.

Vice Mayor Holmes told Mr. Gardner that all of the people sitting behind him need transportation (it was participants from the Seniors on the Move program, Parks and Recreation) and to tell Commissioner Jordan to help the program.

10. PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

No public presentations.

Mayor Taylor decided to exercise her position as chairperson and proceeded to address the news media’s focus on the City’s financial situation. She has declined to comment until now.

11. CITIZENS’ INPUT:

John Riley 2953 NW 135th Street, spoke on the fact that his grandson was jumped on his birthday, November 6, 2015 by 3 teenagers and an adult male while he was coming home from school. An officer came by and tased him twice on top of that. He was also arrested. Mr. Riley is requesting that the commission investigate what happened that night, and why the victim became the suspect. Another unarmed, black male.

Era Daniels 13201 NW 28th Avenue #130, spoke on behalf of all of the residents from Arch Bishop that they need the shuttle bus to come inside of the complex for those who cannot walk. She also asked about the bus for the Seniors on the Move program, and praised Commissioner Santiago for getting them to the meeting.

Dorothy Johnson expressed her frustration on the current state of the city. She listed some of her initiatives as commissioner and stated her support for the manager and what he is doing. She was interrupted by the Mayor’s family and while addressing the issues and asked that they not have anything to say while she is talking. She was told by the Mayor and Vice Mayor to only address the dais. She finished speaking on the state of the City.

Ricky James, 1156 Jann Avenue, spoke on behalf of the employees who were layed off and the process that was done inappropriately regarding their termination.

George Howard, President of the United States Association of CDC and the general contractor that built pump station #5. Said he is also the individual that brought current charges against the City Manager. He stated the mayor has never publicly or privately asked for any monies for anything.

He went on to talk about the manager asking him for a bribe in the meeting that they had. He is asking that the Commission get rid of the manager.

Katherine Luis, 13985 NW 22nd Place, expressed her frustration about the fact that her home is constantly flooding when the lake overflows. Her homeowners insurance will not cover the costs to fix the situation or repairs she constantly has to make to her home. The insurance company told her that the City has to fix the issue with her home. Her husband also addressed the situation.

Annie West, 2030 Service Road, wants to know why her grandson was laid off when other employees that have been here for 1-2 years are still here. She hopes the City will make good on bringing back those who were laid off.

Lisa Pena, 1106 Peri Street let the Commission know that they are doing a good job.

Evan Thomas Carter, 1134 Sesame Street, was reminiscent of Opa-locka from 1984 and wants to know when will the City bring back the Crime Prevention Program and the jazz program that was going on in the past?

Mona Dawkins, 2300 Rutland Street, is a former employee that was laid off. She says that the manager told her that the layoffs would be done by protocol, this was not done. She went to get her last check and the police were called on her. She stated that the City needs to be exposed for the way that employees are treated and sexual harassment.

Tavaris Campbell, 2030 Service Road, says he was laid off and he needs a job.

Lamar Cruise, 13831 NW 24th Avenue, stated that the drain fields have been closed/welded for 4-5 years and should be cleaned by now. He stated that the current dais has done right, but they have also done wrong and if they cannot get the job done, they should let someone else do it.

Annie, 1990 Service Road, thanked the entire City for supporting her family after the death of her great nephew Freddie London.

Inaudible, 5561 NW 7th Court, asked if the meetings on the financial situation of the City will be open to the public.

Dr. Mae Christian, 3030 NW 158th Street, expressed her concerns about the state of the City. She stated that the County should forgive the City for the debts that have accrued.

Brian Dennis, 3135 NW 135 Street, wants to commend Commissioner Kelley for the event on Saturday. He says that more people should have showed up to the dedication at Ingram Park. He went on to say that the residents of the City are priority as it relates to employment. The proper hiring practices were not used in the layoffs. Employees that were only here for a few years are still here and veterans were. He also said that deals were made from the past election and that is a part of the conspiracy that is going on with the City.

Sandra Collado presented a letter to the Commission for them to read and provide her with a response. She was not clear as to why she came before the dais.

Sandra Collado asked that the Commission read the letter and provide her with a response before the meeting is over.

Eric Redmon, Villa Francine, spoke on Mayor Taylor's behalf regarding what's being put in the media. He feels that the mayor is being railroaded.

Johnnie Mae Green, 2091 Wilmington Street, spoke about the statements she made in the paper. She stands by her words. She said that three of the current Commissioners were city officials when the City was in a financial crisis the first time and that is a problem. She said that the Commissioners don't know how to talk to people and are disrespectful, they need interpersonal skills training.

Alvin Burke, 1240 Jann Avenue, announced his support of the manager. He addressed the financial issues and let the Commission know that all of the issues were going on before the manager arrived and he should not be made the scape goat regarding the financial situation.

12. ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM: 13-1

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO RETAIN A PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM TO ASSIST IN IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING THE CITY'S IMAGE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by Mayor Taylor.

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Brown.

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

Commissioner Kelley said that the budget for the resolution was sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00), but most of the proposals from six or seven firms came back higher than that amount. The money should be used to bring back employees and pay them what is owed. He said that nobody can tell our story better than we can. He does not support spending any money on a relations firm. Until the finances are in order, this kind of spending should not take place.

Commissioner Pinder removed his second.

Vice Mayor said that the Commission has to start changing their image as a whole for the betterment of the City.

Commissioner Santiago agreed with Vice Mayor Holmes regarding the dais image.

Mayor Taylor said since there was no second on the move, the item will be deferred to a later date, but someone is needed from the outside to help with the City's image.

ITEM 13-3

13-3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY'S CURRENT CABLE TV SERVICE PROVIDER FOR ENHANCED SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR OPA-TV; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.P.*

I was moved for discussion by Vice Mayor Holmes, and seconded by Commissioner Santiago.

Vice Mayor Holmes spoke about the e-mail that was sent by Commissioner Pinder and the City Attorney informed him that the e-mail was unrelated to the resolution.

Commissioner Santiago asked the sponsor if the City will benefit from the resolution. Commissioner Pinder said that in 1996 when he worked as a camera man for the City, the cable station went from channel 9 to channel 77 with no upgrades. It costs about forty to one hundred thousand dollars to have the upgrades done for a more modern look. The area on 17th Avenue where former City Clerk Deborah Sheffield lives cannot access the City's TV channel. negotiations need to be done.

Commissioner Kelley supports the items and wants to know if the negotiations can be done in less than sixty days. He supports the legislation but does not want to tie up the resolution.

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

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

ADD ON ITEM 14-1

14-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ISSUANCE OF A UNIFIED LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, CONCERNING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTE 218.503 (EXHIBIT "A"); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Mayor & City Commission*

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for citizen's input.

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

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

Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Kelley	Yes

Commissioner Pinder Yes
Mayor Taylor Yes

14-2: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, REQUIRING THE CITY COMMISSION TO MEET ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS (ON WEEKS WHEN NO FORMAL COMMISSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED) TO DISCUSS, MONITOR AND MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS, SO LONG AS THE CITY IS EXPERIENCING ANY CONDITION UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 218.503; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by Commissioner J. Kelley

Mayor Taylor opened up the floor for citizen's input.

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

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

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

14-3: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN WITHIN THE NEXT SIXTY (60) DAYS TO ADDRESS THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by Commissioner T. Pinder

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for citizen's input.

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

Commissioner Pinder spoke on the fact that the Commission was unified and working in one direction.

Commissioner Kelley says that the Dais has to come up with a plan for the next sixty days to expedite moving forward and fixing the finances. If the manager is terminated now, it will slow down the process as he is already involved with the governor's office and working on fixing the finance issues. Whatever plan that the Commission is going to adopt needs to be done within thirty days. The future of the City Manager needs to be decided as soon as possible.

Commissioner Pinder said that this is not the Terence Pinder resolution and anyone that wants to add to it can do so. He accepts the thirty days and whatever amendments need to be made and he seconds it after the motion.

Vice Mayor Holmes accepts the amendment to thirty days.

Commissioner Kelley expressed that he wants this done within thirty days.

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

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

ADD ON ITEM 14-4

14-4: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COMMISSION TO OPERATE AS A BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE FISCAL STATUS OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VIII SECTION 2(B) OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.5(5) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HEARING EXAMINER; CONVENING THE BOARD OF INQUIRY EACH THURSDAY AFTERNOON FROM 2PM UNTIL 5PM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by Commissioner T. Pinder

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for citizens input on item 14-4.

John Riley, 2953 NW 135 Street, supports the resolution and the commission convening to address the financial situation.

Sandra Collado approached the podium to discuss the letter that she gave to each member of the Commission and was told that the forum was for item 14-4 only, but that her letter will be read.

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

Commissioner Kelley wanted to know the selection process for the two residents convening on the board, to the Sponsor.

Commissioner Pinder's recommendation is to bring the item back at the next meeting and everyone will give their input.

Commissioner Kelley agreed that the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Commissioner Santiago asked why the item is being deferred when there is only thirty days to get a handle on the finances.

Commissioner Pinder said it is necessary for the item to be deferred so that that the Commission can provide input.

Commissioner Pinder requested to adjust the item that Vice Mayor Holmes made them take off the table.

It was moved by Commissioner Kelley, and seconded by Commissioner Pinder to reconsider agenda item 14-2.

Mayor Taylor wants a day and a time when the meetings regarding the resolution will start.

The Mayor requested a roll call by the City Clerk to open the item for discussion. It was agreed by all.

Commissioner Kelley says the meetings should be conducted during the day on Thursdays without the formal setting of the Commission meeting.

The first meeting was decided for Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 12:00 – 2:00p.m. on the second floor of the City Hall building in the ballroom.

Commissioner Kelley does not the meeting at night especially if citizens provide input and the meeting is going on until 11 or 12 o'clock at night.

The City Attorney said that if the meetings are properly advertised, it should not be a problem.

Commissioner Santiago was confused about the frequency of the meetings. He said that he works Monday through Friday and cannot come to too many meetings. He works every day.

Commissioner Kelley cleared it up by stating that the finance meetings would be two times a month.

Mayor Taylor reiterated the schedule for the meetings.

Commissioner Santiago wants to know the frequency in which he has to attend meetings.

City Attorney Brown explained that the Charter requires that there be eleven (11) meetings per year and you can only miss two. The finance meetings are not considered regular Commission meetings and the Charter does not apply to them.

Mayor Taylor wants to know if a quorum is needed in the finance meetings.

City Attorney Brown stated that if there will be voting then a quorum is needed. He suggested that they add to the resolution to schedule the meetings on the first and third Thursdays of the month until the City's finances are in order.

Commissioner Pinder wanted to let Commissioner Santiago to know that he does work during the week as well. And will be getting married next month so his wife will be at Commission meetings as well.

City Attorney Brown read the amendment to resolution 14-2 to include the finance meeting date, time, and location.

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

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

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

Mayor Taylor made a motion on the actual resolution.

It was moved by Commissioner Pinder, seconded by Commissioner Santiago.

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

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

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II SECTION 2-45 BY CREATING ARTICLE II SECTION 2-45 (D), LIMITING THE NUMBER OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (RESOLUTIONS) A MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION MAY SPONSOR PER COMMISSION MEETING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by M.T. and L.S.

It was moved by Commissioner Santiago, and seconded by Commissioner Pinder to pass the ordinance on the first reading.

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

Commissioner Kelley	Yes
Commissioner Pinder	Yes

Commissioner Santiago	Yes
Vice Mayor Holmes	Yes
Mayor Taylor	Yes

City Attorney Brown Stated that ordinance 16. B. 1. Was removed from the agenda and deferred.

B. SECOND READING ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARING:

City Attorney Brown stated that ordinance 16 B 1 was deferred.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-22, SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION SAFETY PROGRAM, ARTICLE X, CREATING SECTION 15-137 CLARIFYING THE PENALTY AND PROVIDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading held on October 14, 2015). Sponsored by C.M.

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for public hearing. There were no persons to speak on the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

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

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

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

17. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Mayor Taylor asked the City Manager for a report. He had nothing to report.

Commissioner Kelley addressed the fact that citizens and employees arrive at the beginning of the meetings expecting to hear the manager speak on issues. The meetings are so long that by the time the Manager gets to speak or give his report, the residents and employees have left the meeting. He said something has to be done about this. He spoke on the employee that was thrown out of the building and said that the situation was not fair. He wants to ensure that the correct action was taken regarding the layoffs. The question was for the Manager and the City Attorney.

City Manager Shiver said that there were several meetings with the Union president and the AFSCME rep as well as the members. The proper procedure was done regarding the layoffs.

City Attorney Brown said that he was present for several meetings with everyone involved and the proper steps were taken.

Commissioner Kelley said that he hears what the manager and attorney have explained, but the employees who were laid off are gone and do not get to hear a response from management about the layoffs. He wants public and employee issues to be addressed by management while the people are here to hear it. He does not know the seniority of the employees and relies on the manager and the attorney to conduct the business in order. He wants a committee formed to address employee issues. It is awkward for him to hear about issues he is not familiar with. He wants to know where the manager is with the legislative package, and the information he is sending to Tallahassee.

City Manager Shiver said he will have the documents sent over to the Commission on tomorrow and plans for it to be sent to Tallahassee on next week. The legislative package is not complete; he is still working on it.

Commissioner Kelley said that the legislative package should have a tie in with that he requested and with what is being sent to Tallahassee.

Mayor Taylor wanted clarity on Commissioner Kelley's request from the manager. One is for the Paper work being sent to the governor's office and the legislative package which will also contain information about the City's financial state.

Commissioner Santiago said he paid attention to the Mayor's speech and he is proud of her. He says that if he has a problem at his house, he keeps the problem at his house. He does not put his business out there for all to see. The Commission needs to stick together. He is not afraid of anybody and wants the City to move forward and not tear anyone down.

Commissioner Pinder said that the City Manager has to fix the problem with the mayor because she should not have had to get up out of her seat during a Commission meeting to address issues that have affected her personally. We all have to be one team and so the manager has to fix this situation. The mayor is upset and it does not sit well with him.

Mayor Taylor addressed the letter from Sandra Collado about Hispanic representation in the City for residents.

Mayor Taylor told the City Manager the order in which he should send out correspondences to the Commission. The mayor and vice mayor should be first, followed by the Commissioners in order of Seniority, not David Chiverton.

The mayor questioned the information she requested from the manager and told him if he could not deliver he should have said something to her.

City Manager Shiver told her that he did send her a response on last week answering all of the questions she had in red, and Delia Kennedy also provided a response to the request for information.

Mayor Taylor requested the e-mail by the following day.

Mayor Taylor asked the Commission for their input as it related to the next city commission meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Kelley, seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes, to cancel the Regular Commission Meeting of November 25, 2015 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

There being no further 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

18. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

No reports at this time.

19. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORT:

Commissioner Santiago announced Thanksgiving dinner at bingo on November 20, 2015.

Commissioner Pinder announced Vice Mayor Holmes Turkey Giveaway on November 23, 2015

Commissioner Kelley announced his monthly Town Hall meeting as well as his monthly community meeting at Belkuchy's Restaurant on the second Monday of each month; weekly prayer is on the first Wednesday; and monthly food distribution will be on next Friday at 10:00a.m. at Segal Park. He met with Farm Share and a discussion for the food distribution to begin early next year at Sherbondy Park. He reported his attendance at the booster club opening at Sherbondy Park; taking the seniors on a fishing trip that was a success; hosting the Community Fun Day groundbreaking at Ingram Park on this past Saturday. Commissioner Kelley suggested a vote on the future of the manager immediately so the dais can move on and not hold up the progress.

Vice Mayor Holmes says he always tries to support all of his colleagues. Since 1994 he made the decision that it's not what the City can do for him but what he can do for the City. Everyone needs that same attitude. He has been receiving calls questioning the severity on the current state of the City. He says if God keeps him going, he will do something about it. He says before people open their mouths, they should think. They should know when to hold and know when to fold them. If you have to walk away sometimes and think about it and make the statement again, do that. Just don't stand up there running off at the mouth because you have an opportunity to say this and say that. You don't who you might hurt when you stand there and open your mouth. He says that we will make the City better and if we can't do it we should walk away.

Commissioner Kelley said that the Thanksgiving fellowship that was scheduled for Saturday has been canceled. Some participants had prescheduled commitments.

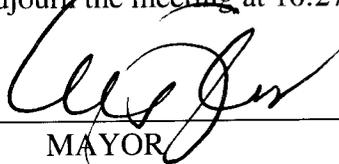
Mayor Taylor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

20. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

It was deferred because some appointments were not added.

21. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Commissioner Pinder to adjourn the meeting at 10:27p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK