

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA
"The Great City"

CLERK'S ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

July 14, 2010

7:00 P.M.

City Commission Chambers

777 Sharazad Boulevard

Opa-locka, FL 33054

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Joseph L. Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 777 Sharazad Boulevard, Opa-locka, Florida.

2. ROLL CALL:

The following members of the City Commission were present: Commissioner Dorothy Johnson, Vice Mayor Myra L. Taylor, Commissioner Rose Tydus, Commissioner Timothy Holmes and Mayor Joseph L. Kelley. Also in attendance were: City Manager Clarence Patterson, City Attorney Joseph S. Geller and City Clerk Deborah S. Irby.

3. INVOCATION:

The Invocation was delivered by Mayor Joseph L. Kelley.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Clerk Irby advised of the request to amend the agenda to include the following resolutions under agenda item 13 (new items):

13-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA AND HORIZON BUILDERS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ALI BABA ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by C.M.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tydus to amend the agenda to include the above resolution as item 13-1 (new items).

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

Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

13-2: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA TO APPROVE A WAIVER OF \$50,406.58 ON THE CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13300 ALEXANDRIA DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.H.*

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes and died for a lack of second.

13-3: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO ALLOW APPROVAL FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO FILL THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR; PROVIDING FOR RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

It was moved by Commissioner Tydus and died for a lack of second.

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

Commissioner Johnson pulled agenda items 16-3 and 16-5 from the Consent Agenda. (these items would be discussed separately under agenda item 12: Action Items).

Attorney Geller advised the commission that item 15 A1 should read sponsored by Commissioner Holmes.

Clerk Irby advised the commission that item 16-3 (Consent Agenda) should read sponsored by Mayor Kelley.

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

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

Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

7. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Vice Mayor Taylor presented Dr. Carroll Storr, Officer Cory Smith, and Danovan Downer with a plaque in honor of Father's Day. She also presented a plaque and street sign to the family of Mother E. Jean Pruett in honor of her street co-designation.

Mayor Kelley presented a plaque and street sign to the family of Doretha J. Parker in honor of her street co-designation.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Commission Meeting – 06/23/2010

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice Mayor Taylor to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of June 23, 2010.

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

Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

9. DISTRICT ONE - COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Larry Gardner, Community Liaison for County Commissioner Barbara Jordan (District 1) came forward and mentioned that he does not have a report at this time.

Commissioner Johnson said she left several messages for Ms. Edward, CAA because she is concerned with the proposal that the Community Action Agency (CAA) is proposing to outsource the head start program.

10. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

11. PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

- 1. Jim McGinn**
Florida League of Cities
re: Presentation of Check to the City

Jim McGinn of the Florida League of Cities came forward and presented the city with a check in the amount of \$50,068.00 because the City of Opa-locka is part of the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for return of property premiums since there have been successful years for being conservative and the city's surplus has grown. The board approved the return of premium and \$35,000.00 which will be returned to the city.

- 2. Terence Pinder**
re: Welfare of the City

Terence Pinder of 941 Ali-Baba Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission to thank them for making the last budget proposal the worst he has ever seen in his tenure of being in the City of Opa-locka. He mentioned that the commission has scared the seniors in the community because they think inmates will be cutting the alleyways, disrupting the staff by having them worrying that they will be laid off, scaring the homeowners because they are thinking their services will be decreased. He said seven months ago the city was in a surplus and now there's a deficit.

He further mentioned that the city has the obligation to move the millage rate to take care of the gaps. Months ago there were discussion about the water bill and how the citizens pay the same as those living in Bunche Park, Westview Terrace and Miami-Dade County. Those people don't vote and they should not get the same treatment as the residents have in this community. There should not be a sliding scale for residents in the City of Opa-locka. The commission knows that the sliding scale was proposed with the consultants to put money in the enterprise fund, to do road improvements, and other things. The directors and staff that is employed in the water department is being paid the high salaries out of the enterprise fund, what about the public works staff that cleans the man holes to assure the city works properly.

He continued by saying its amazing to him that the commission is talking about laying off staff but an item has been presented to the commission to retract a ratification for someone that has been hired from out of town to work for our city when we have people unemployed in this city.

Mayor Kelley said to Mr. Pinder that he was at the workshop and that's exactly what it was a Budget Workshop. The City Commission has not made any final decisions, the City Manager proposes the budget, but the Commission makes the final decision. He does not want him nor any one else to think they need to be scared about anything.

He further mentioned that the citizens will be informed of what's going on and they will have participation in the budget process.

He further re-iterated that the City Commission will make the final decision pertaining to the budget.

Vice Mayor Taylor said she wanted to say something behind Mr. Pinder comments because she is disturbed, but she will wait because two more people are speaking under public presentations.

Mayor Kelley said he would like to let the public speak on Public Presentation and Citizens Forum.

No, I will comment after Public Presentation, said Vice Mayor Taylor.

Mayor Kelley informed Vice Mayor Taylor that she will have the opportunity to speak when they get to the appropriate forum. He further said he does not want to open a different dialogue and put out false information.

Vice Mayor Taylor told the Mayor there's no false information, she has the same information he has. She said she too is disturbed by what happened and she would like to have something to say after the public presentations and she have a right to talk, she too is a elected official.

Mayor Kelley told Vice Mayor Taylor that she will be heard and he will allow her to speak at the appropriate time.

3. Alvin Burke
re: Welfare of the City

Alvin Burke of 540 Sharar Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said he appeared before the commission on June 23, 2010 with concerns to a payment for the Community Garden.

He further mentioned that the Mayor always said that you are not allowed to call names when you are addressing the commission; however one of the commissioners was allowed to call resident's name. He is a resident of this city and he is due the same respect. If commissioners are allowed to call names, then the residents should be allowed to do the same.

He continued by saying he is concerned because employees are afraid of losing their jobs, and citizens are saying prisoners will be cutting the alleys. He suggests if the city does not have money then the commission should consider moving out of Town Center One back to Historic City Hall. He said the city will save a half million dollars on rent.

He said a few meetings ago the Mayor said the city was trying to purchase Town Center One. The city is spending a lot of money on a building that the citizens don't own. If there's a problem with rats and mold at Historic City Hall then fix it instead of talking about laying off employees or cutting back on services just to occupy Town Center One.

He further said if the city leaves Town Center One within the next few years they would have saved enough money to build a new City Hall or the building would go into foreclosure because the citizens of Opa-locka are the only people keeping it out of foreclosure.

4. Steven Barrett
re: Welfare of the City

Steven Barrett of 633 Sharar Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida, appeared before the City Commission and said the citizens know the commission only had a workshop to discuss the budget and no final decisions were made. As taxpayers they have gone through this process before and he realizes that municipalities all over the United States are cutting back. He said the commission should only be concerned that the citizens have quality service. There's no need for a show because its campaign time.

He continued by saying the City of Opa-locka has been Blessed more than any other city because none of the employees were laid off, in fact the commission just gave the employees a raise a few months ago.

He further mentioned that the commission will have a budget workshop to come up with decisions to present to the taxpayers and that's the process. He said he always hear about senior programs but there are disabled people in the community as well as seniors.

11a. CITIZENS' FORUM:

Vice Mayor Taylor said, Mr. Mayor are you denying me the opportunity to speak?

Mayor Kelley said no, I am not denying you, but I want to get all of the citizens input before his colleagues speak.

Vice Mayor Taylor said that means she is being denied at this time.

Mayor Kelley said no, you are not being denied, he only wants to hear from the citizens, and then his colleagues will have the opportunity to speak.

1. Pastor Celeste Fitzpatrick of 2523 Opa-locka Boulevard, Apt. 241, Opa-locka, Florida appeared before the City Commission to voice her concerns. She mentioned that the city needs a gym for the police officers because they need to get in shape.

She further said she would like to know if the City of Opa-locka can incorporate the half of vote meaning she can vote in this city and somewhere else.

In addition, she said she spoke to the City Manager and Chief of Police because Gardenia Gardens needs cameras because she was outside around 2:30 and she saw four young men trying to break into cars.

She continued by suggesting that pastors are invited to the town hall meetings.

Nazih Chamoun of 13300 Alexandria Drive, Opa-locka, FL 33054 appeared before the City Commission to inform them that he sold his building in 2007 and the property was in good condition at that time. The new owner neglected the building and has problems with the bank so he got the property back. When he acquired the property he noticed that there is \$50,000.00 worth of code enforcement liens on the property.

He asked that the City Commission assist him in having the code enforcement liens waived. He also said he asked for assistance with the water liens but he was told no, because the city has a commitment with the water that has to be paid. He set up a payment plan to pay \$3,000.00 every month for one year.

Gail Miller of 14235 NW 22 Place, Opa-locka, FL 33054 appeared before the City Commission and thanked them for the Segal Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She said she really enjoyed the event even though the sign that reads Helen L. Miller should be larger.

Alvin Burke of 540 Sharar Avenue, Opa-locka, FL 33054 appeared before the City Commission and said he is not before the commission for a show; he is sincere when he say the city is wasting money by utilizing Town Center One.

He further said he is a concerned citizen that is concerned about the city and he loves his city. He supports the Mayor and Commissioners.

Steven Barrett of 633 Sharar Avenue, Opa-locka, FL 33054 appeared before the City Commission and said the article that was in the Miami Times was very sad to talk about someone mother.

He further said a person that can not vote does not have a voice. Brian Dennis can not blame the Mayor or Congressman Meek because they don't go to jail, do drugs, or because they love their mother.

He said a lot people don't like what they see and they will continue to agree and disagree with the commission. Mr. Barrett said there's a conspiracy with people who want to be elected and they are pushing this agenda in the Miami Times. This week the newspaper article also spoke about Commissioner Johnson.

Terence Pinder of 941 Ali-Baba Avenue, Opa-locka, FL appeared before the City Commission and wanted to talk about the dollars, employees, enterprise fund, why some employees get paid 100% out of the enterprise fund when employees at public works are the lowest paid in Miami-Dade County.

He said when he served on the commission a few years ago they changed banks to get a better interest rate.

He further mentioned that the commission knows they have the power to direct the City Manager to do the right thing and they have the power to find money. The commission finds \$50,000.00 every month to occupy one floor at Town Center One.

He would like to come with a solution first because that's fair to the citizens and employees.

Vice Mayor Taylor said she is disturbed by the suggestions that were made to the commission at the budget workshop. In 2008 over 1600 people voted for her so it is her duty to be the voice for the people. She walks the streets and knocks on doors but it is more of bringing government to the people and she must address the concerns of the citizens.

She further said the people only want three things and that is a safe city, clean city, and someone to listen to them. Today a resident called her and she was able to get the Public Works Department to pour 160 feet of sidewalk and three 4 feet pot holes that was messed up for four years and that means the service in our city is too slow.

She said there are flooding problems throughout the city. Some people can not get into their homes and businesses can not service their customers because of the flooding.

She continued to say that staff conducted a power point presentation for the budget workshop that left out pertinent information that the commission needed to have a full picture of where the money is.

She agrees with some of the commissioners that said the money is wrong. She said at the budget workshop the City Manager told the commission that the city has a 3 Million Dollar deficit and to fix it he recommended to cut senior services by \$5,000.00 which was not worth mentioning because the top level staff can donate some of their pay towards those services.

She also said the manager mentioned eliminating public works equipment, police cars, and worst of all get rid of 23 jobs. That's 23 families without income and some of those families live in the City of Opa-locka, then she said who's going to choose the 23 employees.

She further reiterated that she will not support that recommendation to lay off employees. It appears that the solution for the City of Opa-locka is whenever there's a deficit you just fire people and that it not the answer.

Vice Mayor Taylor said the City Manager's staff informed the commission a few months ago that everything was alright and stable in this city. The commission voted on a resolution to freeze non essential hiring and non essential spending. Now you are asking the commission to ratify hiring. She said the City Commission only hires the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk. It has been brought to her attention that a hiring package has been prepared and the person is already employed when the commission is just getting a resolution to ratify hiring tonight. She said that is disrespectful to the commission and not fair to the people.

She further said they need someone that's working for the commission to assess the budget including the enterprise fund and give the commission a true picture for the people.

Vice Mayor Taylor said she would like to make a motion to hire Harvey, Covington, and Thomas LLC to assess the budget with a complete audit and bring it back to the Commission with another workshop.

She said the gap may have been created by staff now they want the commission to fill the gap. She said she is a business person and she knows where to put money in order to use it when you are ready. She asked for a second to her motion.

Vice Mayor Taylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to bring Harvey, Covington, and Thomas CPA firm to assess this budget for the commission purpose to let them have a better picture of where the money is.

Commissioner Johnson said for the record the name is Harvey, Covington, Thomas, LLC.

She further said she agree with Vice Mayor Taylor and she's been saying for years that something is wrong with the money and she is glad that a light bulb has gone off and she totally support it because its business.

Commissioner Holmes said he was not at the Budget Workshop, but that's exactly what it was a Workshop to sit down and come up with ideas, nothing goes into effect until it goes before the commission for approval.

He further said the Finance Director informed the Commission months ago that the city had a 1.7 Million Dollar deficit, he questioned it and nothing took place from his colleagues. He said a while back he also asked to have an independent auditor come in along with Mr. Harvey to perform an audit on the budget and he didn't get any support.

He said Vice Mayor Taylor made a motion and Commissioner Johnson seconded it but the agenda needs to be amended first.

Commissioner Holmes said the City Manager already hired someone to serve as Director of Community Develop and he has a resolution for the commission to look at, however it was not passed to be added to the agenda. He asked the commission to reconsider putting the resolution on the agenda to allow the commission the opportunity to discuss the item. He also sponsored a resolution to give Mr. Chamoun some relief on his code enforcement liens.

After serving as chairman on the code enforcement board in 1982-1983 he is familiar with what the state says pertaining to Code Enforcement Boards and how they grant city's the right to have the board. It is not a money making mechanism, it's for people to come into compliance. He would like for the commission to reconsider that resolution to be added to the agenda as well.

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

Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

Mayor Kelley said he would like to make something very clear and this will be his last time saying it. He is the Mayor of the City of Opa-locka and has allowed everyone to speak for the last four years, as usual he allows the citizens to speak first then allow his colleagues anytime they need to express their concerns. He will not tolerate campaigning from the dais. He said everyone serving on the commission is elected by the people and all of them are concerned about the people. Each one of the elected officials can meet with the manager to express your concerns and that was exactly what it was, a workshop. He was the first to express to the City Manager the need to make sure they schedule a workshop so the commission and the citizens will understand the numbers as it relates to

the tax assessments that will be coming out on July 1ST and the impact they will have on the city.

He further reiterated that it was just a workshop and they would come back after the City Manager met with each commissioner individually with additional workshops so the community will know what is going on. He wanted to have the workshop early so they would not have to wait until the end of September to figure out numbers.

He further said the City Manager presented a workshop and they all expressed their concerns at that time from cutting senior services to obviously laying off employees which nobody wants to do.

He said he will not engage into a conversation about someone being more concerned than others. They are the governing body and they will make the final decision that is best for the citizens.

He continued by saying who ever the auditor is they do not work for the City Manager nor the Finance Department, the auditor works directly for the City Commission. When Mr. Harvey gave his audit report a few months ago he made it very clear what needed to be done and if there were challenges they could have been notated at that time.

Mayor Kelley further said all of them are concerned that's why they serve but don't prey on the mind set of the people as though the commission is unconcerned about what is going on. He said now the city has reserves, it might not be what they would like for it to be, but the city have improved.

He continued by saying all of sudden there's a conversation that the city has hit rock bottom. Every other city across the country is having financial challenges. The commission does not want to see employees being laid off, in fact the commission just gave the employees some relief and they are still looking for ways to decrease the challenges with the citizen's water bills.

He further said he do not want the commission meetings to get into a conversation of politics and campaigning because the voters decide that, he just want them to do what's best for the city.

Commissioner Holmes asked for the commission to reconsider adding items 13-2 and 13-3 of the add on items to the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Mayor Taylor to amend the agenda to add item 13-2 (new items) to the agenda.

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

Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Out of room
Mayor Kelley	Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Tydus to amend the agenda to add item 13-3 (new items) to the agenda.

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

Vice Mayor Taylor	No
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Out of room
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

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

16-3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT (FPL), CITYWIDE STREET LIGHTING PROJECT, AT AN INCREASED ANNUAL COST OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FOUR CENTS (\$13,335.84) AND A ONE-TIME INSTALLATION FEE OF \$4,732.92; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by J.K.*

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tydus to pass the above resolution.

Commissioner Johnson asked, what account will the funds be taken from?

Commissioner Johnson said she has asked several times for the account number to be listed anytime money is being spent.

Faye Douglas said the funds will be coming from account number 19-519430 (Electric, Gas, & Water).

Mayor Kelley said some of the challenges were additional lighting in the city and this is an effort to improve the lighting.

Commissioner Johnson said FPL may have contractors and she would like for their vehicles to be identified and they should be wearing identification that they are from Florida Power & Light.

She directed the City Attorney to make sure identification requirements are included in the negotiation process.

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

16-5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE THE LIEN BALANCE ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1316 DUNAD AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.H.*

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to pass the above resolution.

Commissioner Johnson asked, what is the violation on 1316 Dunad Avenue?

Gerald Lee informed the commission that there are different violations on that property, some of them were dumping, illegal trash, and at risk openings. There were windows and doors open at that address. The cost could be as much as \$500.00 per opening.

Commissioner Johnson said she met with some citizens and they provided her with photographs of violations at said address.

She further said Mr. Lee did not mention anything about car repairs. She has a copy of the violations at that property and none of them are what he mentioned.

Commissioner Holmes said this property was brought to his attention for overgrown weeds in the yard and trash being on the property. According to the city's charter they have a right to do certain mechanic work on their property. The commission has the right to remove any liens.

Mr. Lee apologized for the information he provided. He said he thought Commissioner Johnson was asking about the property located at 13300 Alexandria Drive and his answer was based on that property.

Commissioner Johnson said she will be willing to work with someone that is trying to purchase a building, but for a person that constantly receive violations she think they should be given consideration for a plan.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked, is the address a home and have they gone before the special magistrate?

Mr. Lee said yes it is a home and they have gone before the special magistrate.

Vice Mayor Taylor said the cost is not a lot of money, why haven't staff done some sort of payment plan with the citizen?

She further said she don't want to open up Pandora's Box. There are a lot of liens throughout the city and you don't want a parade of them coming before the commission before they speak to staff.

Mr. Lee said it would be a positive thing to allow staff the opportunity to deal with these situations if the commission adopts an ordinance that would give them the ability to mediate and take care of the issue.

Vice Mayor Taylor said she think that is a good idea and she will sponsor that ordinance.

Commissioner Tydus said she too has the same concerns as Vice Mayor Taylor.

She asked how long the lien has been outstanding.

Mr. Lee was uncertain of the time. He said staff is able to negotiate and work things out with the citizen prior to the lien going before the special magistrate. Once the special magistrate makes a determination then staff can not make any changes.

He said they are not trying to collect money; they are only trying to bring people into compliance.

Commissioner Tydus asked, was it the special magistrate determination of the lien in the amount of \$287.61.

Mr. Lee replied, yes.

Commissioner Tydus said she is most concerned about being equitable, what you do for one you should do for all.

Commissioner Holmes said he is hearing a lot of discussion about staff not having the authority, but when Mr. Spanner was employed by the city he waived many liens for the citizens. The Code Enforcement Board has the authority to remove liens. He said he will not balance the budget off the citizens in the community.

He further said the commission has the authority to remove liens. The City Manager said he was going to have a amnesty program but nothing has come before the commission.

Commissioner Holmes directed the City Manager and the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance or resolution for an amnesty program.

Commissioner Johnson said she doesn't think her colleagues have a copy of the documents, so she will read it for the record and it read as follows: It's a Special Master decision for the address in question. At that time the citation back on November 24, 2009

was dismissed by the special master. After the dismissal it continued, it's over six or more violations.

She said the dismissal should have got the citizens' attention, but it didn't in her opinion.

Mayor Kelley said it's been a lot of discussion on the item and he is always concerned about waiving lien balance without having all the proper information.

Commissioner Holmes said he drive by the home everyday and the owner is rarely home. He said he never saw any cars being repaired at that property.

There being no further discussion, the motion failed by a 4-1 vote.

Commissioner Johnson	No
Commissioner Tydus	No
Vice Mayor Taylor	No
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Mayor Kelley	No

13. NEW ITEMS:

13-1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA AND HORIZON BUILDERS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ALI BABA ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by C.M.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to pass the above resolution.

Mayor Kelley asked for staff to provide the commission with an account number.

Faye Douglas advised the commission that the account number for the Ali-Baba Roadway Improvements is 44-541818.

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

Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

13-2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA TO APPROVE A WAIVER OF \$50,406.58 ON THE CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13300 ALEXANDRIA

DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.H.*

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

Commissioner Holmes said the owner of the property expressed his concerns to the commission and he stated that he just bought the property.

He said the owner is willing to pay for water liens, but is asking the commission to assist him with the code enforcement lien balance.

Commissioner Holmes said the commission has the right to adjust or remove any code enforcement liens in this city and he would like to help this business owner.

He said if the commission wish to change the amount from what he recommended then they have the ability to change it.

Vice Mayor Taylor said if the title of the resolution the amount reads \$50,000.00.

She asked, is the sponsor saying he went down to \$15,000.00?

Commissioner Holmes said the total amount of the liens is over \$65,000.00 and he informed the owner of the property that he will have to pay something towards the liens so he sponsored the resolution to lower the amount from \$65,000.00 to \$50,000.00 leaving the owner with a balance of \$15,000.00 to pay.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked, are any of these code enforcement liens from the previous owner and how much is from the new owner?

She said if he just purchased the property, then he will not be responsible for the liens.

Mr. Lee said liens follow property not ownership. The liens occurred when he was not the owner.

Commissioner Johnson said when someone is buying a property normally before the sale exchange the liens are impacted. She asked, what happened in this case?

Attorney Geller said it is his understanding that Mr. Chamoun sold the property and retained a mortgage on it, he had to foreclose and take the property back. It is his understanding that he is taking the property back and in doing so the liens are attached to the property and he is subject to the liens as well.

Commissioner Johnson said she would like to have some of the cost waived but not as low as \$50,000.00. She would like to ask the sponsor to amend the resolution.

She asked the City Manager is there a plan of action to assist?

Manager Patterson said the only plan of action to assist is to get the amnesty program into affect to address these issues.

Commissioner Johnson asked, have any of these liens been corrected?

Mr. Lee said that property is an ongoing day to day challenge.

Commissioner Johnson said that answer is not acceptable.

Manager Patterson said the Criss Cross Hotel had the same situation as this property. People live in the property, they board the property up and people go back into the building again and they are having the same challenges at this location.

Commissioner Johnson asked is the property in livable conditions?

Mr. Lee replied, no. The property owner has to make some repairs to bring the building in compliance.

Commissioner Johnson asked is anyone living at the property?

Mr. Lee said not legally that's why the owner has been closing the property to try and have it secured.

Commissioner Johnson said she is willing to have the amount adjusted and set up a payment plan with the owner.

Commissioner Tydus said Mr. Lee was correct when he said liens follow property and as a business owner you understand along with business comes risk and liability.

She further mentioned that she will be willing to work out a payment plan and a compliance plan, but to waive a lien she is not in favor of.

Mayor Kelley said he would not like for them to be in the business of waiving liens. He think the owner should have met with the City Manager to work out a payment plan because once you start waiving liens on property that is acquired or re-acquired then you will have some people that will use that to avoid liens on the property.

He further said he would like to see the building in compliance and livable, but he think they set a bad precedence if they are going to waive liens.

He said he will like to suggest to his colleagues if they would like to assist the owner in trying to get the property in a livable condition, the owner can negotiate with the City Manager.

Commissioner Holmes said in the past the commission has waived water liens that the city has to pay for.

He said he saw on the news that a child fell through the rail at one of the apartment buildings located in the city, only then the owner came into compliance and had the rail repaired.

Commissioner Johnson asked the sponsor to make an amendment for a modification of the plan.

She said she is willing to waive half of the lien amount because it's not going to have an impact of the city's budget.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve a waiver of \$32,000.00 on the code enforcement liens along with a negotiated compliance plan on the property located at 13300 Alexandria Drive.

Attorney Geller said the commission has the authority to waive liens and you can add to have the City Manager negotiate terms of payment of the balance. He doesn't think the commission has the authority to direct compliance, which is a function of the staff. You made it very clear that you expect code enforcement to be on the property and keep it clean.

NOTE: *As per the request of Commissioner Johnson, this portion of the minutes is transcribed verbatim.*

Attorney Geller: The language will be in Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Opa-locka, hereby waives outstanding Code Enforcement liens and citations on the property located at 13300 Alexandria Drive in the amount of \$32,000.00, out of a total of \$65,406.58, leaving a balance due of said Code Enforcement liens of \$33,406.58. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate a payment plan for the remaining balance due. The final sentence stays as it was, Water and Sewer liens on these properties are not waived, and shall remain in full force.

This concludes the verbatim portion of these minutes.

There being no further discussion, the amendment passed by a 3-2 vote.

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	No
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Mayor Kelley	No

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	No
Mayor Kelley	No

13-4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF HARVEY, CONVINGTON, THOMAS, LLC. AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE CITY'S FINANCES IN THE UPCOMING BUDGET PROCESS. *Sponsored by M.T.*

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

Commissioner Johnson said Harvey, Covington, Thomas, LLC. has completed the audit by her governing board and it was paid for by her organization.

Attorney Geller said for the record that's no conflict. He said Commissioner Johnson's organization is a non-profit.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked, do they need to set a time frame for the auditor to perform their services because they will need another budget workshop after his findings?

Attorney Geller said the language says in the Upcoming Budget Process so that's a limitation.

He further said the following language can be added: In the Budget Workshops and Prior to the Budget Hearings.

Mayor Kelley asked, how much will the city pay for this service.

He asked, when does the RFP close for auditing services?

Clerk Irby said the RFP closes on July 22ND.

Mayor Kelley said the city is challenged with funding and if the RFP close on July 22ND for an auditor then that needs to be taken in consideration because that person or firm can do these services.

He further said the scope of services needs to be specified. He said at the Budget Workshop the commission said the City Manager will meet with each of them individually then they will schedule additional workshops and/or town hall meetings to engage the citizens.

Attorney Geller asked, has if the commission decided on the next Budget Workshop?

Mayor Kelley said the date has not been set until the City Manager has the opportunity to meet with each of the commissioners individually.

Attorney Geller said the commission can authorize the City Manager to negotiate the scope of service and price then bring it back to the commission at the next regular commission meeting.

Mayor Kelley said his concerns are that the city has already gone out for auditing services and to him it's a duplication of services.

He further said if the commission is going to vote he want to be very specific and clear on what they are authorizing the City Manager to do. He also mentioned that they are close to choosing an auditor and he don't see why they can't wait until the RFP close on July 22ND.

Commissioner Tydus said if Harvey, Covington, and Thomas respond to the RFP for auditing services and it's awarded to them, how can they audit a budget when they are part of the preparation process? Isn't that a conflict?

Attorney Geller said it is not improper for Commissioner Tydus to have that concern. As he understands the charge that they are being given by the commission is not to prepare the budget. If they were working in a staff capacity to prepare the budget then it would be improper.

He continued by saying if the auditor job is to review the existing financial state of the city and provide that information directly to the commission outside of the normal staff process to assist the commission in preparing a budget, he does not think its an absolute conflict.

Commissioner Tydus said from what has been presented as she understands it they are participating in the budget process.

Attorney Geller said he think that's why Mayor Kelley is suggesting that there needs to be clarity on the role the auditor will play.

Commissioner Tydus said as she understands it they are in the budget preparation process and they had their first workshop which includes a series of workshops. At the first workshop the commission determined they that will meet with the City Manager individually to advise him of their concerns.

Commissioner Johnson said that she want the firm to provide advisement and consulting services to the commission.

She asked, has Mr. Harvey contract ended?

Manager Patterson replied, yes.

Commissioner Johnson said she was under the impression that the idea was to bring the firm in, not for an audit but to provide consultant services.

She further said she think the auditor should have been engaged in the process prior to the City Manager bringing the information to the commission and they would not be having the discussion.

Vice Mayor Taylor said she met with the City Manager and Faye Douglas and they justified what was discussed in the workshop, she would like to have a third eye to look over the budget.

She further said she thought the auditor contract was still in affect.

Mayor Kelley reiterated until each commissioner have the opportunity to meet with the City Manager regarding the budget he does not think they need to make any motions about any extra eyes or ears at this point.

He asked, do the city currently have an auditor?

Manager Patterson replied, no.

Commissioner Johnson said she recalled Commissioner Holmes sponsoring a resolution regarding the auditor and the commission voted on it and the commission extended his contract.

Mayor Kelley said he remembers Mr. Harvey coming before the commission, but to his recollection they could not extend his contract again and the City Attorney informed the commission that the contract could not be extended because it was already extended for a year.

Manager Patterson and Commissioner Holmes said Mayor Kelley was correct.

Vice Mayor Taylor withdrew her motion and Commissioner Johnson withdrew her second.

Vice Mayor Taylor said she will bring the item back after the commission meets individually with the City Manager.

14. PLANNING & ZONING:

A. HEARINGS:

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA TO APPROVE/DENY THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY/MG3 DEVELOPERS GROUP, LLC'S REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO OPERATE A CHARTER SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, AND FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

Mayor Kelley opened the floor for a public hearing.

Hope Calhoun of 200 East Broward Boulevard, Ste 1500, Fort Lauderdale, FL appeared before the City Commission to say that this is the first charter school to go before the commission under the newly adopted ordinance. Recently the commission amended the zoning code to allow schools in properties that are zoned R-4.

She further mentioned this property previously operated as a church and had a school there as well. The archdiocese is being forced to get rid of the property and her client is purchasing the property so the building does not remain vacant and they will operate a charter school on existing property.

She said her client is before the commission because they need to comply with the new zoning ordinance and they need to make improvements to the property. She continued by saying access to the property will be off 135TH Street. She showed the commission a layout of the facility along with parent and bus pick up and drop off locations.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked, will they have the entire complex?

Ms. Calhoun replied, yes.

Commissioner Johnson said she received a few telephone calls regarding the school enrollment process.

She asked how do they select the students for admittance?

Sonia Mitchell of 1651 NW 189TH Terrace, Miami Gardens, FL informed the commission that 93% of the 6TH graders who enrolled last year were not reading on grade level, however they don't turn any students away.

She further said they accept every child as long as they have vacancies.

She continued by saying they do not accept kids with an open juvenile case.

Commissioner Johnson said some parents gave her the impression that the kids had to be grade a students to attend.

Mayor Kelley said he heard some concerns about the impact the charter school will have on the two charter schools in the city in terms of their enrollment.

He asked, do they have a lot of kids from within the City of Opa-locka boundaries?

Mrs. Mitchell said they currently have 30% of their students from Opa-locka.

Commissioner Holmes asked, what grade level will the school have?

Mrs. Calhoun replied, kindergarten through eighth grade.

Commissioner Holmes asked is there a cost to attend the school?

Mrs. Calhoun replied, no.

Mayor Kelley said he does not see a recommendation by staff and he would like to confirm that they have gone through the planning council process.

Mr. Lee informed the commission that this project has gone through all of the site plan requirements and it meets the requirements based on the city's ordinance. He said staff will not make a recommendation because they feel that the City Commission should have full control of it because it's for a site plan, but it meets all the requirements including mitigation with traffic concerns on 135TH Street and drainage calculations will be handled by the building department and public works department.

Attorney Geller said since this is the first item to come under the city's new ordinance. He also asked Mayor Kelley to accept into the record of the proceedings as evidence that they are in compliance with the new ordinance. It is a very strict ordinance and it is designed to have staff review to be sure they are not adverse impacts on those residents of the city who are already there.

Mayor Kelley said they accept staff's recommendation that the item does meet the requirements of the city's ordinance.

There being no additional persons to speak on the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the above resolution.

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

Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA TO APPROVE/DENY THE GEORGIA AYERS APARTMENTS, LLC-GONZALO DE RAMON'S REQUEST FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL OF A 72 UNIT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS FOLIOS: 08-2128-007-0120, 08-2128-007-0130, 08-2128-007-0131, 08-2128-007-0132, 08-2128-007-0140, 08-2128-007-0150, ON PORT SAID ROAD, OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by C.M.*

Mayor Kelley opened the floor for a public hearing.

Patrick Range of 5727 NW 17TH Avenue, Miami, FL appeared before the City Commission on behalf of the Biscayne Housing Group and the Carrie Meek Foundation. He said the project will provide for a community room, library, computer lab, exercise room, as well as a police sub station located on the property. This development will also have an onsite security that will monitor the complex and there will be a gated key card entry system.

He further mentioned that they have received funding to make the project happen, in fact 7.5 Million Dollars from GOB Funds from district 1, Commissioner Barbara Jordan as well as Five Million Dollars in tax credits from the State of Florida, in addition to a Two Million Dollar Loan which will go into the project.

Commissioner Holmes asked, when will the project start?

Mr. Range said as soon as they are able to obtain an approval. He said they already have a building permit and a set of plans in the building department that's ready anticipating approval of said resolution.

Vice Mayor asked is this the last step in the process?

Mr. Range said yes, this is for a site plan approval.

He further acknowledged Congresswoman Meek for attending the meeting tonight.

There being no additional persons to speak on the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Lee informed the City Commission that this project meets all the requirements, all the standards, all the site plan requirements that they set forth and he is happy to see that the project is finally at a place where it can begin.

Mayor Kelley said he accept staff's recommendation that the item does meet the requirements.

Attorney Geller asked if staff made any arrangements regarding impact fees.

Mr. Lee said it will be part of the developer's agreement, but there has been discussion about the impact fees and they will be assessed.

Mayor Kelley asked for the record, will the impact fees be part of the developer's agreement?

Mr. Lee replied, yes.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Mayor Taylor to approve the above resolution.

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

Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

B. APPEALS:

15. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FIRST READING:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 21-77 OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF RATES GENERALLY" BY AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATED TO WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AND SETTING UP WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011-2012 AND 2012-2013; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.H.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Geller.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to pass the above ordinance on first reading.

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

B. SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A TWO-YEAR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STORMWATER UTILITY FOR CONTRACT SERVICES PERTAINING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF SHARED STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$346,322.00) ANNUALLY, PAYABLE FROM ACCOUNT 43-538340; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER;

PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading held on June 23, 2010). *Sponsored by C.M.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Geller.

Mayor Kelley opened the floor for a public hearing. There being no persons to speak on the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to pass the above ordinance.

Commissioner Johnson said during the budget workshop she asked for staff to look into this with a possibility of having the city employees provide the services.

Manager Patterson said staff looked into it, but some of the equipment the city has is not adequate to provide those services at this time. He said they would have to purchase equipment and train staff to deal with aquatics strain and that needs to be done in order to do the job.

Commissioner Johnson said the reason she brought it up is because when she was elected in 2002 she took it out and they have some of the same employees. When you say they can't do it she believes they can do it.

She said the city was providing the services in house.

Mayor Kelley said yes, staff was providing those services, but to have the proper equipment and paying the staff was a challenge. Once staff acquires those skills they will need to be compensated according to their skills.

He continued to say one of the reasons why he is supporting the agreement for two years is because hopefully the city will have been able to purchase equipment and train staff. He said the boat staff used does not meet the criteria.

Commissioner Johnson said she was just trying to find a way to save.

Vice Mayor Taylor said she remembers when the services were done in house and it was not successful.

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

Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15,

OFFENSES-MISCELLANEOUS, ARTICLE X, SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION SAFETY; PROVIDING FOR RECORDED IMAGE MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF RED LIGHT VIOLATIONS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATIONL PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading held on June 23, 2010). *Sponsored by C.M.*

The above ordinance was read by title by Attorney Geller.

Mayor Kelley opened the floor for a public hearing. There being no persons to speak on the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to pass the above ordinance.

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

Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

C. RESOLUTION/PUBLIC HEARING:

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING, SETTING FORTH AND SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT, AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA TO AMEND ARTICLE X, SUBSECTION 139(e), CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING SAID CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORATE AT SAID REFERENDUM; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE HEREIN RESOLUTION TO BE DELIVERED TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading held on June 23, 2010) *Sponsored by C.C.*

The above resolution was read by title by Attorney Geller.

Mayor Kelley opened the floor for a public hearing. There being no persons to speak on the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to pass the above resolution.

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

Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

16. ADMINISTRATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO DONATE USED CITY CELL PHONES TO CITY OF OPA-LOCKA SENIORS AND DISABLED RESIDENTS, ALLOWING THE CELL PHONES TO BE USED FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ONLY (911); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by J.K.*

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE VACANT LOT FOLIO #08-2122-003-2401, MAGNOLIA SUB PB. 30-80, 50 FEET PART OF JAMES STREET LYING BETWEEN BLKS 13 & 14 CLOSED BY ORDINANCE 73-21 OR 20488-2052 0602 4, OWNED BY EMMA COLLINS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.H.*

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA TO PROVIDE FOR CITY COMMISSION REVIEW OF NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS ON HOMESTEAD PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by T.H.*

The above consent agenda resolutions were read by title by Attorney Geller.

Attorney Geller said item 16-2 is under consent items, however the commission has to include a dollar amount in the resolution.

He further said the resolution reflects that the land was valued at \$62,500.00 but the owner was willing to sell it to the city at a price between \$10,000.00-\$20,000.00 and the sponsor of the resolution desired that the commission set the actual price.

Commissioner Holmes said he will like to set the selling price at \$15,000.00.

Mayor Kelley said this item should have been pulled under action items.

Mayor Kelley said he would like the commission to vote on the consent items first.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to pass items 16-1 and 16-4 of the consent agenda resolutions.

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

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Mayor Kelley said the City Attorney mentioned that the previous property appraised value was \$62,500.00 but the owner is willing to negotiate the selling cost between \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00 and he recommended that the commission set an amount in the resolution.

He further said the sponsor of the resolution has recommended \$15,000.00.

Attorney Geller said the commission has to accept the motion from the sponsor of the resolution who wanted the commission to set the amount then the commission can vote on the resolution.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked, are items 2 and 4 together?

Attorney Geller said, no. Items 16-1 and 16-4 has just been passed.

Vice Mayor Taylor said she did not understand item 16-4.

Attorney Geller said item 16-4 was sponsored by Commissioner Holmes and it stated that homestead property homeowners are suffering from the affect of the economy. The specific thing is the resolution authorizes and directs the city manager to provide for city commission review of new code enforcement liens on homestead property.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Taylor to offer the owner \$15,000.00 to purchase said property.

Commissioner Johnson said when the owner purchased the property it was valued at \$62,500.00 and it is her understanding that the owner was unable to do anything with the property because the city has utilities under the land. She said you want to do due diligence but she don't think \$15,000.00 is fair.

Commissioner Holmes withdrew his motion, Vice Mayor Taylor withdrew her second.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to offer the owner \$20,000.00 to purchase said property.

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

Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

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

Commissioner Holmes	Yes
Commissioner Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Tydus	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Mayor Kelley	Yes

A. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Patterson provided the Commission with a report on concerns related to police activities with citizens. He said every employee in the Police Department was constantly told how they should interact with the citizens during roll call on each shift.

With regards to purchasing additional police vehicles, Manager Patterson said there are a total of seven vehicles, 5 of which were previously discussed along with 2 additional replacements.

He further mentioned that one of the things staff looked at was the drainage problems along Ali-Baba Avenue and they will be looking at repairing the areas with the most pot holes and flooding.

He said the City Commission passed a resolution to get a better lighting system throughout the city.

He continued by saying the IT Department started redesigning the city's radio system to have proper communication within the Code Enforcement Department.

Mr. Patterson asked Guithele Ruiz-Nicolas to give the commission a brief report on the summer job program.

Guithele Ruiz-Nicolas, Human Resources Director informed the City Commission that the city currently has two summer job programs running simultaneously. They started with a grant funding program in the amount of \$184,697.00 through the South Florida Workforce Program to employ about 13 employees. Those employees were to be hired between the month of February ending September 30, 2010, to date they have about 10

employees that are all City of Opa-locka residents. They still have three unfilled positions that are technical positions for project manager which requires a bachelor's degree as well as technical skills in architecture as well as technician. They have paid those employees a total of \$13,366.00 to date, as the city pay the employees South Florida Workforce reimbursement the city.

She further said the second program is the summer youth program. South Florida Workforce is continuing to train the students so the city is getting a small amount at a time, to date they have about 30 summer youth between the ages of 17-21 employed throughout the city. On Monday she will be receiving 9 additional youth. She said they are working with other entities nearby to make sure the youth get some type of work experience as well as financial assistance. Throughout the month of June the first 4 workshops were held in the City Commission Chambers and it has been a very good partnership. She said she is pleased to say that she has not gotten any complaints about the youth work performance and they seem to be adjusting and learning.

Commissioner Holmes asked, if the grant funds from South Florida Workforce is not used, will the city have to return the money?

Mrs. Ruiz-Nicolas said if the money is not used it will be returned back to South Florida Workforce.

Commissioner Holmes said the time is running out so maybe they need to consider hiring additional people.

Mrs. Ruiz-Nicolas said the grant has eligibility criteria for the positions, if they don't get someone that meets those qualifications then it's difficult to hire them.

She said one of the things they committed to the commission was to hire Opa-locka residents so maybe now is the time to entertain applicants from other city's because they have not received a lot of applicants for the positions.

Commissioner Holmes said if they have someone that can do labor work and you know by the end of September there will be money left over, can they hire someone else for the position instead of trying to get the person with the skills?

Mrs. Ruiz-Nicolas said all the labor and support staff positions are field. The only vacant positions are for Project Manager which has very high technical eligibility qualifications.

Commissioner Holmes said if you don't get people to fill those positions then the money will still be left over and returned.

Mrs. Ruiz-Nicolas said that is correct because they have to hire someone that meets the criteria.

Mayor Kelley asked, are you at the point of possibly opening the position for people outside the city?

Mrs. Ruiz-Nicolas said they have looked at primarily residence of Opa-locka and a few from North Miami.

Mayor Kelley asked, have they received any applicants from the city that applied and qualified for the position?

Mrs. Ruiz-Nicolas said they hired one resident.

She said they hired one project manager from the City of Opa-locka and they were funded for three project manager positions.

Mayor Kelley said you have two project manager positions that has not been filled so have you made a determination of what point you may go out to fill the positions?

Mrs. Ruiz-Nicolas said the position is posted constantly so it may be time to see if they have applications from other residents.

Mayor Kelley asked, what is the cut off date that you will stop receiving summer youth?

Mrs. Ruiz-Nicolas said if they are 17 and younger they are allowed to work 120 hours, even after the cut off date they are allowed to come in until they reach 120 hours.

Mayor Kelley asked, what is the cut of date that you will stop receiving summer youth?

Mrs. Ruiz-Nicolas said September 10, 2010.

Commissioner Holmes said what if a person can do the work, but does not have the paper work from training as required because they did not go to school and receive a bachelor's degree.

Mrs. Ruiz-Nicolas said from a grant compliance perspective she would like to defer that to the grant manager because the experience should count, but with grants if they review and the applicant don't meet the criteria they may take the money back.

Commissioner Holmes said there are people that can take an engine out of a car, break it down and put it back together that did not go to school to be a mechanic.

Commissioner Johnson said the City Manager mentioned that he was going to purchase vehicles for the Police Department, but in the budget it says the vehicles will be leased.

Ms. Douglas said the vehicles will be financed through the lease purchase agreement where they will purchase the vehicles for \$1.00 at the end of the lease.

Commissioner Johnson directed the City Attorney to make sure that is specified in the agreement.

She said she has not received any recommendations as it relates to Sherbondy Park Construction Management.

She continued by asking what is the status?

Manager Patterson said the process is moving along.

Commissioner Johnson asked, who is the oversight manager?

She further asked, how the project is moving forward and it never came before the commission.

She said a RFP went out for Oversight Construction Management.

Daniel Abia, Director of Public Works said staff already made recommendations to the City Manager. He continued by saying Rose McKay selected the candidate but they still have to bring it before the City Commission.

Commissioner Johnson asked, what is the shut off procedure when turning off customer water?

Ezekiel Orji, Finance Director informed the City Commission that they currently have a procedure in place when people are delinquent with their water payment. He said the outside company mail out a pink slip advising the customer of past due amounts and notify them of possible shut off on the water account in addition to indicating the past due information on the bill. He said staff prepares information that is sent out to the residence, he directed staff to give him the information so he can make calls to apartment managers and multi-family complex.

He further said they have a list of shut off accounts along with a shut off date that is given to the Public Works Department. If the customer does not pay within the time allowed then their water service will be disconnected.

Commissioner Johnson said it is a courtesy if you go to a beauty salon and the person is saying they will give them the money and beg them not to turn their water off.

She said when the person is turning your water off and chuckles that is very unprofessional.

She further said as a commissioner that is not the image they want to set and some of the staff is very rude.

She continued by saying the Police Department was called and staff told the caller that the officers were out on a call and their concern was not important.

Commissioner Johnson further said she was looking into the recycling concerns on Service Road and she was told they also informed Mayor Kelley of the same concerns. Citizens should not go without recycling services for 3-4 weeks. Staff needs to make sure the services are being provided.

Staff needs to meet with RoadRunner regarding the dead bushes on NW 27TH Avenue, they need to be removed and replanted, said Commissioner Johnson.

Commissioner Johnson said she assumes someone made an attempt to pull the weeds up on State Road 9, but she advised the City Manager to take a look at the area.

She asked for the status on CSX?

Manager Patterson assured Commissioner Johnson that he will provide that information to her tomorrow.

Commissioner Johnson said she saw people waiting on the bus during the rain and there are no shelters over the bus benches. If the city has carpenters then have them build a shelter over the bus benches in the short term.

She directed staff to paint all the light poles one solid color.

She also said it was mentioned that the director of finance should not be holding all of these positions. She is expecting a report prior to the next commission meeting pertaining to their meeting with Commissioner Barbara Jordan.

Vice Mayor Taylor said on page 2 of the notebook that was distributed by the City Manager's Office, she said it made reference that she requested the police department to attend the RCCV Meeting and that is not what she said. She went on to say she would like for the Police Department to invite the property managers to attend the RCCV Meetings because her concern was that the other police departments had property managers attend the previous meeting along with them.

Chief Cheryl Cason added that the police department is currently in the process of inviting the apartment property managers to the RCCV Meetings.

Vice Mayor Taylor said in the notebook she noticed that the City Manager response said that Miami-Dade County will be contacted in regards to spraying for mosquito's at the Gardens Apartments. She said she made that request to the City Manager about a month ago and they should have already been contacted.

She further mentioned that she made concerns at the last commission regarding a water reduction study, and the response was agenda item submitted for 7-14-2010 Commission Meeting for review and consideration. She asked, are they telling her to go look up the commission meeting?

Manager Patterson replied, no.

Dr. Orji said that item is on the agenda today under item 15 A-1 and staff response should have read that it will be addressed at the commission meeting today for the Commissions consideration.

Vice Mayor Taylor said she had concerns at the previous commission meeting regarding the 22ND Avenue corridor because she said that is the face of Opa-locka and staff response was directed to Public Works and the corrections were cleaning up. She said FIU has architects and she wanted them to do a facade look because they do it for a grade.

Commissioner Tydus said it's been more that six weeks that she requested a detailed report and traffic study including the cost, need, design, and the exploration of grant opportunities for the road roundabouts and she keep getting the run around. The response to her concern says work in progress. She asked, who is working on it?

Manager Patterson said Mr. Abia is working on it and they discussed it today. He said there are only a few streets that will support roundabouts that are legal in Miami-Dade County. He said he told staff they need to have this item on the agenda by the end of July.

Commissioner Holmes asked, has staff done any research to see if there are any manatees at the Ingram Park Lake? He said the people would like to ride their jet skis at the lake.

Manager Patterson said he was told by the Parks & Recreation staff that the manatees come out at certain parts of the year.

Commissioner Holmes said they need documentation informing them that manatees are in the lake because some of the citizens said they have not seen any manatees in that lake.

Manager Patterson said one of the gentlemen that appeared before the commission at a previous commission meeting called him.

He further said he advised the gentleman that the city can not and should not violate Miami-Dade County ordinance pertaining to manatees and motor driven units. He said the gentleman told him their jet skis does not have propellers. He said he told the citizen that's fine if they want to put a sail boat with paddles in the water then they are welcome to do so. If manatees are in the water at the rate jet skis go they will kill the manatees. He said he told the caller he can not advise him to use jet skis in that water knowing Miami-Dade County ordinance prohibits it.

Commissioner Holmes asked, does Miami-Dade County ordinance says where there are manatees no jet skis are allowed?

Manager Patterson said no motor driven vehicles.

Commissioner Holmes directed the City Manager to provide him with a direct detail on that information.

He further mentioned that he was traveling down State Road 9 and he noticed that the flowers in the median are starting to look nice.

He further directed the City Manager to put another Saggy Pants sign up on NW 151ST Street because a car knocked it down a few months ago.

Mayor Kelley said his colleagues mentioned several things to the City Manager tonight. He said he met with the Manager on many of the same issues and he doesn't comment publicly but this is not the first time his colleagues has voiced their concerns.

He further mentioned that the City Manager is not following his own plan and its being selectively done. He said he met with him about two months ago regarding a plan regarding the shooting on 22ND avenue and yet nothing has occurred.

He said he does not know if the City Manager is overwhelmed with the things that are going on but a lot of issues are lingering too long.

He continued by saying he spoke to the City Manager about apartment compliance and he called him when he saw that the child fell through the rail at an apartment complex in the city. He said the first thing he asked the manager was had anyone been over to the complex to do any kind on compliance since the incident to make sure everything was okay. He said the news showed the City of Opa-locka police taping up the area with yellow tape because no one was on duty and that is unacceptable.

Mayor Kelley further stated that the commission should not have to make a request to him 2-3 times for things that should already be addressed including some of the responses he is giving them, in his opinion the response is designed to get them through the next two weeks. It starts with you Mr. Manager, said Mayor Kelley.

He continued by saying the City Manager has to have his staff do what they need to do to provide the commission with requested information. He said he asked for documents that can be placed to show the citizens what they are doing in terms of infrastructure improvements, what's in the pipeline, etc. and he still has not seen that.

He further said that the City Manager has to get on the right track.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Dr. Ezekiel Orji, Finance Director for the City of Opa-locka came forward and said there have been a lot of discussions regarding financial stability and he would like to put it on record that for the last four years the city has experienced financial stability and have continued to grow the reserve account. The financial reports have been reviewed by the CPA, State auditor, GFOA and the city has received clean opinions to the extent that the city received the excellence of financial reporting for four consecutive years for both the financial report and the budget presentation.

He continued by the saying the concerns that was mentioned this evening has to do with the future proposed budget for 2011.

He advised that the city has continued to maintain the reserve requirements of the city which is \$565,000.00

He said all the bills are being paid as they come in.

Commissioner Johnson said it came up tonight that director's salaries are being paid from the enterprise fund. What does that mean?

Dr. Orji said that is something that he will need to research because the allegation that was made tonight surprised him. He said it is proper accounting for funding, i.e. Enterprise Fund is a separate fund that is the Water & Sewer and the Stormwater. The employees that work in those areas, public works staff, and finance staff are people that work directly for those enterprise funds and that's how their salaries are paid. You can not take revenue in for those enterprise funds without off setting the revenue with the expenses to bring the revenue in.

Commissioner Johnson directed the City Manager to provide the commission with a report informing them of who gets paid from the enterprise fund.

Manager Patterson said Dr. Orji didn't mention that the City Manager salary, Finance Director salary goes towards the enterprise fund. He said only a percentage of those that work for the enterprise fund can they move that money over to the general fund.

Vice Mayor Taylor said when Dr. Orji made the statement about an allegation, was he referring to her?

Dr. Orji replied, no. He said citizens made comments during the citizen's forum about the financial situation of the city being deplorable and he just wanted to clear it to the City Commission.

Mayor Kelley said he is happy Dr. Orji made that clear because he did not appreciate the statements that was made that the city can not pay it's bills and the city don't have any money in the bank.

17. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

18. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Geller informed the Commission that he have been working with the City Manager's office on the amnesty lien program and he anticipates having something before the commission for the next commission meeting. The commission adopted the second reading ordinance on the Red Light Camera and at the next meeting staff will come back to the commission with a revised agreement with ATS. He spoke with them and they are willing to see if the city can capture some of the possible infractions prior to adoption of the agreement which will be at the next meeting.

He said he received a draft agreement from the PBA and they are trying to finalize their negotiations with them. They were successful and the PBA attorneys put the previous agreement in writing, he will bring it to the commission so they can finalize the process.

Commissioner Johnson said a few meetings ago she mentioned that she wanted the City Attorney to bring back the senior discount prescription program.

Attorney Geller said he spoke to the City Manager about that and he's looking into getting it implemented.

Commissioner Johnson said she also asked the City Attorney to bring back an amendment to the article dealing with schools, she not only wanted to include charter schools, but private schools as well.

She continued by saying that the City Attorney, City Manager, and City Clerk needs to get together because she don't believe the commission should be voting on positions that don't report to them, and if the City Manager see it's essential hiring, that's not the call of the commission. She said keep in mind the message that sends when they say they are going to hire someone and you give a proposal to eliminate positions.

She further said citizens constantly reminded her when the city hired former Chief of Police James Wright that the City Commission should not have voted on that and she will never vote again on anything that relates to a position. The commission doesn't vote on positions, they vote on the budget. She said that item should have not gone before the commission the way it was written.

Attorney Geller said that's why he provided the commission with a corrected resolution for their consideration to cure that problem.

Commissioner Johnson said remember when the commission had the budget workshop, what message that sends to the citizens and staff.

She said she already spoke to the City Manager and he informed her that he feels good with the person he hired for Community Development Director is qualified. She said that has nothing to do with it, it's the perception you give.

Vice Mayor Taylor said she too agrees with Commissioner Johnson, it has nothing to do with the person it's the way it was presented to the commission. She said the commission already said there will be no hiring with the exception of public safety.

She further directed the City Attorney to provide the commission with a legal report.

Attorney Geller said at this point they have been successful other than the items by the League of Cities.

Commissioner Holmes said it is not right for the commission to tell the City Manager he can not hire someone unless it goes before the commission, then when he bring it to the commission they act like they don't know what to do with it.

He said he want to amend the saggy pants ordinance to include businesses in the city to join the city in obeying the ordinance.

He continued by saying he had a lot of business people asking him how can they get a sign to put at their business.

Commissioner Tydus said to the City Attorney that she was expecting this agenda to include the resolution they spoke about.

Attorney Geller said he spoke to the City Manager about identifying the property, trying to find out the situation of the property, and who the owners are. He said he will have it for the next meeting.

Commissioner Tydus said she would have appreciated if he would have informed her that it was not going to be on the agenda.

Attorney Geller said the deadline for agenda items was last week, he could have did it as an add on if he had all the information.

Commissioner Tydus said she told him she had all the information and he said he was going to speak to the City Manager.

19. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Vice Mayor Taylor asked the City Clerk for the status on the census count?

Clerk Irby said she will not have a final count on the census until December.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked, is the City of Opa-locka count still at 65 percent?

Clerk Irby said that was the last count she received.

Commissioner Johnson said as one of the census representatives she thinks the city did an excellent job per Winnie Tang. She further said she was told that the census department is looking to do a recognition because this is one of the first times the City of Opa-locka excelled with the census and provided a lot of resources.

She further said for the City Clerk to speak to the City Manager because she requested a DVD from the last meeting to keep in her archive. She requested it the same day but not from the clerk so she would like for her to follow up on that request.

Mayor Kelley told the City Clerk to keep up the good work.

20. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORT:

Commissioner Holmes said staff heard the comments that were made by the Mayor and he told them to do their job to help make the City Manager work performance better.

He further said for staff to work together to make the city better.

Commissioner Tydus said she attended the National League of Cities Women In Municipal Annual Summer Meeting and she attended the Leadership Training Institute where she received additional credits towards the certificate of leadership program she is currently enrolled in.

She also mentioned that she attended the first visit to South Florida of the Honorable Dean Obaro who is the Prime Minister of Belize. She also attended the reception of the new Female Prime Minister of Trinidad. She participated as a reader for the Teen Upward Bound Children Defense Fund Freedom School and it was an impressionable experience.

She continued by saying there's a portion of the school called the Haramba portion which is a 30 minute tradition of informal sharing where the students and staff unite together in a group, it's a affirming celebration that includes chants and cheers, reading and motivational songs. One of the impressionable things about the program is the City of Opa-locka is the only level 4 school in the State of Florida that participates in the program.

She announced on Saturday, July 31ST at 12:00 noon she will be hosting Lunch and Learn Cinema Saturday. This event is sponsored by various members of the business community. The movie is titled Super Size Me, this movie address areas that affect communities, it educates, inform, and enlighten your awareness to vital areas of concern in the community.

Vice Mayor Taylor encouraged the City Manager and his staff to due diligence and perk up with their job.

She continued by saying the City Manager and Mr. Daniel Abia has worked diligently on an application for the seniors roofing program. She said if any seniors would like to apply for the program the application will be going out in the utility bills on July 15TH.

She further mentioned that she too had the privilege to read at the Freedom School and she was honored for Teen Upward Bound to invite her to be one of their readers.

Commissioner Johnson said she found out the husband of Felicia Wright, who is the instructor for OpaSteppers passed away. She thanked the City Clerks Office and the City Manager's Office for their assistance to the Wright family.

She further said she met an organic chef that has also worked with President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama. She will be sponsoring an event with him in August.

She continued by saying she is currently working with the State Attorneys Office on the START program and they will be having 1 hour presentations for the youth.

She encouraged citizens within the City of Opa-locka who is seeking temporary employment to go to Youth Co-Op because there are limited positions available. Serving as the past executive for North Dade Middle School and working with Dozier and Dozier Construction she was asked to assist with the project through her non profit organization and she decided to do it as a dual role because there are many citizens that would be happy to apply for the positions.

She attended the community dialogue forum with the County Manager, she said the city will be impacted by what's going on with Miami-Dade County. She asked for a copy of the presentation to make sure her colleagues get a copy.

She continued by saying there's legislation from the State of Florida that will greatly impact the city should it pass. She asked her colleagues to champion because if the State of Florida has its way the city will no longer be able to set the millage rate, they will set it and that will take a lot of authority away from the city.

She told the City Clerk that she will start gathering information in preparation for Town hall meetings to educate the citizens on what is been projected.

Mayor Kelley said just to reiterate on what Commissioner Johnson said, one of the state senators who will be in a leadership position is already holding Town hall forums on what she spoke about so it is important that they follow legislation that will have impact on cities.

He further thanked the City Clerk and her staff for their assistance with the Board & Committee Banquet, he received a lot of positive response.

He continued by saying he had the opportunity to attend various Crime Watch meetings throughout the city and he too had the opportunity to be one of the readers at Teen Upward Bound.

He invited the community to attend the Town hall meeting he is hosting on July 21ST at 6:00 p.m. at Historic City Hall. He said there will be a panel of Judges from Miami-Dade County. He continued by urging citizens to come out and ask questions regarding Foreclosure, Child Support, Landlord/Tenant issues, Drive Legal, and Domestic Violence.

Commissioner Johnson said the city did a joint venture with Down To Earth and the organization submitted a project to Wall Street which was chosen as one of the thirty that they want in all 50 states.

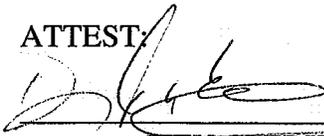
Manager Patterson informed the commission that they need to set a tentative millage rate by the end of July.

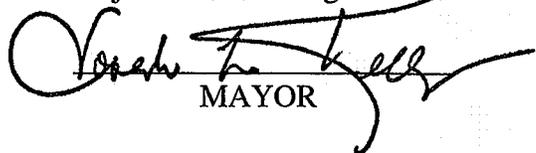
21. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

22. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice Mayor Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 p.m.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR