CITY OF OPA-LOCKA
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CLERK'S ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Sherbondy Village, 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida.

2. ROLL CALL:

The following members of the City Commission were present: Commissioner Alvin Burke, Commissioner Chris Davis, Commissioner John H. Taylor Jr. and Vice Mayor Veronica J. Williams. Also in attendance were: City Manager John E. Pate, City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Assistant City Attorney Candice Cobbs and City Clerk Joanna Flores.

3. INVOCATION:

The Invocation was delivered by Commissioner Taylor.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

5. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

There were none.

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

City Manager Pate requested the deferral of items 15-A-1, 15-A-2, 15-A-3, 15-A-4, 16-A-1 until the Regular Commission Meeting on July 14th.

It was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Burke to accept City Manager Pate's recommendation to defer items 15-A-1, 15-A-2, 15-A-3, 15-A-4, 16-A-1.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve the agenda and pull list.

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

Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Vice Mayor Williams	Yes
Commissioner Burke	Yes
Mayor Pigatt	Not Present

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2021

It was moved by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting on May 12, 2021.

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

Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Burke	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Vice Mayor Williams	Yes
Mayor Pigatt	Not Present

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

There were none.

10. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Vice Mayor Williams stated that Florida State Senator Shevrin Jones is running late for his public presentation, and that the Commission will pause the agenda when he arrives in person. The Vice Mayor also explained that Florida State Representative James Bush and Katherine Beck, the state coordinator for Florida Main Street, will be unable to make it to the meeting.

11. CITIZENS' FORUM:
(Opportunity for discussion of any concerns – please limit to 3 minutes)

Vice Mayor Williams opened the citizens' forum.

Toroni Mitchell of 14225 NW 22nd Place thanked the Commission for allowing her the opportunity to present an idea she has for the City. Ms. Mitchell stated that she came up with the idea because the Commission brought up that the City wants to host events. She said that the events don't have to be like Arabian Nights but can be similar. Ms. Mitchell explained that she and her daughter can host an event that they thought could be planned for November and would like to name it the City of Opa-locka First Annual Grown Folks Night Out Outdoor Festival. Not knowing if the City would allow them to have something like that, she said she wanted to present it to the Commission so they could consider that it would be something to bring the City back to life. Recognizing that there is not much space, Ms. Mitchell reported that she has spoken to a couple of people that have ample space and parking. Acknowledging that the time is not allotted for a discussion on the proposal for this event, she offered to meet with the Commission or send them an email describing everything about the event. Extending an invitation to the Commission, Ms. Mitchell shared that a similar event would be held on August 7th. Expressing that she thinks it would be a great idea, she said that the key is that they want to let it be for the grown folks. Reminding the Commission that things are done for the kids throughout the year including the book bag drives, as well as events for Easter and Christmas, she stressed that they want to do something to break the ice for the adults.

Ms. Dottie Johnson of 13724 NW 22nd Place commended the Commission and the City Manager for an outstanding job on the progress she is seeing with different events, especially today with the Seniors on the move. Recalling that she doesn't think she has previously asked this Commission to look at the educational compact, she stated that she put many years into it. Ms. Johnson stated that she saw that the Commission has some legislation that is going to perhaps be enhanced by it and suggested that if someone can champion it, she is willing to volunteer to be on a committee to help get it done. She asserted that unless Opa-locka has an educated and competitive workforce, she doesn't see a whole lot of good paying jobs coming. Ms. Johnson also addressed the mannerism of how the Commission speaks to one another, especially the leadership. She shared that she has seen and is very uncomfortable with the approach of asking City Manager Pate questions that he may not have the answer to. Putting it on the record, Ms. Johnson stated that she has already met with Mr. Pate and said that she thinks it is very disrespectful for no one to even comment or call for the question, because she doesn't think any of them will want that to happen to their child or to them. Ms. Johnson concluded by once again thanking the Commission for a great job.

Vice Mayor Williams paused the public forum to allow Florida State Senator Shevrin Jones from District 35 to speak to the Commission on some legislative updates. The Vice Mayor stated that the Commission is grateful that he joined them.

Florida State Senator Shevrin Jones thanked Vice Mayor Williams, the Commission and City Manager Pate, for the opportunity to be able to address them. Senator Jones also thanked them for giving him the opportunity to represent the City of Opa-locka in Tallahassee during his first legislative session as a State Senator. He said that he would present the check for the appropriations included in the State's budget for the City of Opa-locka, after his legislative update, and expressed that it would have been good for Florida State Representative James Bush to be there to present the check together. Pointing out that it takes both the House and Senate chamber to get anything into the State budget, Senator Jones expressed his gratitude for his partnership with the leadership in the Florida House and Senate, to bring dollars back home to the City of Opa-locka. He reported that many of the things that were heard on the news about what was going on in Tallahassee, was the actual reality. Senator Jones reported that HB 1 will impact cities that don't comply with the provisions of the new anti-protest legislation, and HB 90 will impact how we vote in upcoming elections. He also informed the Commission that the State Legislature passed the largest budget in Florida's history with $101.5 billion, including $169 million in tax relief. Pointing out that despite Governor Ron DeSantis vetoing a great deal of dollars for projects, he was happy about the $1.2 million that he was able to bring home to Opa-locka through the partnership with Representative Bush. Senator Jones explained that mid-session revisions and the State's general revenue projections, gave lawmakers 2 billion more to play with for the current and coming fiscal year. He stated that the Florida Legislature was originally looking at a $5.4 billion shortfall after a two-year period because of the revenue that was lost. Acknowledging the amount of dollars given to the State of Florida by the Biden Administration with $350 million slated for budget stabilization from the American Rescue Plan, he said that it allowed the Legislature to keep about $6 billion in reserves. Mentioning a couple of bills that he characterized as wins for the community, he highlighted SB 258 which he explained provides a tax credit for companies that hire students who participate in an internship program, keeping good talent within the state of Florida rather than having them leave the state because of the cost of living and a lack of incentives. Senator Jones also reported that he had been working on legislation in the House over the past two years to protect the dignity of incarcerated women by giving them access to free feminine hygiene products and ban the practice of shackling pregnant women or putting them into solitary confinement. He stated that SB 1426 now also allowed an inmate to share that she is pregnant once they arrive at the facility, and after a pregnancy test, can have her sentence for a nonviolent crime, deferred until twelve weeks after the delivery of her baby, at which time a judge can decide whether to have her come back to the facility or grant her time served. Senator Jones also shared that he worked with the Florida House and Senate administration on the urban gun violence task force, acknowledging that it is not enough because of the fight with his Republican colleagues, especially considering the senseless killings across South Florida that have occurred. He informed the Commission that he met with Senate President Wilton Simpson because he believes that the gun violence task force needs to be statewide to give the Governor, Senate President and House Speaker leverage to pick people within the task force, as well as allow it to sunset after five years. Senator Jones asserted that the task force should be able to use evidence-based approaches to be able to study what is happening with gun violence within the community, the same way that the Marjory Stoneman Douglas task force did for school safety. He also recalled having spoken with Commissioner Davis and Vice Mayor Williams about organizing a larger town hall meeting with the City of Opa-locka to talk about SB 90 and its impacts on voting rights as well as HB1 and its impacts on the right to protest. Senator Jones explained that SB 90 is going to have a huge effect on how we vote in the upcoming election, with the biggest thing being having ballot boxes less accessible than they were in the last election, now only operating from 9 AM - 5 PM. Pointing out that blue collar workers within the community are at work even before 9 AM and do not get off until 5 PM or later, making it more difficult for individuals to be able to turn in their ballots. Additionally, the Senator stated that telling individuals that they must have their identification to be able to turn in their ballot, will totally disenfranchise the process. He reminded the Commission that 600,000 people voted by mail in the last election and because of that, his colleagues found the need to move the goal post, affecting the community's access to vote. Because it has already been signed by the Governor, the Senator lamented that the only thing that can be done is to make sure residents know what the new rules are and act accordingly. Stressing that they cannot wait for the courts as they take their course, the Senator stated that they must make sure individuals are able to vote. Senator Jones also announced that he is presenting the City of Opa-locka with a check in the amount of $1.2 million, and once again expressed his gratitude to represent the City of Opa-locka.

Vice Mayor Williams acknowledged that State Senator Shevrin Jones had to leave but expressed the Commission's gratitude for all the hard work he put in this legislative season, and for bringing the City of Opa-locka some much-needed funds for the Police Department.

Commissioner Davis stated that Vice Mayor Williams couldn't have put it any better, expressing his thanks for the work of Senator Jones and Representative Bush, as Opa-locka representatives in Tallahassee. The Commissioner recognized that they've been fighting diligently on various issues that have impacted the City and now the fruits of their labor are being seen to benefit residents. The Commissioner concluded by again expressing his thanks.

Commissioner Taylor echoed his colleagues, thanking OPA-LOCKA representatives for helping the City and pushing it to the front line. The Commissioner thanked them for all they do.

Vice Mayor Williams re-opened the citizens forum.

Brian Dennis of 821 NW 54th Street encouraged the members of the Commission to give themselves a round of applause for preventing all the foolishness that was happening in the City which he said would have given Opa-locka a bad look. Stating that he is kind of old, he said he wants to critique the fact that the Commission had two meetings last month that were a total of six hours. Mr. Dennis urged somebody to take the reins and be a leader to stop the babbling and foolishness. He stated that the Manager's contract is what it is, and that he doesn't think the new Commissioners should have a decision pushed on them in six months. Informing the Commission that he looks at all the Commission agendas, he said that he feels like the City is stuck in neutral and not moving anywhere, neither backwards nor forward. Stating that he meant no disrespect to the State Senator because respect is due to a dog, he said that the money for the Police Department has been on the table from Representative Bush since last session, but he recognized a great job done by both. He shared that he had a conversation with someone that tried to make him seem like an idiot, and he said that he knew they were talking to him for someone on the dais. He stated that he is the former president of Brothers of the Same Mind, through which he helped craft legislation with Miami-Dade County's Community Workforce Program for the organization, in zip codes 33142, 33147, 33136, 33055, 33054, 33056 and everywhere the black community was. He said that what was needed for the City to move forward is all in the charter, but that when you go back and forth with personal foolishness, it leaves the City stuck in neutral. Stating that it seems to him that all the money coming into the City is being directed to one spot at the Police Department, he asked where the money was to help the residents and bring down the millage rate. Noting that the three minutes of allotted time had expired, he asked Vice Mayor Williams to allow him to finish. He pointed out that ordinance 95-6 in the City's charter which was put together by the City Commission in 1995, says that any entity that comes into the City of Opa-locka, must hire residents. As a free recommendation to the Commission, he urged them to take it back to the Charter Board so they can add in a percentage of the residents that must be hired, which he said is missing from the ordinance and can be taken to the polls for residents to vote on. He stressed that they should amend and enforce article 95-6 because when Amazon came to the table, the City of Opa-locka was nowhere to be found. Using the example of the Pork & Beans housing project, he said that even though it sits within the City of Miami, it belongs to Miami-Dade County, but the City of Miami still patrols that project. He said that similarly, while the land Amazon is on belongs to Miami-Dade County, because it is in the City of Opa-locka, he believes that Opa-locka should have been at the table, which he asserted would have started to get residents working. Acknowledging that Career Source is working with the City, he suggested that Opa-locka could also establish its own employment agency. He stated they must know business and understand the legislation that's in the charter. Adding that he doesn't have to sit up on the dais to move the City, he said that he knows the legislation that it takes. He also shared that he has had the same phone number for twenty years, saying he's never been a stranger to anybody, and asked that nobody who doesn't know anything about the City, call him and tell him what the City needs. He concluded by pointing out that he just gave them legislation to put forth to begin to put residents back to work, stressing that if they have never been locked up, on welfare, on Medicaid or a single parent like he has been as he raised his daughter by himself, they don't understand what the community needs.

There being no additional persons to speak, the public input portion of Citizen's Forum was closed.

Vice Mayor Williams asked if any Commissioner had any comments.

Commissioner Davis addressed Ms. Toroni Mitchell's statement about putting forth an event like the Arabian Nights Festival but said he didn't catch the name of the outdoor festival that she wanted to organize with her daughter. Even though the City had restrictions on community events because of COVID-19, the Commissioner pointed out that those restrictions have been lifted and thus there is nothing on the City's side that would prevent her from doing an event, if she goes through the special event permitting process. He also stated that he thinks the Commission realizes the importance of the Arabian Nights Festival and the impact it had over the years, but that the City's current financial position has limited the ability to plan something like that. Offering assurances that the Commission is working on it and are committed to it because they realize how important cultural programming is to the community, he said that they have the will to plan it, but he is not sure when they'll be able to make it happen. Addressing former Commissioner Dottie Johnson's statement regarding the educational compact, he acknowledged that at one point she sat on the board and represented the City. As a first-year teacher with a bird's eye view of the many challenges that students face, he stated that he looks forward to chatting with Ms. Johnson further about her findings, together with Vice Mayor Williams to push forward goals for the City.

Commissioner Taylor personally offered Ms. Toroni Mitchell his help on the festival that she is trying to host, because he said he loves bringing the community together and engaging them. Regarding Ms. Johnson's education compact, the Commissioner said he thinks that it is a great idea and that the Commission needs to investigate it. Addressing Mr. Brian Dennis' statement about article 95-6, he asked for a copy of the ordinance to investigate, because he recognized there is an issue with employment and suggested that something like what Mr. Dennis recommended, could ensure that Opa-locka citizens are employed with the new developments that are coming in.

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

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF VACANT LAND BETWEEN THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA AND TNJ REALTY, LLC. FOR DECLARED SURPLUS ALLEYWAYS BETWEEN THE PARCELS IDENTIFIED BY FOLIOS: 08-2121-007-2680, 08-2121-007-2690, 08-2121-007- 2630, 08-2121-007-2650, 08-2121-007-2660, 08-2121-007-2670, 08-2121-013-2010 and 08- 2121-013-2020, IN THE B-2 ZONING DISTRICT, IN THE AMOUNT OF $57,000; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF VACANT LAND IN "AS IS" CONDITION; AND TO TAKE ALL OTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager*

The above resolution was read by Assistant City Attorney Candice Cobb.

Vice Mayor Williams asked if there was a motion to discuss Consent Agenda Item 13-1.

It was moved by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Davis to discuss Agenda Item 13-1.

Vice Mayor Williams asked City Manager Pate to introduce Agenda Item 13-1.

City Manager Pate asked Mr. Gerald Lee to introduce Agenda Item 13-1 on behalf of the Community Development Department.

Gerald Lee of the Planning and Community Development Department stated that the item is requesting the Commission to approve the sale and purchase agreement for a project that already had its site plan, development agreement and vacation of intermingled alleys approved. Mr. Lee explained that this is the last part of the whole process to sell the property and reported that his department's staff agrees and recommends it. Thanking the Commission for their consideration, he offered to answer any questions they had.

Commissioner Taylor recused himself because he may appear to have a personal interest in Item 13-1. He proceeded to leave the room.

Vice Mayor Williams asked City Attorney Norris-Weeks for guidance on Commissioner Taylor's request to recuse himself from the discussion of Agenda Item 13-1.

City Attorney Norris-Weeks explained that it is Commissioner Taylor's prerogative to recuse himself from any agenda item and stated that he will have to fill out the proper form.

Vice Mayor Williams asked City Manager Pate if he had anything else on Agenda Item 13-1.

City Manager Pate confirmed the report provided by the Community Development Department and stated that the development agreement had been approved by the City Commission and that Agenda Item 13-1 is the final piece to approve the sale of the property. Mr. Pate reported that there is approximately $57,000 in escrow to show proof of funds, for the purpose of closing on the land sales transaction.

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Lee, if the previous Commission approval he reported, was referring to the site plan, development agreement and request to vacate the alleyways.

Mr. Lee confirmed that the site plan, development agreement and request to vacate the alleyways was approved by the Commission and that Agenda Item 13-1 is only for the final sale agreement. Mr. Lee added that the price has already been identified within the document.

Commissioner Davis asked what the official sale price is for the property being considered in Agenda Item 13-1.

Mr. Lee informed the Commission that the official sale price for the property being considered in Agenda Item 13-1 is $57,000.

Commissioner Davis asked if $57,000 is the fair market value for the property sale being proposed in this agenda item.

Mr. Lee reported that the company proposing to purchase the property being considered in Agenda Item 13-1, provided appraisals and that $57,000 is the price the City agreed to.

There being no additional discussion, the resolution passed by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Recused
Commissioner Burke	Yes
Vice Mayor Williams	Yes
Mayor Pigatt	Not Present

13. ADMINISTRATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

14. NEW ITEMS:

There were none.

15. PLANNING & ZONING:

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION SITE PLAN REVIEW REQUEST FOR THE OPERATION OF A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT AND FINISHED CONCRETE PRODUCTION COMPANY FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13050 NW 30TH AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED BY FOLIOS 08-2128-002-0020, 08-2128- 002-0030, 08-2128-002-0040, 08-2128-002-0050, 08-2128-002-0060, 08-2128-002-0090, 08- 2128-004-0380, AND 08-2128-004-0330, IN THE I-2 ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager* **Deferred from RCM 05/26/2021**

Item 15-A-1 was deferred until the Regular Commission Meeting on July 14th, as noted under Agenda Item 6, Approval of Consent Agenda and Pull List (deferrals and deletions).

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR THE OPERATION OF A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT AND FINISHED CONCRETE PRODUCTION COMPANY FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13050 NW 30TH AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED BY FOLIOS 08-2128-002-0020, 08-2128-002-0030, 08-2128-002-0040, 08-2128-002-0050, 08-2128-002-0060, 08-2128-002-0090, 08-2128-004-0380, AND 08-2128-004-0330, IN THE I-2 ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager* **Deferred from RCM 05/26/2021**

Item 15-A-2 was deferred until the Regular Commission Meeting on July 14th, as noted under Agenda Item 6, Approval of Consent Agenda and Pull List (deferrals and deletions).

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TENTATIVE PLAT REVIEW REQUEST FOR THE OPERATION OF A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT AND FINISHED CONCRETE PRODUCTION COMPANY FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13050 NW 30TH AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED BY FOLIOS08-2128-002-0020, 08-2128-002-0030, 08-2128-002-0040, 08-2128-002-0050, 08-2128-002-0060, 08-2128-002-0090, 08-2128-004-0380, AND 08-2128-004-0330, IN THE I-2 ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager* **Deferred from RCM 05/26/2021**

Item 15-A-3 was deferred until the Regular Commission Meeting on July 14th, as noted under Agenda Item 6, Approval of Consent Agenda and Pull List (deferrals and deletions).

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT AND FINISHED CONCRETE PRODUCTION COMPANY FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13050 NW 30TH AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED BY FOLIOS08-2128-002-0020, 08-2128-002-0030, 08-2128-002-0040, 08-2128-002-0050, 08-2128-002-0060, 08-2128-002-0090, 08-2128-004-0380, AND 08-2128-004-0330, IN THE I-2 ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager* **Deferred from RCM 05/26/2021**

Item 15-A-4 was deferred until the Regular Commission Meeting on July 14th, as noted under Agenda Item 6, Approval of Consent Agenda and Pull List (deferrals and deletions).

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING FINAL PLAT REVIEW REQUEST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A WAREHOUSE/DISTRIBUTION CENTER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12700 NW LE JEUNE ROAD IDENTIFIED BY FOLIO 08-2129-000-0032 IN THE B-3 ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager*

The above resolution was read by Assistant City Attorney Candice Cobb.

It was moved by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Davis to discuss the resolution.

Vice Mayor Williams asked City Manager Pate to introduce Agenda Item 15-A-5.

City Manager Pate asked Gerald Lee of the Planning & Community Development Department to introduce Agenda Item 15-A-5.

Gerald Lee of the Planning & Community Development Department reminded the Commission that they already approved the site plan and development agreement for the property being considered in Agenda Item 15-A-5. Mr. Lee explained that part of the process included dealing with the plat that needed to be addressed and pointed out that the Commission already approved their tentative plat. He reported that the company has dealt with the requirements of Miami-Dade County, and the process requires the City to approve the final plat before they take the actions they need to complete for the County. Stating that Agenda Item 15-A-5 is recommended for approval by his department, as well as the Planning & Zoning Board, he informed the Commission that they are awaiting their approval.

Commissioner Burke asked if the property being considered in Agenda Item 15-A-5 is a proposed warehouse off Le Jeune Road.

Mr. Lee confirmed that the property being considered in Agenda Item 15-A-5 is the former auto auction project.

Vice Mayor Williams noted that Agenda Item 15-A-5 is a Planning & Zoning Item and asked City Manager Pate if Community Development Director Gregory Gay could also speak on the item.

City Manager Pate recommended that Community Development Director Gregory Gay only speak before the Commission on Agenda Item 15-A-5, if there are any specific questions.

Vice Mayor Williams opened the public hearing on agenda item 15-A-5.

Ms. Dottie Johnson of 13724 NW 22nd Place stated that she understands the process but also wants to make sure that when staff from the Community Development Department say they already sent notices to business to make sure that they agree with the impact of a project, it should be included in the agenda packet in addition to the development agreement. Ms. Johnson asked someone to direct her to it, because she does not see it in the agenda packet. She said that she has seen development agreements come up under previous administrations which the staff did not publicly acknowledge. As an example, she stated that the truck stop on 135th Street is supposed to be a beautiful design, but she shared that every time she goes by, she must get her car washed because of the dust. Expressing that she is sure the City Manager is going to hold staff accountable and that the Commission is going to hold the Manager accountable, she also shared her concern that she doesn't see some of this stuff happening. Reporting that she tried today to get on the Planning & Zoning Board, she explained that she does not plan to go back to get any education for the specialty that is needed. Ms. Johnson concluded by thanking the Commission.

Brian Dennis of 821 NW 54th Street stated that talking about development is talking about enterprise and employment. Mr. Dennis asked where the agreement was that residents could get a job with all the gas stations coming into the City. Acknowledging that construction provides a temporary job and with the understanding that businesses are going to come, he asked who was at the table, asking what they were going to get for residents so that they could be employed. Using the example of the warehouse distribution center that is coming into the City, he said that it could begin to employ residents. Pointing out that Ordinance 95-6 of the Opa-locka Code is economic development, he said that community development is supposed to be economic development. He expressed his opinion that the City is stuck because of the Community Development Department not being used to put citizens to work because they don't have an interest in the City other than the paycheck. He asserted that while the members of the Commission have a job, other people don't have a job and they must understand how it feels to live on the other side, adding that he believed that is why the millage rate is the highest that it could go. Suggesting that the Commission table Agenda Item 15-A-5 until an agreement is reached, he hoped that when construction is done, people from Opa-locka get some work. He concluded by stressing that the staff is not moving the City.

There being no additional persons to speak, Vice Mayor Williams closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 15-A-5.

City Manager Pate stated that because there is contention on Agenda Item 15-A-5, he would request that Community Development Director Gregory Gay speak on the item.

Because Community Development Director Gregory Gay was not on the Zoom call, City Manager Pate asked Gerald Lee of the Planning & Community Development Department to address any questions the Commission had on Agenda Item 15-A-5.

Mr. Lee reminded the Commission that the development agreement for the property being considered in Agenda Item 15-A-5, does speak to the company making their best efforts to employ City residents. Mr. Lee pointed out that there is a legal threshold to employ City residents, but they cannot force employment. Anticipating that there will be employment as part of this project, he informed the Commission that the property owner has contracts with large firms which have a timetable, and thus the jobs are not going to be immediately available, except for the construction opportunities that will be available. He stated that the business has agreed to employee City residents based on what is approved in the development agreement. Mr. Lee also pointed out that the action the Commission is dealing with is about the platting which is a requirement of Miami-Dade County, and is not dealing with the development agreement because the project is already approved.

Commissioner Davis thanked Mr. Lee for sharing his point of clarity with the Commission. The Commissioner stated that the Commission understands where Mr. Brian Dennis is coming from and reminded everyone that the members of the Commission have championed jobs and employment in the City, with the development agreements asking for the hiring of residents as a standard way to contribute to the community economically. He acknowledged that the Commission cannot legally force a business to hire any percentage of City residents like no other city can, as Mr. Lee had said earlier, but they can incentivize them through the Community Redevelopment Agency and other entities. The Commissioner also pointed out that Mr. Lee stated that the development agreement, site plan and vacation of the alleyways was already approved and thus Item 15A5 is just ratifying the second phase of the plat review, requiring approval of the Commission, which he indicated his support for.

Vice Mayor Williams recalled discussing the topic of having residents hired by some of the businesses applying for permits with the City and expressed her hope that the Commission can explore options in the future. The Vice Mayor stated that at the last Commission Meeting, she asked how the Commission knows how many of the businesses hire residents; recognizing that the businesses are asked to organize a job fair, she said that the Commission doesn't know how many residents are hired. She acknowledged that the Commission can't legally enforce the hiring of residents but said it would be great if they can do some type of fact-finding through City Manager Pate's office to know how many of the businesses that the Commission has approved to open in Opa-locka, hire residents.

City Manager Pate thanked Vice Mayor Williams for bringing up her proposal for a fact-finding exercise to determine how many businesses in Opa-locka have hired residents. Mr. Pate assured the Vice Mayor that he shared her sentiments and those of the Commission with his office, which in turn shared them with the Community Development Department. He stated that they will look for more statistical data to share with the Commission for their knowledge, even if it is an annual report format. Mr. Pate reported that conversations as recent as today, included discussion of possibly looking at previous legislation and amending it as Commissioner Taylor suggested. He assured Vice Mayor Williams that it was noted.

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

Commissioner Burke	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Vice Mayor Williams	Yes
Mayor Pigatt	Not Present

B. APPEALS:

16. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. FIRST READING ORDINANCE(S)/PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING A REQUEST FROM AMDI USA, INC. TO CLOSE, VACATE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF NW 130TH STREET BETWEEN NW 30TH AVENUE AND NW 30TH COURT AND A PORTION OF NW 30TH COURT BETWEEN NW 130TH STREET AND NW 131ST STREET FOR THE OPERATION OF A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT AND FINISHED CONCRETE PRODUCTION COMPANY FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13050 NW 30TH AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED BY FOLIOS08-2128-002-0020, 08-2128-002-0030, 08-2128-002-0040, 08-2128- 002-0050, 08-2128-002-0060, 08-2128-002-0090, 08-2128-004-0380, AND 08-2128-004-0330, IN THE I-2 ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager* **Deferred from RCM 05/26/2021**

Item 16-A-1 was deferred until the Regular Commission Meeting on July 14th, as noted under Agenda Item 6, Approval of Consent Agenda and Pull List (deferrals and deletions).

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT, ATTACHED HERETO, WITH TEEN UP-WARD BOUND, INCORPORATED TO OCCUPY SPACE AT 2105 ALI BABA AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; CONFLICTS OF LAW, SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager*

The above resolution was read by Assistant City Attorney Candice Cobb.

Vice Mayor Williams opened the public hearing on Agenda Item 16-A-2.

Jannie Russell of 1210 Peri Street introduced herself as the Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound which has served the City for 20 years. Ms. Russell stated that they provide services to children and are moving into a new location. She explained that they will be working with other organizations and agencies in the fall, to provide services. Ms. Russell concluded by offering to answer any questions.

Commissioner Burke asked Ms. Jannie Russell what kind of social programs they were planning to offer with the other agencies they will be working with, and if the services would be just for kids.

Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound Jannie Russell stated that they are looking at being a part of Opa-locka, acknowledging that they see there are many services that are needed. Ms. Russell pointed out that there's a lot of homelessness and drug abuse in the area and shared that they tried to contact the people on the corner that used to aid people with substance abuse issues, but she said that it seems like they're not there. She also said that they will be asking the County and churches in the area to partner with them on some of the services they provide. Informing the

Commission that they have their own feeding program, including a free fridge, she said they are looking at doing some of those things because she recognized that feeding is a big thing. Ms. Russell asserted that there's a lot of work to be done in that area, and they want to try and help.

Commissioner Burke asked if Teen Up-ward Bound will offer services to assist residents who need help with their light bill.

Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound Jannie Russell pointed out that the County already assists residents with their light bill and stated that they can partner with them to offer a space for a few hours a day to offer that service to people in the community. Ms. Russell assured Commissioner Burke that they are looking forward to doing that.

City Manager Pate stated that the City is looking to provide social service activities at Sherbondy Village, including light bill assistance programs. Mr. Pate said that in addition to allowing Teen Up-ward Bound to utilize the building they are proposing to offer social services at, the City will be providing more services for its residents at its own facilities.

Commissioner Burke asked City Manager Pate if he was saying that it was not necessary for Teen Up-ward Bound to take on the responsibility of offering social services like light bill assistance, because the City is going to take on that responsibility.

City Manager Pate stated that he was not saying that it was not necessary for Teen Up-ward Bound to offer the social services they are planning to provide, but that because the City has a lot of under utilization of park facilities, expanded programming for residents and specifically for seniors, is being considered.

Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound Jannie Russell stated that many social services are handled through referrals, and they have a process to refer the needs they identify to other agencies. Ms. Russell acknowledged that once the building opens, she is quite sure that residents will come in to ask questions because they know that the building was previously utilized to provide social services. She said that they are getting their own network of referral agencies, to make sure that they can meet the need.

Commissioner Burke pointed out that the area where Teen Up-ward Bound is proposing to go into, is a challenging area with a lot of people that have a lot of problems and that the building was where they came to get help. The Commissioner stated that he just wants to make sure that some of that help will still be available in that area.

Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound Jannie Russell stated that Teen Up-ward Bound is embedded in the community and assured the Commission that they will always put forth the maximum effort to do anything they can to help.

Commissioner Taylor wished Teen Up-ward Bound a happy 20th year. The Commissioner said that he is a champion for children and community building, and that he appreciated the fact that they are going to bring life into the area. He recalled that when he was growing up, the area was known as the Triangle, but he thinks since then it has been changed to Magnolia North.

Commissioner Davis said that it was always Magnolia North, but they just called it the Triangle.

Commissioner Taylor thanked Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound Jannie Russell and stated that he appreciates the job that they are doing and the good job they are going to do, to help change that area.

Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound Jannie Russell also acknowledged that the area they are proposing to bring their social services to, is a challenging one. Ms. Russell stated that they have told the parents who have been calling about their summer camp, that their children are going to be alright. She asserted that with everyone's help and working together with the City Manager, the Commission, and the Police Department, they will make sure it happens.

Commissioner Davis thanked Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound Jannie Russell for all that she does for our great community. The Commissioner expressed his excitement to see them providing youth services in an area of the community that he feels was left to the wayside for too long. Pointing out that the area has low voter turnout and civic participation, the Commissioner described it as the stepchild of the City. Recalling his advocacy for building a park and many other goals for the residents in that area of the community, he said he is glad to see it moving forward. Recognizing that Ms. Russell has a background working in some of the toughest neighborhoods and engaging the youth in meaningful experiences, he shared his hope that they will be able to bring them on board with their programming, especially considering the recent hike in violent activity. The Commissioner also stated that he had a similar concern to what Commissioner Burke expressed, about the social services provided in the building being proposed to be used and said that the Commission looks forward to having them bring those services back in the fall as they move forward. Commissioner Davis concluded by saying that all members of the Commission are champions for children in their own respect and urged things to get done with the youth.

Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound Jannie Russell thanked the Commission for their vote of confidence. Ms. Russell informed the Commission that she has reached out to a lot of young people that once lived in the area, who are going to walk around with them. While she said they know a lot of people as well, those who they call Teen Up-ward Bound Alumni, know the ins and outs of the area. She also said that they are going to have a big kickoff celebration to bring some awareness, which everyone will be invited to be a part of. Ms. Russell expressed her hopes that the Commission is pleased.

Vice Mayor Williams congratulated Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound Jannie Russell, pointing out that the celebration of their 20th anniversary means that they have some Teen Up-ward Bound grandchildren out in the streets of Opa-locka. Congratulating them on their effort, the Vice Mayor acknowledged that the work with children that they do on a day-to-day basis, is not easy and many people cannot do it. She thanked her wholeheartedly for stepping into the gap for what is needed in Opa-locka. Pointing out that she is waiting for all the things that City Manager Pate stated are going to happen in the park, she asked that if they do not happen, that they look at revisiting bringing Teen Up-ward Bound back to Sherbondy Village so that the services that are needed can be provided.

City Manager Pate assured Vice Mayor Williams that it would be possible to revisit bringing Teen Up-ward Bound back to Sherbondy Village.

Vice Mayor Williams called for the vote on Agenda Item 16-A-2.

Commissioner Burke reminded Vice Mayor Williams that the public hearing on Agenda Item 16-A-2 was still open.

Vice Mayor Williams apologized and confirmed that the public hearing on Agenda Item 16-A-2 was still open.

Brian Dennis of 821 NW 54th Street expressed his support for what Executive Director of Teen Up-ward Bound Jannie Russell does and what she has been doing all these years, watching the kids come through, noting that they don't make the news. Mr. Dennis stated that they must have some type of Godly influence, even if they don't speak about God around children, to influence them to do better in life. He recognized that Vice Mayor Williams' statement about Teen Up-ward Bound grandchildren was perfect and was needed to keep Opa-locka productive. He also pointed out that Commissioner Davis is right that the Commission can't force anyone to hire anybody, but he said that they can legislate it. Mr. Dennis said that the County legislated to have any contract that was given, with a requirement to hire a percentage of residents. He offered to sit down and talk with Commissioner Davis about it.

There being no additional members of the public to make comments, Vice Mayor Williams closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 16-A-2.

It was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Burke to pass the ordinance on first reading.

There being no further discussion, the ordinance passed first reading by a 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Burke	Yes

Vice Mayor Williams	Yes
Mayor Pigatt	Not Present

B. SECOND READING ORDINANCE(S)/PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ANNUAL ADOPTED GENERAL, PROPRIETARY AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; ADJUSTING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY THE BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATION OF ALL BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR FEES CONSISTENT WITH APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading / public hearing held on May 26, 2021). *Sponsored by City Manager*

The above resolution was read by Assistant City Attorney Candice Cobb.

It was moved by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to discuss the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Williams opened the public hearing on Agenda Item 16-B-1.

Ms. Dottie Johnson of 13724 NW 22nd Place noted that citizen Mitchell proposed a project to the Commission to organize an event, but because she knows that the budget has already gone through approval, Ms. Johnson asked someone to put it on the record that the proposed project may not be done in this fiscal year. She said that she thinks sometimes false hope is given when all the facts are not brought out, and that if one of the members of the Commission is going to take it on as one of their projects, they should make sure that the citizen understands that everything has been budgeted. Additionally, she urged that any fundraising that is done, is documented with receipts. Stating that she knows Ms. Mitchell's heart and that she will put all her energy into thinking that they can have the event in November, Ms. Johnson said it may not happen.

There being no additional members of the public to make comments, Vice Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Davis asked City Manager Pate to address the $20,000 line item in the proposed budget amendment for the water and sewer fund, to pay for the 12% increase in utility billing charges referenced in the memorandum of understanding with the County.

City Manager Pate asked Budget Administrator Bob Anathan to address Commissioner Davis' question about the proposed budget amendment to pay for the increase in utility billing charges.

Budget Administrator Bob Anathan explained that there was a large increase in the utility billing charges from the County that was discovered in the monthly reconciliation. While it is being looked at, Mr. Anathan stated that he wanted to make sure that there was sufficient funding in the budget to accommodate it. He pointed out that as part of the memorandum of understanding with the County, they do have the right to raise the fees they charge for the billing and collection of Opa-locka's utility bills, and he said that they have exercised that right.

Commissioner Davis asked if the memorandum of understanding with the County gives them a 12% threshold to be able to increase utility billing charges.

Budget Administrator Bob Anathan informed the Commission that the memorandum of understanding with the County includes a limit lower than 12% for increases to utility billing charges, and that it is being worked on, but he wanted to make sure the increased amount was covered in the budget. Mr. Anathan explained that if all the additional funding is not necessary, it will revert to the water and sewer fund balance.

Commissioner Davis shared his understanding that the proposed budget amendment for the funding of the increase of utility billing charges, is an overshoot to ensure that the City has enough funds in place to cover any variations.

Budget Administrator Bob Anathan confirmed that Commissioner Davis' understanding of the purpose for the proposed budget amendment for the funding of the increase of utility billing charges, is exactly right.

Commissioner Davis expressed his concern with the increase in utility billing charges, despite his acknowledgement that Opa-locka has an agreement with the County in place that ultimately gives them some leeway to increase those utility billing charges. The Commissioner stated that he would like to look at the matter further, noting that the City is still facing challenging times. Pointing out that any increase to the City's utility billing charges could negatively impact residents, he asserted that he wants the Commission to do anything it can to lessen the burden as elected advocates for the City.

Budget Administrator Bob Anathan stated that the increase in utility billing charges is not passed through to the residents as a direct impact to them but is borne by the City.

Commissioner Davis shared his understanding that the increase in utility billing charges is on the City's end.

Budget Administrator Bob Anathan confirmed that the increase in utility billing charges is on the City of Opa-locka's account.

Vice Mayor Williams asked City Manager Pate if he wanted to respond to Commissioner Davis' question about the increase in utility billing charges.

City Manager Pate stated that he thinks Budget Administrator Anathan answered Commissioner Davis' question about the increase in utility billing charges and thanked Vice Mayor Williams.

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

Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Burke	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Vice Mayor Williams	Yes
Mayor Pigatt	Not Present

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV ENTITLED PERSONNEL, TO CREATE DIVISION IV OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO BE ENTITLED "CITY HOLIDAYS"; SPECIFICALLY RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY AS A PAID CITY HOLIDAY AND SPECIFICALLY CITING ALL OTHER CITY HOLIDAYS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; CONFLICTS OF LAW, SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading / public hearing held on May 26, 2021). *Sponsored by Commissioner Davis, Mayor Pigatt and Vice Mayor Williams*

The above resolution was read by Assistant City Attorney Candice Cobb.

It was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to discuss the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Williams opened the public hearing on Agenda Item 16-B-2.

There being no members of the public to make comments, Vice Mayor Williams closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 16-B-2.

Commissioner Davis noted that this is the second reading of the item sponsored by him, Vice Mayor Williams and Mayor Pigatt, proposing to declare Juneteenth Independence Day as an officially observed holiday in the City of Opa-locka. The Commissioner pointed out that there are several Citywide holidays which are acknowledged, and he stated that in his opinion, this holiday is even more important than the other eleven holidays, given its history. He expressed being glad to have the support of his colleagues and all those who have supported the item. The Commissioner said he looks forward to attending the City's Juneteenth celebration and having the holiday fully observed.

Vice Mayor Williams thanked Commissioner Davis for proffering the item to declare Juneteenth as an officially observed holiday in the City of Opa-locka. The Vice Mayor stated that she looks forward to seeing great Juneteenth activities, years from now.

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

Commissioner Burke	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Vice Mayor Williams	Yes
Mayor Pigatt	Not Present

C. RESOLUTION(S):

There were none.

17. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Vice Mayor Williams asked for the City Manager to deliver a report to the Commission.

City Manager Pate stated that a formal response will be provided to the Commission for the action list that was provided after the May 26th Commission Meeting, but he wanted to provide them with an update and brief responses on some of the items that were brought up at the meeting as well as other issues, including the following:

- Human Resources building being designated as a historical building.

  City Manager Pate explained that after his staff did research on the matter, it was determined that the Human Resources building cannot be designated as a historical building because it does not have any historical features that represent Opa-locka's history.

- Status of illegal dumping initiative brought forward by Vice Mayor Williams

  City Manager Pate reported that the Click Fix software is active. He also stated that because the budget amendment which included the funding for the initiative was just approved by the Commission, the monies will be placed in the coffers tomorrow, so that the program can be activated through the Police Department and Code Enforcement.

- Questions about the $200,000 stolen from the Building & Licensing Department

  City Manager Pate reminded the Commission that the money was stolen during FY 2017, 2018 and 2019, prior to him being appointed as Manager. He pointed out that the City stopped accepting cash payments in the Building & Licensing Department after he was appointed as City Manager.

- Status of Comprehensive Emergency Management and Hurricane Season Plan

City Manager Pate reported that the Comprehensive Emergency Management and Hurricane Season Plans were submitted to the Commission on June 1st at the request of Mayor Pigatt.

- Status of the request for proposals for the City's bus benches.

  City Manager Pate informed the Commission that the request for proposals for the City's bus benches will be presented to them at the June 23rd Commission Meeting.

- $1.2 million in State funding for the Police Department

  City Manager Pate stated that the $1.2 million in State funding will go towards the reconstruction of a new Police Department at the location of the old Police Department. Mr. Pate explained that a phased approach will be taken on the project. He said that phase one would be funded by the money coming from the State and would include the tearing down of the old building, environmental studies on the property, removal of underground pumps and creation of architectural drawings, in addition to various other pre-construction activities needed to get the site ready for the reconstruction project. Reminding the Commission that while the Governor has signed the bill and the funds have been set aside for the project, any monies distributed by the State of Florida typically require a grant application and that the Commission must approve an agreement for the use of funds and scope of the work, in addition to the request for proposals process.

- $100,000 in State funding for the Parks & Recreation fencing and security project.

  City Manager Pate reported that his office has been in contact with the State about the $100,000 funding for the Parks & Recreation fencing and security project. Mr. Pate stated that the agreement is going through the Budget Department, so that the agreement, the scope of work, and how the funds are going to be used can be reviewed by the Commission for approval.

- $100,000 in State funding for the City's senior programming

  City Manager Pate reported that Governor DeSantis used his line-item veto power to veto the $100,000 in State funding for the City's senior programming.

- Request for proposals for the Code Enforcement and Building & Licensing Departments

  City Manager Pate asked the City Commission for direction on what action they would like to have taken with the Code Enforcement and Building & Licensing Departments. He requested that they provide him consensus through a head nod or an individual phone call after the meeting, expressing that he felt they gave him mixed guidance and stifled him at the last Commission meeting on whether they want to have him direct staff to begin a formal request for proposals process. Mr. Pate pointed out that a request for proposals process will take longer.

Mr. Pate concluded his report stating that the City has been making a great deal of progress regarding moving forward in a positive direction. He assured the Commission that he values the support and input from each individual Commission member through agenda briefings and various other meetings. Expressing that he wholeheartedly feels that he is at the best disposal for the City Commission when he is being provided input from all members of the Commission in an equal and fair manner, he stated that his office is open to re-convening with the Office of the Mayor to attempt to reconcile and open dialogue so that they won't have four- and half-hour meetings. He also informed the Commission that while he'd be more than happy to answer any questions they have; he will be providing written responses to any questions that he is unable to answer.

Commissioner Burke asserted that he does not want to see any more of the City's departments outsourced, pointing out that they have given so many departments away and expressed his opinion that if they keep chipping away, they are not going to have a City. Addressing City Manager Pate's statement that the new Police Station is going to be built in phases, he asked if there was any other money that the City can get for the Police Station, stating that Opa-locka has a bad reputation for doing things in phases. He also recalled that the Commission has been talking about beautification of the City for a long time and shared that the Commission received an email from a resident proposing that the identification markers at the entrances to the City should have mulch and flowers to make them look nice, because it is the first thing people see when they come into the City. Reminding the Commission that Sharazad Boulevard used to have beautiful grass and trees in addition to the fresh mulch that is still there, he lamented that people are sitting in the median across from the apartments, as well as putting out bricks and furniture despite the police speaking to them and the "No Loitering" signs. The Commissioner stressed that if money is going to be spent to make the City look nice, they must be able to stay on top of it. Another problem he said the Commission has talked about before, is the need to cut back some of the trees in the City. Acknowledging that City staff could do the tree cutting themselves with a bucket truck, he said he doesn't recommend that and suggested that someone could be found to do it. The Commissioner reported that a resident who lives in front of Segal Park called him to say that they can't even see the streetlight because of the trees. He reminded the Commission that they had discussed cutting the trees one time and then letting the homeowners know that it would be up to them from then on, but they still haven't done anything despite hurricane season coming up. He concluded by pointing out to the City Manager that those are some of the things that need to be done.

City Manager Pate acknowledged that the concerns expressed by Commissioner Burke are probably items that the entire Commission would want a briefing on and asked Public Works Director Airia Austin to address those items.

Vice Mayor Williams also asked Public Works Director Airia Austin to discuss the process for having inmates come out to clean the City.

Commissioner Davis also asked for an update on the procurement of bus benches for the City.

City Manager Pate reminded the Commission that despite it not requiring a request for proposals process, they had voted to begin the request for proposals process for the City's bus benches. Mr. Pate stated that it would be presented at the June 23rd Commission Meeting.

Public Works Director Airia Austin stated that his department wanted to stop the effort of maintaining the City's entry signs, explaining that they don't have the personnel and most of the sign facilities are not equipped with irrigation. Mr. Austin reported that all the plant material was replaced four months ago, and irrigation systems are in the process of being installed, so that flowering plants can be added instead of the mostly green plants. He also informed the Commission that they are maintaining all the irrigation systems on the medians Citywide, with the first initiative on Perviz Avenue where the center plant material will be removed and grass with palm or flowering trees being planted when the irrigation system is complete. With respect to tree trimming, Mr. Austin stated that his department was trying to source a bucket truck for internal use, but the COVID-19 pandemic negated those efforts with it taking nine months to procure. He reported that a rental bucket truck will be arriving tomorrow and that 50% of the needed tree landscaping project will be completed by next week. With their tree trimming efforts being relegated initially to 139th Street, Sharazad Boulevard and other major medians that need it, Mr. Austin assured the Commission that they are still working towards acquiring their own bucket truck to trim the trees in other areas of the City. Acknowledging that City Manager Pate already addressed Commissioner Davis' question about the City's bus benches, he told the Commission that they are looking into resolving that relatively soon. He also recognized the challenge presented by the area of concern on Sharazad Boulevard identified by Commissioner Burke and stated that his department is working with the Police Department to thwart the loitering in that area. Mr. Austin pointed out that his department only has two individuals who they can dedicate to cleaning the area that continuously has furniture placed on it. He also shared that the weekly food drives take away time from the limited personnel in his department, and they are looking to see if they can resume bi-monthly or monthly food drives until they have the personnel to handle the initiative. Asserting that beautification is layered on their hearts, Mr. Austin offered additional assurances to the Commission that they are working diligently to set the infrastructure in place, to realize the beautification effect that the Commission and residents truly deserve. Mr. Austin concluded by offering to answer any questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Taylor noted that Public Works Director Airia Austin had stated that the irrigation repairs on Perviz Avenue would begin this week, but asked what the timeline was for the project, including the flower planting in the median.

Public Works Director Airia Austin stated that his department is in the final stages of the irrigation repairs on Perviz Avenue and should have them wrapped up by the end of the week, with the removal of plant materials this week as well. Mr. Austin explained that because it will take approximately one month for the grass to grow in, they are still in the process of procuring the trees that will be planted into the medians and sidewalks, to replace those that were damaged.

Commissioner Taylor asked Public Works Director Airia Austin if they were planting grass seeds rather than planting grass and just leaving a pile of dirt for a month, expressing his opinion that it would mean the City is going from bad to worse.

City Manager Pate informed Commissioner Taylor that his department has looked at the expense of planting sod, and it would require another budget amendment because it is much more expensive than planting grass seed. Mr. Pate explained that last year, they tried to price out beautification including the planting of sod, and it became an effort that would have cost several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Public Works Director Airia Austin clarified that the cost estimate for the planting of sod was $300,000.

City Manager Pate reminded the Commission that Opa-locka is still in a financial emergency. Expressing his understanding that the Commission wants quick natured actions including the planting of sod and expensive trees, he assured them that if it is the will of the Commission, he can look at the pricing options again.

Commissioner Taylor expressed his concern about being in hurricane season, pointing out the fact that Opa-locka floods, stating that he doesn't understand the logic of digging up the dirt if it could just be washed away and then the grass would never grow.

Public Works Director Airia Austin stated that his department will reevaluate their methodology for the planting of the grass in the City's medians based on Commissioner Taylor's concern.

Commissioner Taylor asked why the food drive, which he understood is about two hours, is affecting the Public Works Department ability to do their job. The Commissioner asked what they were doing that stopped them from doing their job, besides putting up the tent and serving the food.

Public Works Director Airia Austin explained that the food drive starts at 6 AM with five individuals assigned to the task, including handing out the food and all the other logistics.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the food drive can be assigned to a different department, suggesting that the Parks & Recreation Department as a possibility. Pointing out that there are five days in a week, he asserted that moving the food drive responsibility to another department, would provide a way for there not to be excuses for why the City is not being beautified.

Public Works Director Airia Austin reminded the Commission that his department has diminished manpower at this time, so the usage of that manpower every hour of every day is crucial to achieving their goals. Mr. Austin also addressed Vice Mayor Williams' question about prisoners returning to help the Public Works Department with their efforts, informing the Commission that his department has received a contract that they would like to utilize which is under legal review. He added that his department will be bringing that item back when they have clarity on how to proceed with it.

Commissioner Davis recalled that during the meeting with Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners Chairman Oliver Gilbert and Miami-Dade Stormwater Management, Opa-locka's waterways were discussed, including some of the eyesores such as the derelict vessels and trash dumping that must be dealt with. Acknowledging that there is a memorandum of understanding in place, the Commissioner asked if Miami-Dade Stormwater Management has reached out in any capacity regarding those issues. The Commissioner stated that if Miami-Dade Stormwater had not reached out, that he would like to see some sort of amendment to the existing five-year agreement that is in place, which he pointed out Opa-locka is already three years into.

Public Works Director Airia Austin explained that Miami-Dade Stormwater Management is responding to his department's requests on an as needed basis to maintain the aesthetics of the canal along Burlington Street and 22nd Avenue, as well as Opa-locka Boulevard. Mr. Airia also informed the Commission that they have not set in place a permanent agreement with Miami-Dade Stormwater Management, which would require the amendment of the memorandum of understanding that was set in place by ordinance.

Commissioner Davis asked Public Works Director Airia Austin if his department is still using contingencies to have Miami-Dade Stormwater Management respond to their requests.

Public Works Director Airia Austin confirmed that his department is using contingencies to have Miami-Dade Stormwater Management respond to their requests because they are not amenable to amending the contract.

Commissioner Davis shared his understanding that the memorandum of understanding with Miami-Dade Stormwater Management, ultimately must be approved by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners.

Public Works Director Airia Austin stated that the memorandum of understanding with Miami-Dade Stormwater Management must first be approved by the City of Opa-locka and then by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Davis pointed out that ultimately it is the decision of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, whether the agreement with Miami-Dade Stormwater Management can be amended. The Commissioner acknowledged that getting the proposed amendment onto the County Commission agenda would take some work and asked if Miami-Dade Stormwater Management gave a reason why they didn't want to amend the contract.

Public Works Director Airia Austin explained that Miami-Dade Stormwater Management does not want to amend the memorandum of understanding because the proposed amendment was not part of their agreement with several other cities, reminding the Commission that it is a multi-city contract.

Commissioner Davis shared his understanding that if the City of Opa-locka's memorandum of understanding with Miami-Dade Stormwater Management was amended, it would affect other cities as well and they are not open to making those changes across the board.

Public Works Director Airia Austin confirmed that Commissioner Davis was correct in his understanding that Miami-Dade Stormwater Management does not want to amend the memorandum of understanding with the City of Opa-locka because it would affect other cities as well.

City Manager Pate stated that he thinks he has a solution on beautification of the City overall. Mr. Pate informed the Commission that last year, his department looked at three landscaping companies to provide total beautification of the entire City and how much it would cost, compared to how much it would cost the staff from the Public Works Department to do it incrementally. He suggested that Public Works Director Airia Austin and Budget Administrator Bob Anathan should bring that back together and get it to the Commission, so they can see what the dollar amounts look like from the three vendors. Mr. Pate offered to have a Beautification Workshop with the Commission, so that they can provide the direction to his office and do what they need to do to shape either a budget amendment or next year's budget. He recalled that the cost they looked at last year was a grandiose dollar amount which former Commissioner Joseph Kelley brought up in his correspondence. Mr. Pate asked Mr. Austin to prepare the information from the three landscaping companies who provided quotes to beautify the entire City, so that the Commission can put it into perspective.

Vice Mayor Williams recalled that several months ago, the Commission approved an entity to write grants for the City of Opa-locka and asked if it would be possible to write a grant for beautification of the City.

City Manager Pate stated that Public Works Director Airia Austin and Budget Administrator Bob Anathan manage the grant writer. Despite him stating that he doesn't believe there have been any beautification grants available, Mr. Pate assured the Commission that if the grants are out there, they will do the research to seek them out.

Public Works Director Airia Austin reported that his department was provided with a schedule yesterday which included a $50,000 grant with an in-kind match that they are looking to bring forward to the Commission.

Commissioner Burke clarified that he knows and has seen that the Public Works Department is doing what they are supposed to do, getting out there in the morning to clean Sharazad Boulevard. The Commissioner asked how the City can tax the complex right in front of Sharazad Boulevard, which he said is the source of all the furniture that the Public Works Department cleans up. He also pointed out to Commissioner Taylor that the Parks & Recreation Department is already part of the team for the food drives.

Vice Mayor Williams recalled that City Manager Pate mentioned the proposal to outsource the Building & Licensing and Code Enforcement Departments and noted that Commissioner Burke stated he did not want to outsource the departments. The Vice Mayor asked what the next plan would be if the departments were not outsourced, expressing her opinion that the system is broken. She pointed out that City Manager Pate asked the Commission for their opinion, but that they are just saying what not to do and not what they think they should do.

Commissioner Burke acknowledged that the system is broken in the Building & Licensing and Code Enforcement Departments, but he asserted that it can also be fixed. The Commissioner stated that he doesn't think outsourcing and giving up more of the City is going to take care of the problem. He stated that they know what the problem is, and all they need to do is fix it. Recalling that the City tried to outsource the Building & Licensing Department once, he reminded the Commission that the City lost a lot of money while the companies that are granted the outsourcing contracts, make the money. The Commissioner pointed out that the City Manager is the Commission's "fixer" to correct the things that are wrong which are going on in the different departments. He expressed his opinion that he doesn't think getting rid of it is fixing it. The Commissioner urged them to fix it in-house and keep it in-house because despite not knowing who handled the negotiation, he remembered the City was getting pennies from the previous outsourcing of the Building Department. Commissioner Burke concluded by once again stressing that he is strongly against outsourcing any more of Opa-locka's departments.

Commissioner Davis expressed that he shares some of the same sentiments shared by Commissioner Burke regarding outsourcing the City's departments. The Commissioner pointed out that a city is started and chartered to provide services, and thus the municipal government is in the service delivery business. He expressed his hope that City Manager Pate would examine the situation and put the best recommendation forward, which he acknowledged has been done by proffering the request for proposals option. The Commissioner stated that his concern would be to do what is most beneficial long-term for residents and the City. Pointing out that when services are contracted out, they can be managed through the contract with a layer of accountability, but noted that when you are working with staff, they can sue. Addressing Commissioner Burke's point about losing money when outsourcing, he said that when contracting items, you save in the long run because you control all the services being provided. He also pointed out that given what has been in the news lately, residents have missed out on a lot of money. Assuring the Commission that he is not for either outsourcing or not outsourcing the Building & Licensing and Code Enforcement Departments, he said that he is more in favor of keeping things in-house and managing it. Noting that the members of the Commission are residents of Opa-locka, he said that the challenges within the two departments over the years are not a secret. The Commissioner asked Mr. Pate if he's thought about just having firms submit what they can provide to the City through a request for quotes process, acknowledging that the concern with outsourcing is centered around retaining staff.

City Manager Pate stated that he is trying his best to not have the City's power of negotiation be removed. Mr. Pate informed the Commission that there are only a handful of organizations in the area, that the Building & Licensing and Code Enforcement Departments could be outsourced to, and that both Miami Gardens and Hialeah currently outsource those departments either partially or fully. He said that he would like to retain employees, with his goal being to provide the best services for residents, while looking out for employees. Mr. Pate acknowledged that Commissioner Burke was correct in stating that as City Manager, he is paid to make decisions and bring them up to the Commission. He shared his observation that the Commission has gone in both directions over the last six or seven months on the issue of outsourcing the departments and asserted that he doesn't want to have his staff start doing work and then have it be dead on arrival at a Commission meeting. Offering to pull the minutes, Mr. Pate recalled a Commission meeting where some of them supported a request for proposals process for the City's financial services, and then he said that the tone changed within a month when he was asked why he brought up the request for proposals. Expressing that he wants to make sure his office is being provided clear direction on what to present to the Commission because he doesn't want a drawn out debate, he asserted that he wants a decision on what the Commission wants him to do that they can talk about.

Commissioner Davis stated that he thinks they would all like to see the Building & Licensing and Code Enforcement Departments come up to speed internally without an outside process, he noted that was not City Manager Pate's recommendation. The Commissioner pointed out that Mr. Pate threw out the option of the request for proposals process for the outsourcing of the Building & Licensing and Code Enforcement Departments, as the recommendation in his professional opinion, and he said the Commission must decide on it.

Vice Mayor Williams acknowledged hearing the concerns expressed by Commissioners Burke and Davis and stated that she is also on the fence about outsourcing the Building & Licensing and Code Enforcement Departments. She expressed that as a resident of Opa-locka, she believes that the City should have its own departments because the residents pay for those services. The Vice Mayor also said that she thinks permits would be granted faster if the City has its own Building & Licensing Department rather than an outsourced department. Considering the possibility of maintaining the departments the City has, she asked City Manager Pate how the fractures in those departments will be tackled.

City Manager Pate differed with Vice Mayor Williams' point about the speed of services provided to residents, which he stated are handled at either the same speed or faster in other cities, including Miami Gardens, that have outsourced their Code Enforcement operations. Mr. Pate assured the Commission that he is not suggesting throwing the baby out with the bathwater but noted that there are true operational deficiencies in the Building & Licensing and Code Enforcement Departments, including the ability to recruit certified personnel. He suggested that dealing with an outsourcing agent which has a hundred building officials and dozens of code enforcement inspectors that can move around between their contracts in nearby cities, would increase efficiency. Assuring the Commission that he doesn't see the City entering a contract where efficiencies drop tremendously, he asserted that he is going to look for efficiencies to rise based on performance standards in the contract. Acknowledging that Hialeah may have had an issue with their Building & Licensing and Code Enforcement, he stated that he knew Miami Gardens did not and that they just decided to outsource. Pointing out that different cities outsource their departments for different reasons, he asked the Commission to consider the issues that existed prior to him being hired as Manager, and the assessment the Commission asked him to complete, in addition to the Building & Licensing inquiry through the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) that required Opa-locka to enter into a consent decree for licenses that were approved without DERM's approval, and the ongoing issues with the need for more employees in the licensing section. Mr. Pate suggested that if the Commission decides to keep the departments, he is going to recommend adding personnel, including several more licensing clerks and inspectors, which he said will have Budget Director Bob Anathan project an increase in personnel and pension costs. He declared that outsourcing the departments will save money and is the best option to get the best services for residents. Mr. Pate concluded by stating that whether the Commission votes up or down on the outsourcing of the departments, his office will just work it up and bring it to the Commission, pointing out that the government body will make the final decision.

Commissioner Burke stated that when the members of the Commission were running to sit on the dais, they said they wanted change but didn't tell the people they were coming to dismantle the City. The Commissioner asked if the Parks & Recreation or Human Resources Departments have a problem next month if the Commission would outsource those departments. He said that you lose control once you outsource, adding that you can take care of problems that you have in-house. Asserting that departments in the City have not been taking responsibility and have lost the City millions of dollars without being investigated, he also pointed out that Opa-locka has always been under consent decree with the Miami-Dade Department of Environmental Resource Management, not just with the Building & Licensing Department. He reminded the Commission that the City first got rid of its Garbage Department for a couple of years and was going to bring it back, but it never came back in-house. The Commissioner also reminded them that they gave away the Water Department to Miami-Dade County, and stressed that if they keep outsourcing, they might as well go ahead and get rid of the City.

Commissioner Davis acknowledged that Commissioner Burke is right that none of the members of the Commission told people they were coming to dismantle the City, but he stated that he did promise efficient, effective, and respectful service delivery, which he said has never been up to the standards that the community deserves. Expressing that he is not a big fan of outsourcing, he said that he realizes that governing by a contracted network does present assurances because it is ultimately an agreement. Asserting that there needs to be accountability in the City, he suggested that residents want that accountability whether it comes from an in-house or outsourced Building Department. Addressing the concerns about outsourcing everything, he recommended considering the Water Department, stating that as a paying customer who lives in the community, he doesn't believe the City receives as many complaints since Miami-Dade County took over. The Commissioner also stated that whoever the departments are outsourced to would be managed through their contract just like employees are managed. He pointed out that not having to pay pensions or taking on a lot of the overhead as Mr. Pate said, would ultimately allow them to bring on new employees and significantly expand the department. The Commissioner stressed that he is in favor of any action that provides professional, respectful, effective, and efficient delivery of services for residents, as the City was chartered to do, no matter whether the service is provided in-house or outsourced.

Vice Mayor Williams suggested that the decision whether to outsource the Building & Licensing and Code Enforcement Departments can be discussed later. The Vice Mayor lamented that Opa-locka is one of the last cities in the area that uses paper and pencil in the Building & Licensing Department without any type of database. Asserting that it is a problem that the department has no digital records to fact check, she suggested that there must be something the City Manager's Office can do to update how the department operates. As someone who recently pulled a permit, the Vice Mayor stated that she just doesn't get it but tabled the discussion for now. The Vice Mayor also pointed out that she placed the City Manager's evaluation form on the desks of the members of the Commission, reminding them that the Manager agreed to amend his contract in March. She explained that she took the liberty of going through all the other evaluations she sent earlier and asked for them to review and approve the one she provided them, with City Manager Pate's approval.

Commissioner Taylor stated that the Commission just received the City Manager's evaluation form and didn't have any time to review it, asking to table the discussion.

Vice Mayor Williams stated that technically, it was the third time that the City Manager's evaluation form had been given to the Commission. The Vice Mayor said that the discussion could be tabled but told City Clerk Flores that she would like to know if the amendment to City Manager Pate's contract had been signed.

City Clerk Flores said that the amendment to City Manager Pate's contract had not been signed.

City Manager Pate stated that he didn't think the Commission Meeting was the forum to discuss him signing the amendment to his contract.

Vice Mayor Williams stated that the discussion about the amendment to City Manager Pate's contract would come back.

18. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

There were none.

19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

20. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Commissioner Taylor congratulated the Parks & Recreation Department on a job well done during the Seniors Picnic, stating that it was great and awesome. The Commissioner also congratulated the Police Department, recognizing that in the current climate, they don't get enough credit, considering the fact that crime is down in Opa-locka. He also brought forth his idea to introduce a Citizens Academy that will build positive relationships and increase communication between government, the police and citizens.

Commissioner Davis reported that he will be participating in a walking one stop with Mr. Wayne Rawlings for a violence reduction partnership to bring social services to the doors of Opa-locka's residents. The Commissioner recalled that Mr. Rawlings previously partnered with the Police Department for outreach in the City. He shared that former Commissioner Joseph Kelley will be hosting the event and said that he is excited to have him revisit the City to coordinate much needed referral services for Miami-Dade County, and to put a dent in some of the violence and criminal activity in the community. The Commissioner also stated that Commissioner Taylor's idea to introduce a Citizens Academy, is very important and needed. He pointed out that he partnered with the Ethics Commission in 2016 to bring needed resources to the City and recalled that both he and Vice Mayor Williams were graduates of that academy. Commissioner Davis concluded by thanking Commissioner Taylor for taking the lead to ensure that the Commission is reaching out to residents and building future leadership.

City Clerk Flores asked for direction from the Commission on the workshops that are pending. The Clerk stated that she has only received three confirmations for each of the workshops, including the Commission Priorities Workshop. She asked if the Commission wanted to move forward with just three members of the Commission in attendance, or if there was an intent to have everyone in attendance.

Vice Mayor Williams asked what date the Commission Priorities Workshop was being proposed for.

City Clerk Flores stated that she thinks City Manager Pate was available for the Commission Priorities Workshop on the week of June 21st. The Clerk asked Mr. Pate if it was still a good date for him and apologized for bringing this to the Commission meeting, but explained she is not getting the responses she needs to be able to move forward with scheduling.

Vice Mayor Williams asked if there was a specific date being proposed for the Commission Priorities Workshop.

City Clerk Flores explained that she asked for the Commission's availability for the entire week, so that she can set a date that is good for everyone, for the Commission Priorities Workshop.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the Commission Priorities Workshop that is being proposed to be scheduled, is a continuation of the last Priorities Workshop.

City Clerk Flores confirmed that the Commission Priorities Workshop that is pending being scheduled, is a continuation of the last Priorities Workshop.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the Commission Priorities Workshop can be scheduled at 6 PM on the same night as the June 23rd Commission meeting.

City Clerk Flores stated that all the members of the Commission can agree on a date for the Commission Priorities Workshop, while they are on the dais.

Commissioner Taylor indicated that he is open to the Commission Priorities Workshop being scheduled on June 23rd.

City Manager Pate stated that June 23rd is locked down because he will be in negotiations with the Police Benevolent Association that afternoon. He pointed out that it would be a long day for him and City Attorney Norris-Weeks, with the negotiations going into the 4:30 PM time frame.

City Attorney Norris-Weeks stated that she will be working and that the scheduling of the Commission Priorities Workshop on June 23rd is fine with her.

City Manager Pate also stated that scheduling the Commission Priorities Workshop on June 23rd is fine with him.

Vice Mayor Williams asked City Manager Pate what time he was proposing for the Commission Priorities Workshop on June 23rd.

City Manager Pate stated that he proposed that the Commission Priorities Workshop on June 23rd be scheduled at 5:30 PM.

Vice Mayor Williams confirmed that City Clerk Flores should schedule the Commission Priorities Workshop on Wednesday, June 23rd at 5:30 PM.

City Clerk Flores reminded the Commission that June 23rd is the same date as their Regular Commission Meeting, and thus they would have an hour and a half for the Commission Priorities Workshop.

Vice Mayor Williams confirmed it was okay for City Clerk Flores to schedule the Commission Priorities Workshop on Wednesday, June 23rd at 5:30 PM, despite it being one hour and a half prior to the Regular Commission Meeting.

City Clerk Flores also stated that City Manager Pate proposed scheduling a second workshop to discuss Union Contracts on July 7th at 5:30 PM.

Commissioner Taylor asked to confirm when the Union Contracts Workshop is being proposed to be scheduled.

City Clerk Flores confirmed that the Union Contracts Workshop is being proposed to be scheduled on July 7th at 5:30 PM.

Vice Mayor Williams confirmed that the Union Contracts Workshop could be scheduled on July 7th at 5:30 PM.

City Clerk Flores asked the Commission if she could post both the Commission Priorities Workshop on June 23rd at 5:30 PM and the Union Contracts Workshop on July 7th at 5:30 PM.

Vice Mayor Williams confirmed that City Clerk Flores could schedule and post both the Commission Priorities Workshop on June 23rd at 5:30 PM and the Union Contracts Workshop on July 7th at 5:30 PM.

21. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Nakisha Williams to the Historic Environmental Preservation Board.

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

Commissioner Burke	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Vice Mayor Williams	Yes
Mayor Pigatt	Not Present

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Davis to appoint Floralba Wright to the Housing Authority & Nuisance Abatement Board.

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

Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Burke	Yes
Vice Mayor Williams	Yes
Mayor Pigatt	Not Present

City Clerk Flores informed the Commission that former Commissioner Dorothy Johnson had initially applied to serve on the Planning & Zoning Appeals Board, but there is one vacancy on the board and it's only for an individual with a professional background, with all the slots for residents being filled. The Clerk said that Ms. Johnson is interested in serving on the Community Relations, Recreations & Activities Board, which has one at-large appointment available.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Davis to appoint Dorothy Johnson to the Planning & Zoning Appeals Board.

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

Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Burke	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Vice Mayor Williams	Yes
Mayor Pigatt	Not Present

22. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Vice Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Matthew A. Pigatt
Mayor

Attest:

Joanna Flores

Joanna Flores, CMC
City Clerk