

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

“The Great City”

CLERK’S ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

November 10, 2021

7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pigatt called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Sherbondy Village, 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida.

2. ROLL CALL:

The following members of the City Commission were present: Commissioner Sherelean Bass, Commissioner Chris Davis, Commissioner John H. Taylor Jr., and Mayor Matthew A. Pigatt. Also, in attendance were: City Manager John E. Pate, City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Assistant City Attorney Candice Cobb 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:

Mayor Pigatt presented certificates to 6 adoptive families of Opa-locka in honor of National Adoption Month.

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

Clerk Flores advised the Commission that Agenda Item 13-3 was replaced by a substitute resolution, because there was a correction in dollar amount from \$560,000 to \$500,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the consent agenda.

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed by a 4-0 vote.

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

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Joanna Flores advised the Commission of the request to amend the agenda to include Agenda Item 14-1 and read the proposed item into the record.

14-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE OPA-LOCKA POLICE DEPARTMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY ROM SUMMARY PROVIDED BY BEA ARCHITECTS, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BEA ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DEMOLISH AND REBUILD THE FORMER CITY POLICE STATION AT 2495 ALI BABA AVENUE, WITHIN THE CITY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$776,148.20), WITH AN ADDITIONAL TEN PERCENT CONTINGENCY BUDGET OF SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-TWO CENTS (\$77,614.82); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager*

Mayor Pigatt asked City Manager Pate to state the emergency nature of add on Item 14-1.

City Manager Pate stated that Item 14-1 is being requested to be added to the Agenda based on the health, welfare and safety provision of the City's Code, adding that it needs to be done in a timely manner to ensure that proper grant funding is used and to ensure that the mission of the Opa-locka Police Department moves forward based on the will of the Commission and residents.

It was moved by Commissioner Bass to add Item 14-1 to the Agenda, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

There being no discussion, the motion to add Item 14-1 to the Agenda, passed by a 4-0 vote.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bass to approve the Agenda.

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

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

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Commission Meeting – September 22, 2021

It was moved by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes of the **Regular Commission Meeting – September 22, 2021.**

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

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

Regular Commission Meeting – October 13, 2021

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the minutes of the **Regular Commission Meeting – October 13, 2021.**

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

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

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

There was none.

10. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

There were none.

11. CITIZENS' FORUM:

(Opportunity for discussion of any concerns – please limit to 3 minutes)

City Clerk Joanna Flores announced the protocol for public participation at City Commission meetings. The City Clerk stated that one person had registered to address the Commission virtually, but they were not connected to the meeting via Zoom.

Mayor Pigatt opened the Citizens' Forum.

Ms. Dorothy Johnson of 13724 NW 22nd Place stated that she had some information she would leave with the City Clerk to be shared with the City Manager and whoever can help with recruitment for the Opa-locka Community Action Committee that has been around since the 70s. Ms. Johnson informed the Commission that she has been appointed by Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners Vice Chair Oliver Gilbert, to represent County Commission District 1 on the Community Action & Human Services Board, expressing that she is glad to work between Opa-locka and Miami Gardens and will be bringing more information to help with strategies. She stated that the contact person from the County that she had provided to City Manager Pate, Mr. Corey Jones had passed away, but she said that she is sure they will have a replacement. Ms. Johnson thanked Commissioner Bass for the Bibles Up Guns Down event, stating that it was great, and just needed more children there. She said that the Booster Club's Halloween celebration was outstanding. Ms. Johnson reported that she saw the State of Florida cleaning up State Road 9, as well as inmates cleaning in the City last week. She thanked Vice Chair Gilbert for bringing beautification to the City. Sharing that she had the opportunity to participate in the Wellsprings Community Complex presentation, Ms. Johnson said it was a great project that she hopes moves forward. Recalling that she learned that the Commission must read everything they get, a lesson she said was passed onto her from Congresswoman Meeks who she said was her mentor, Ms. Johnson shared that it took her 5 hours to look at videos from back in 18 and learned that a lot of directives are given to City Staff but there is no

motion. Ms. Johnson urged the Commission to put their workshops into legislation because she said that in her opinion having been a former Commissioner, a lot of things are slipping through the cracks.

Mayor Pigatt asked his colleagues on the Commission if they had any responses to provide as part of Citizens' Forum.

There were no responses from the Commission.

Note: This portion of the minutes is transcribed in verbatim.

Mayor Pigatt: Accept this as my resignation from the position of Mayor in the City of Opa-locka; I will not be a figurehead for corruption. I'm going to those with the real power in this system, the people. I'm not resigning because this job is too big; I'm resigning because I'm in the wrong position to affect change in my City and cities like this across America. I naively thought that a system that is broken could be fixed from within by reformers who, if they just care deeply enough, could root out things like cronyism, shadow deals and government officials who turn a blind eye toward corruption, lest their own deeds be brought into the light. I was wrong.

I left home 17 years ago with the commitment to become a better person for my family and a community that saved my life. I came back home 10 years ago and chose to raise my family here in Opa-locka because it was the heart of my community. My journey through this government began as an intern in the Planning & Community Development Department. I learned about the history of this community, its beauty, its potential and its challenges. I learned firsthand how the employees of this city were treated by the leadership and how they were taking advantage of the people, by not doing their job to serve the people. My first time challenging this government was when I spoke out against the firing of the City Manager and the corruption on the dais back in 2014. That led me to getting code enforcement violations on my house, being threatened by the police multiple times and being accosted by so-called shadow mayors and community advocates right here in this room, at that podium, while those on the dais and in the room looked on in silence.

When I ran for office, the tagline was a new generation of leadership. The people voted to replace the only elected official indicted after the FBI raids in this City. We campaigned around town repeating the same words to everyone. It's time to put an end to this corruption and hold this government accountable. We need to handle the basics, get our finances in order, make sure our trash is picked up on time, our water bills are accurate, the streets get fixed, and the Police and Code Enforcement don't pick and choose who they are harassing. The people overwhelmingly voted for that twice. Since being elected I've been laser focused on my commitment to the people. We have a new generation of

leadership in the City of Opa-locka, all new elected officials, a new City Manager and a new City Attorney. We replaced our residential trash company with one that picks up our garbage on time and efficiently. We replaced 98% of our water meters across the City and have a third party making sure the bills are accurate. We fixed 18 out of 19 pump stations and developed a stormwater master plan to address flooding across the City. We brought in a Financial Consultant, a Budget Director and did several evaluations of our Finance Department, completed 5 audits, submitted a 5-year recovery plan, and worked well with the State Financial Oversight Board and the Auditor General's Office. We paved over 20 miles of streets including Cairo Lane, 139th and 141st. We fixed over 90% of the potholes throughout the City, the largest road servicing and re-milling project in decades; and we are putting sidewalks into the neighborhoods. We brought in the Miami-Dade County Police Department to do an assessment of our Police. We got a new Police Chief, Command Staff, new Officers, new vehicles, new equipment and a substation. Yet, despite all of these accomplishments in this position as Mayor, I could not stop the corruption.

I naively thought that I could help reform this City from the inside, by being the change I wish to see in this community and bringing in a new generation of leadership. During my time here I withstood threats on my life, my family, the loss of my job, character assassinations and political intrigue more scandalous than a show "Scandal". What I've experienced and witnessed with my own eyes during this journey through this government; let me just say this for now, those who stand up for what is right, do not last long in this system. The forces of corruption are too strong for one person to reform. The reformers within the government are outnumbered by those who want to compromise, maintain the status quo and promote themselves over the people. However, the people outnumber the government. The people can hold this government accountable, and I want to thank the people who elected and supported me on this journey through the inside of this system. I got you.

I'm going to take these insights and experiences back to the people. Everything will be shared when it will do the most good. I have a family I need to take care of and be there for. I started this mission as a young single man; now I'm a proud husband and father. My wife, my son, and my two daughters need their "Baboo" and I'm going to take some time for my family and then the people will learn everything including how to hold their government accountable and change this system.

Now, there are of course some here in this very room and some sitting right here on this dais who are breathing a sigh of relief, believing that I'm finally going away. As always, they cannot be more incorrect in their hopes and pride. As I stated at the very beginning of this statement, I am not abandoning the people's mission to dislodge the corrupt, the power hungry and the flat out shady from this City and others. When the time is right,

you'll be hearing more what form this will take and how those who are like-minded can get involved. For those of you who stand in opposition, to those who operate in the shadows who actually believe you hold power beyond the people, who put themselves above service, to the corrupt, the cronies, the narcissists, the deceivers and the liars, I'm not only giving my notice; I and those who join me are putting you on notice. On behalf of all those who want better for their communities, thank you. Thank you all for the insights and experiences. We will hold government accountable to the people.

This concludes the verbatim portion of these minutes.

Mayor Pigatt left the meeting.

Commissioner Bass asked City Attorney Norris-Weeks how the Commission should proceed for the current meeting.

City Attorney Norris-Weeks stated that because there was a quorum, the meeting can continue. The City Attorney noted that the Vice Mayor was not present and said that the Commission can decide who would be the presider of the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor asked for clarification whether the meeting can or cannot continue.

City Attorney Norris-Weeks confirmed that because there was a quorum of members of the Commission present, they can continue the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the Commission needed to vote for a Chair for the current meeting.

City Attorney Norris-Weeks confirmed that Commissioner Taylor was correct in his understanding that the Commission needed to vote for a Chair.

Commissioner Taylor asked who calls for the vote for the Commission Chair for the current meeting.

Commissioner Davis stated that he thinks the Commission needs to put a motion on the floor.

City Attorney Norris-Weeks confirmed that one of the members of the Commission can put a motion on the floor, to appoint a Chair for the current Commission Meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Davis to appoint himself as Chair of the current Commission Meeting, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

There being no discussion, the motion to appoint Commissioner Davis as Chair of the current Commission Meeting passed by a 3-0 voice vote.

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

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

There were none.

13. ADMINISTRATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF CALVIN, GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR) PURSUANT TO RFQ NO. 21-0727100 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SAME, IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***
2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH 300 ENGINEERING GROUP, P.A. FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER GRAVITY MAIN RELOCATION ALONG 133RD STREET; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***
3. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$560,000), FOR ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO NW 131ST STREET (BETWEEN NW 31ST AND NW 32ND**

AVENUES); FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by City Manager

- 4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA'S 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY LIST, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***
- 5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT FUNDS, IN AN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$100,803.75), FROM BIDERA LLC, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AS A RESULT OF THE CITY SURPLUS AUCTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***
- 6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER REQUEST FOR EAC CONSULTING, INC. TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL FLOW MEASUREMENTS AT LIFT STATIONS 4, 5 AND 7 AND CONDUCT AN ADDITIONAL SMOKE TEST OF THE CITY'S EXISTING GRAVITY SEWER MAINS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$26,025.00); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***

Vote taken on Consent Agenda items can be viewed under Agenda Item 6 – Approval of the Consent Agenda.

14. NEW ITEMS:

- 1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE OPA-LOCKA POLICE DEPARTMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY ROM SUMMARY PROVIDED BY**

BEA ARCHITECTS, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BEA ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DEMOLISH AND REBUILD THE FORMER CITY POLICE STATION AT 2495 ALI BABA AVENUE, WITHIN THE CITY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$776,148.20), WITH AN ADDITIONAL TEN PERCENT CONTINGENCY BUDGET OF SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-TWO CENTS (\$77,614.82); 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.

Commissioner Davis asked City Manager Pate to introduce Agenda Item 14-1.

City Manager Pate asked Public Works Director Airia Austin to introduce Agenda Item 14-1.

Public Works Director Airia Austin informed the Commission that the resolution in Agenda Item 14-1 proposes a comprehensive study to develop demolition plans for the Police Station, to perform necessary environmental work including the removal of underground storage tanks before the facility is demolished, in addition to the development of a criteria document to put the project for the construction of a new Police Station out to bid.

Commissioner Davis asked City Manager Pate if he had anything to add to the introduction of Agenda Item 14-1.

City Manager Pate stated that based on the study, the most feasible option is the proposal included in Agenda Item 14-1 to use the \$1.1 million from the State Legislature for the demolition of the old Police Station building, while dealing with environmental impacts and to develop plans for a new Police Department. The City Manager noted that this would be phase 1 of the project providing time to request more funding from the Legislature.

Commissioner Davis stated that he is glad to see the establishment of a new location for the Police Department within the community and that he is happy to see that it is going beyond just a regular demolition of the property, to include the plan to develop a new Police Station.

Commissioner Taylor stated that he likes the idea proposed by Agenda Item 14-1 and asked if the old Police Station is going to be demolished and then a plan to rebuild it is going to be done.

City Manager Pate stated that the proposal in Agenda Item 14-1 goes all the way to the point of preparing the site for new construction including environmental rehab.

Commissioner Taylor asked if a timeline had been established for when the Police Station will be rebuilt.

City Manager Pate stated that the rebuilding of the Police Station is dependent on funding. The City Manager informed the Commission that because the City is in a financial emergency, bonding is not an option because the State of Florida would have to agree for the City to enter into any new debt. He said that more funding for the project will be solicited through the City's State Senator and State Representative from the State Legislature.

It was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Bass to discuss Agenda Item 14-1.

There being no additional discussion, the resolution proposed by Agenda Item 14-1 passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

15. PLANNING & ZONING:

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none.

B. APPEALS:

There were none.

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, 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.** *Sponsored by City Manager*

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

Commissioner Davis opened the Public Hearing for Agenda Item 16-A-1.

There being no members of the public to address the Commission, Commissioner Davis closed the Public Hearing for Agenda Item 16-A-1.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bass to discuss Agenda Item 16-A-1.

Commissioner Davis asked City Manager Pate to introduce Agenda Item 16-A-1.

City Manager Pate asked Budget Administrator Anathan to introduce Agenda Item 16-A-1.

Budget Administrator Anathan pointed out that the Commission has 2 budget amendments before them on their meeting Agenda, including the second reading for Budget Amendment #4 in addition to the first reading for Budget Amendment #5, and that if bills keep coming in related to the prior year's goods and services, they could necessitate further budget amendments. Mr. Anathan informed the Commission that Budget Amendment #5 includes \$361,000 to address the improvements that have been done on Cairo Lane, which he reminded the Commission, had been previously approved with the understanding that it would be brought before them as a budget amendment. He also stated that the pledged revenues for the debt service fund are coming in higher than they were budgeted,

which become surplus, allowing the transfer of about \$107,000 into the general fund.

Commissioner Davis said that he didn't see the backup documentation including the more detailed breakdown of the budget amendment within his legislative package.

Budget Administrator Anathan stated that the information Commissioner Davis was requesting was an attachment to the Agenda.

City Clerk Flores informed Commissioner Davis that the exhibit, including the information that Commissioner Davis was requesting, starts on page 712 of the Agenda packet.

Budget Administrator Anathan assured the Commission that the budget amendment proposed by Agenda Item 16-A-1 is very simple and most of it is just housekeeping with minor changes.

There being no additional discussion, the ordinance proposed in Agenda Item 16-A-1 passed first reading by a 3-0 vote.

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

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING CURTISS DRIVE FROM SULTAN AVENUE TO HAREM AVENUE AS COMMISSIONER ALVIN BURKE DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Commissioner Bass*

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

Commissioner Davis opened the Public Hearing for Agenda Item 16-A-2.

Ms. Dorothy Johnson of 13724 NW 22nd Place stated that the legislation proposed in Agenda Item 16-A-2 is very worthwhile and deserved. Ms. Johnson said that since her involvement in 1997, she doesn't know of a sitting Commissioner dying while serving. She asked the Commission to involve the community in the planning, because Commissioner Burke was loved by the people. Ms. Johnson

concluded by offering kudos to the sponsor and said that the heartfelt sympathy for his service from the other members of the Commission, is very much needed.

Mr. Brian Dennis of 2140 York Street echoed the sentiments expressed by Ms. Johnson, stating that Commissioner Burke was beloved. Mr. Dennis shared that he knows for a fact that he was beloved because Commissioner Burke talked him into giving up his entire paycheck for some kids because of his legacy. He said that he agrees that the community should be involved, and he added that the family should be involved. Mr. Dennis concluded by recalling that Commissioner Burke put a lot of time into what he did, especially with the Booster Club and thanked the Commission for putting Item 16-A-2 on the agenda.

There being no additional members of the public to address the Commission, Commissioner Davis closed the Public Hearing for Agenda Item 16-A-2.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bass to discuss Agenda Item 16-A-2.

Commissioner Taylor stated that like the citizens said, it's well deserved. The Commissioner added that the Commission was sad to see their colleague Commissioner Burke go and acknowledged that the proposed street naming doesn't do justice to his life because he was such a great man in the City. He concluded by saying that he was happy that Commissioner Bass sponsored Agenda Item 16-A-2, for the Commission to show how much they appreciate and love Commissioner Burke.

Commissioner Davis thanked Commissioner Taylor and said that he shared his sentiments. The Commissioner recalled having had the chance to campaign with Commissioner Burke in 2018, and he shared that he got to know Commissioner Burke better over the years as a colleague. He acknowledged that Commissioner Burke was well loved in the community and was always a fighter for the community. Commissioner Davis thanked Commissioner Bass for leading the charge and sponsoring the ordinance proposed by Agenda Item 16-A-2, and said he thinks it is great that the Commission could memorialize Commissioner Burke in this special way.

Commissioner Bass thanked her colleagues for their support. The Commissioner recalled having met Commissioner Burke in 2018, stating that it was a roller coaster ride that she would live again. She shared that she thought it would befit Commissioner Burke to have the Commission name Curtiss Drive after him. Commissioner Bass added that she found out that Commissioner Burke's first address in the City of Opa-locka was on Curtiss Drive, which is why that street is

being proposed to be renamed, and not Jann Avenue where his family currently resides. She concluded by thanking her Commission colleagues for their support and said that she is looking forward to the second reading of the ordinance.

There being no additional discussion, the ordinance proposed in Agenda Item 16-A-2 passed first reading by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Vice Mayor Williams	Not Present
Commissioner Bass	Yes
Commissioner Davis	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, 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 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 (first reading/public hearing on September 22, 2021). *Sponsored by City Manager***

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

Commissioner Davis opened the Public Hearing for Agenda Item 16-B-1.

Ms. Hope Calhoun introduced herself as a representative for the property owner requesting the vacation of the right of way proposed by Agenda Item 16-B-1. Ms. Calhoun pointed out that while this was the second reading of the ordinance, it was the third time making the request because the City's ordinance requires that they provide payment for the vacation of the right-of-way and that the Commission has their most recent offer which she said is consistent with the appraisal. She stated that they have come a long way, as suggested and requested by the Commission, and she expressed her hope that it makes

everyone more comfortable with what they are seeking. Ms. Calhoun recalled that the Commission already approved their applications for the site plan and development agreement, and she concluded by offering to answer any questions or go over their presentation again.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bass to discuss Agenda Item 16-B-1.

City Manager Pate stated that after months of deliberation, he fully supports the item because he believes the petitioner has made a full faith effort to answer the Commission's questions and bring their offer up to a level that is suitable to him.

Commissioner Davis said that the Commission's discussion at the last meeting was surrounding the offer amount which he remembered was \$94,000, recalling that he and his colleagues were reluctant to move on the item with such a low-ball offer. The Commissioner noted that the current offer had been increased to \$306,963 as included in the official letter stating that amount.

Commissioner Bass shared that she had the opportunity to visit the property with Planning & Community Development Director Gregory Gay and see what they were explaining to the Commission. The Commissioner said that she thinks it is in the best interest of the City to close it out.

There being no additional discussion, the ordinance proposed in Agenda Item 16-B-1 passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

2. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW BOARD FOR THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR METHOD OF APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD; ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading/public hearing held on October 13, 2021). *Sponsored by City Commission***

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

Commissioner Davis opened the Public Hearing for Agenda Item 16-B-2.

Ms. Dorothy Johnson of 13724 NW 22nd Place stated that she didn't recall the ordinance proposed by Agenda Item 16-B-2 ever having been read a first time, noting that this was the second reading for the item. Ms. Johnson said that if she was in error, she apologized and said she is still in favor of it. She added that she is trying to find the structure of how the proposed Charter Review Board would be set up, acknowledging that it is very much needed.

Commissioner Davis confirmed that the first reading for the ordinance proposed by Agenda Item 16-B-2, was held on October 13, 2021.

Mr. Brian Dennis of 2140 York Street expressed his support for the ordinance proposed by Agenda Item 16-B-2 and said that he thinks it would give the Commission the opportunity to appoint those who know how to move the City forward by reviewing the Charter, but also it would give the Commission the opportunity to be a part of it and become educated.

There being no additional members of the public to address the Commission, Commissioner Davis closed the Public Hearing for Agenda Item 16-B-2.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bass to discuss Agenda Item 16-B-2.

Commissioner Davis thanked Commissioner Taylor for leading the Charter Review Board effort. The Commissioner acknowledged that many of the processes within the City of Opa-locka have been historically antiquated and updating the Charter will be one step to put the City's best foot forward. He pointed out that the Charter is the City's lifeline and basically its constitution, so they want to ensure that the practices outlined in the Charter are fair and equitable.

There being no additional discussion, the ordinance proposed in Agenda Item 16-B-2 passed first reading by a 3-0 vote.

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

3. 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 October 27, 2021).
Sponsored by City Manager

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

Commissioner Davis opened the Public Hearing for Agenda Item 16-B-3.

There being no members of the public to address the Commission on Agenda Item 16-B-3, Commissioner Davis closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to discuss Agenda Item 16-B-3.

There being no discussion, the ordinance proposed in Agenda Item 16-B-3 passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

C. RESOLUTION(S)/PUBLIC HEARING:

There were none.

17. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Commissioner Davis asked City Manager Pate to deliver a report to the Commission.

City Manager Pate reported that the Human Resources Department facilitated an on-site breast cancer workshop, an extended learning information session with Nova Southeastern University

and a wellness event. The City Manager shared that he has been continuously meeting with residents and business owners regarding their concerns and getting their feedback on what they would like to see in their City, to know how to best navigate in moving the City forward. Thanking the Commission for approving the legislation to move forward with the retesting of pump stations 4, 5 and 7, as well as the testing of pump station 8, he informed them that if the testing is passed, it will remove the pump stations from moratorium and provide for commerce. He stated that additional blue external water sampling stations may be installed throughout the community to make drinking water readily available for testing without going into private homes for sampling. Mr. Pate also shared that the City is in receipt of \$3,978,531 of the City's first 2 payments of its allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act funds from the U.S. Treasury, adding that the City is expected to receive a total of \$7,957,062 by Spring of next year. He said that at the workshop that was held on October 20, 2021, the Commission discussed the possible usage of such funds and created an interest-bearing account to house those funds. In accordance with the Commission's guidance, the design for the Miami Gardens service line project using these funds is underway. City Manager Pate also said that an initial assessment has been received to fully restore the Sesame Street bridge and that a request will be provided to the Commission for consideration at the Special Commission Meeting scheduled for November 17, 2021.

18. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

There were none.

19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

20. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Commissioner Bass thanked everyone who came out to support the Bibles Up & Guns Down event, including those on the residents panel, as well as the Police Department, City Staff including Mr. Rady Grice and her colleagues. The Commissioner also thanked those who came out to support the Farm Share feeding, which she said was also very successful.

Commissioner Davis thanked Commissioner Bass for leading the Bibles Up & Guns Down event, lamenting that he was unable to attend the event, but sharing that he heard all the great news. The Commissioner acknowledged that the City has put forth maximum effort to solving violence, and he thanked Commissioner Bass for encouraging the community to be inspired by faith as opposed to the more troubling behaviors in the community.

Commissioner Taylor echoed Commissioner Davis' sentiments, thanking Commissioner Bass for a great event and all she has done to try to curtail the violence in the City.

Commissioner Bass invited everyone to the Night of Thanksgiving on Friday the 19th of this month at 7:00 PM. The Commissioner explained that it is going to be a night of praise, worship, dance and just giving thanks.

Commissioner Davis encouraged the community to come out and enjoy a fun family day during the community turkey distribution on November 20th from noon to 4 PM at Sherbondy Park. The Commissioner shared those 500 turkeys will be given out to Opa-locka residents, and that some of the sponsors included 103.5 The Beat, Foot Locker, Big Al, Simply Healthcare and Miami-Dade County. He added that he will be co-hosting the event with Papa Keith from 103.5 The Beat.

21. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

There were none.

22. ADJOURNMENT:

City Clerk Flores noted that the next Commission Meeting would be scheduled on the day before Thanksgiving, and she reminded the Commission that normally the 2nd meeting in November and December are cancelled. The Clerk asked what the will of the Commission was due to the holidays.

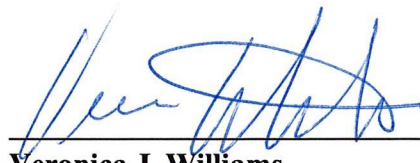
City Manager Pate stated that there were no issues from the Manager's Office because he said that if there is anything time sensitive, they can have those items on the agenda at the Special Commission Meeting which City Clerk Flores scheduled on the 17th.

It was moved by Commissioner Bass to suspend the second Regular Commission Meetings in the months of November and December, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

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

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

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.



Veronica J. Williams
Mayor

Attest:



Joanna Flores, CMC
City Clerk