

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

“The Great City”

CLERK’S ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

January 26, 2022

7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 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 Audrey Dominguez, Vice Mayor John H. Taylor Jr., and Mayor Veronica J. Williams. Also in attendance were: Acting City Manager James B. Wright, City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Assistant City Attorney Candice Cobb and City Clerk Joanna Flores.

3. INVOCATION:

The Invocation was delivered by Commissioner Davis.

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):

Vote taken on Consent Agenda items can be viewed under Agenda Item 13 - Administration.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Clerk Flores informed the Commission of the request to add Item 14-1 to the Agenda and she read it into the record.

14-1 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING SIGNATORIES FOR VARIOUS BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA AT BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY AND CITY NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA; RECOGNIZING JAMES B. WRIGHT AS THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND REPLACING JOHN E. PATE'S NAME WITH JAMES B. WRIGHT FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2022 AT 12:01 AM; AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO COMPORT WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND WITH SAID BANKING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager*

It was moved by Vice Mayor Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the addition of Item 14-1 to the Agenda.

There being no discussion, the motion to approve the add-on item passed by a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Bass	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

City Clerk Flores informed the Commission of the request to add Item 14-2 to the Agenda and she read it into the record.

14-2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JAMES B. WRIGHT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Vice Mayor Taylor*

It was moved by Vice Mayor Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bass to add Item 14-2 to the Agenda.

There being no discussion, the motion to approve the add-on item passed by a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Bass	Yes

Commissioner Davis	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

It was moved by Vice Mayor Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Dominguez, to approve the Agenda.

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

Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Bass	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2022

It was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Bass to approve the minutes of the **Regular Commission Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2022**.

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

Commissioner Bass	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

Special Commission Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2022

It was moved by Vice Mayor Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Dominguez to approve the minutes of the **Special Commission Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2022**.

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

Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Bass	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

Special Commission Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2022

It was moved by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Dominguez to approve the minutes of the **Special Commission Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2022.**

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

Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Bass	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Mayor Williams	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.

Mayor Williams opened the Citizens' Forum.

Toroni Mitchell who resides at 14225 NW 22nd Place asked if anyone is checking the remilling and street striping being done in the Segal Park area, because she said that they started and then stopped and that it is sloppy. Ms. Mitchell also reported that she had an issue on State Road 9 when she call the Florida Highway Patrol to report that 3 guys were filming a car doing donuts in the middle of the intersection, and they told her that they no longer handle the road but did send a patrol officer because someone almost got killed; and because the Florida Highway Patrol told her that the road was given back to Opa-locka a couple of months but she was also told that Opa-locka doesn't handle the road, she asked who needed to be called in a situation like that. Additionally, she raised concerns about people sleeping at Segal Park and altering the electricity with a television. She shared that she saw a mom make her kids go back home after she saw the guys sitting there with the television, and Ms. Mitchell said it's not fair to the kids because the park is for everybody. Suggesting that police go by during the day and night, she concluded by stating that Segal Park is not a hotel.

Mr. John Riley who resides at 2963 NW 135th Street sympathized with Ms. Toroni Mitchell, but stated that Opa-locka's city limits end on 17th Avenue and the State of Florida cannot give up its responsibility for state roads. Mr. Riley also congratulated the Mayor and Commission for their selection for City Manager. He stated that being 77 years old, he knows what it is to be talked about because someone is going to find something negative to say about anyone, asserting that it takes a real man or woman to build somebody up. Mr. Riley concluded by stating that what has been torn down has to be rebuilt to make Opa-locka what it is supposed to be, expressing his pride in the Commission and their healthy camaraderie.

Ms. Natasha Ervin who resides at 670 Dunad Avenue joined Mr. John Riley in congratulating the City Commission on their pick for City Manager. Ms. Ervin shared having felt elated as a resident when she found out that the Acting City Manager was riding around checking out the City to look over what City Employees are doing or not doing. She stated that she has been keeping an eye on him and reported that he gets to work very early in the morning and is usually the last person to leave, which she said was very much appreciated. Ms. Ervin concluded by telling Acting City Manager Wright that she is watching everybody.

Retired Police Chief Cheryl Cason who resides at 781 Curtiss Drive stated that she is very happy because of the appointment of Acting City Manager James Wright. Ms. Cason shared that she had to have total knee replacement because Mr. Wright had her cleaning and checking Segal Park when she was the night supervisor, and she fell in a hole and got injured. Acknowledging that Mr. Wright has not been a city manager, she said that he has the experience and they've been to so many meetings that they could do City Manager, Mayor, Clerk and all of it. Stating that she knew the new crew could do it, she said that they can't go wrong when they're going with Wright.

Ms. Chris Roberts who resides at 640 Dunad Avenue stated that the City's public relations person needs to be fired because she doesn't seem to be doing any work. Ms. Roberts said that anything being done in the City is advertised the day before, and if the Commission wants people in the community to participate, they must advertise way before.

There being no additional members of the public to address the Commission, Mayor Williams closed the Citizen's Forum.

Commissioner Davis addressed Ms. Toroni Mitchell's comments, acknowledging that all the City's parks have been notorious for having the wrong element deterring kids and residents from enjoying the activities that the parks offer. The Commissioner recalled that the Commission included funding for fencing in the City budget, to control when the parks are open and closed, so that trespassing laws can be enforced if someone is hanging out there past the operating hours. He asked City Manager Wright if it was possible to have

regular patrolling of those areas. Commissioner Davis also shared that he lives in the neighborhood near State Road 9 and hears the loud screeching tires in the middle of the night. He agreed with former Mayor Riley that it is a state highway and Florida Highway Patrol should have jurisdiction, recalling that his first traffic ticket was on that road, which is how he knows that. Stating that he doesn't think a change happened, he said that an answer and follow-up will be provided through the City Manager's Office and asked that the area be patrolled to put an end to the street racing.

Commissioner Bass expressed her appreciation for the residents coming to the Commission meeting with their concerns, stating that the Mayor and Commission cannot fix everything, but they know who to hand it to. She said that she knows the City Manager is paying attention to their concerns and asked him to respond to the question about the public relations person.

Acting City Manager Wright stated that he understood the concerns of the Commission and he reported that he had a meeting with Parks & Recreation Director Delven Patterson to outline some of his expectations for the City's parks, including the programming and outreach. Mr. Wright said that he asked for data to be provided about what is happening at the parks and he had a follow-up meeting with Assistant City Manager George Ellis to ensure that he also met with the Parks Department. Addressing the Ms. Toroni Mitchell's comments about State Road 9, Mr. Wright stated that while a segment of the roadway is the responsibility of Florida Highway Patrol, it does not mean that the Police Department can't also conduct traffic enforcement in that area. He said that he asked his Executive Assistant to take notes, so that they can follow-up with Ms. Mitchell and the Commission to address the issues. Additionally, Mr. Wright shared that he also met with Assistant City Manager Ellis to determine if the maintenance of State Road 9 had been conveyed by the state, assuring the Commission that he is working to develop a plan for beautification of the road. He also reported that the City is in transition from the public relations person, and he said that he would like to see more communication with citizens, to make sure that events are properly planned and get the participation that the City is looking for, stressing that he is moved by data.

Vice Mayor Taylor addressed Ms. Toroni Mitchell's concern about the lighting at Segal Park and asked if the lights are working. The Vice Mayor also inquired about loitering and trespassing signage at the parks.

Acting City Manager Wright stated that he'd like to address some of the discussions as future agenda items because sometimes he may not have the answers to the Commission's questions and assured them that he would follow back up with them once the issue is addressed.

Mayor Williams expressed appreciation to the citizens that share the successes and barriers in the City with the Commission, twice a month to get the City back on track. The Mayor stated that like Ms. Natasha Ervin, she has also heard about Acting City Manager Wright's drive-bys and shared that she was excited about it. She stated that one of the contentious items during the Miami-Dade County School Board meeting was whether the Superintendent the board would appoint, lived in the community and she said that though it is not part of the charter, the Acting Manager lives here, and the Commission knows he is going to be present and saturated in the community. The Mayor recalled bringing up having inmates clean State Road 9, which she said should be looked at. She lamented having had many organizations contact the City to clean the road, and said it is a disgusting mess. Because it is a gateway to Opa-locka, Mayor Williams said that everybody assumes it's Opa-locka's mess that is being ignored, stressing that the City needs to get on top of that.

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

There were none.

13. ADMINISTRATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved by Vice Mayor Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Dominguez to approve the Consent Agenda.

There being no discussion, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed by a 5-0 vote.

Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Bass	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

- 1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH STRK PROPERTIES LLC.; ACCEPTING POTABLE WATER, AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***

2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH EAC CONSULTING, INC. FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO THE ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR ROADWAY WATER DISTRIBUTION AND DRAINAGE RECONSTRUCTION FOR NW 131ST STREET BETWEEN NW 31ST AVENUE AND NW 32ND AVENUE, TO INCLUDE THE SEGMENT BETWEEN NW 30TH AVENUE TO NW 31ST AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***

14. NEW ITEMS:

1. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING SIGNATORIES FOR VARIOUS BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA AT BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY AND CITY NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA; RECOGNIZING JAMES B. WRIGHT AS THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND REPLACING JOHN E. PATE'S NAME WITH JAMES B. WRIGHT FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2022 AT 12:01 AM; AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO COMPORT WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND WITH SAID BANKING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***

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

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

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

Commissioner Bass	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JAMES B. WRIGHT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Vice Mayor Taylor***

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

It was moved by Commissioner Dominguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Taylor to discuss Agenda Item 14-2.

Vice Mayor Taylor stated that Agenda Item 14-2 proposes to approve Acting City Manager Wright's employment agreement. The Vice Mayor said that it is an urgent item because technically he is not on payroll as a salaried employee, and he said the Commission wants to make sure that he is compensated for the work that he is doing.

Commissioner Bass stated that the Commission must discuss the salary for the new Acting City Manager, despite the information provided to the Commission by Budget Administrator Bob Anathan.

Mayor Williams stated that she agrees with Commissioner Bass and said that she is concerned about the salary of \$162,200 being proposed. The Mayor said that she cannot expect herself to be at the top pay scale without having the experience, but suggested that through the interim process, the Commission can increase the salary. She said that she understood the information Budget Administrator Anathan provided to the Commission, but she asserted that it will be a budgetary constraint and the money will come from somewhere. Mayor Williams asked City Attorney Norris-Weeks if the Commission can negotiate if the board sees fit to do so.

City Attorney Norris-Weeks pointed out that Acting City Manager Wright was present on the dais, she said that she thinks he is open to listening and she also encouraged him to participate.

Acting City Manager Wright informed the Commission that Human Resource Department Director Kierra Ward informed him that she did not have any information from the Commission with respect to his salary and she expressed concern that having to pay his salary retroactively would cause some unnecessary attention. Subsequently, Mr. Wright said that City Attorney Norris-Weeks realized that state statute prohibits retroactive pay, which is why he said that waiting until February 1st would put the City in a situation. He apologized that he did not submit his Curriculum Vitae to the Commission, but he shared with them that he has 31 years of local government experience having spent his entire adult life in public service, including having served as Opa-locka's Police Chief from 2005 to 2008. Mr. Wright said that a number of city managers have come from the ranks of Police and Fire Chiefs because public safety comprises 50% or more of a city's budget and he asserted that if you can run a Police or Fire Department, you can run a city government. He shared that he is a business owner and entrepreneur with

relationships that he has built and maintained at the local, state and federal level. He also said that he has served on a number of boards, including having been appointed to the first ever Taxpayer Advocacy Panel with 10 other Floridians by President Bill Clinton after over 1,100 people applied; in addition to serving on the Economic Action Committee of the Miami-Dade Economic Advisory Trust since 2018 and he is also serving a 5-year term on the Private Investigation Recovery and Security Advisory Council with 10 other members after being appointed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Nikki Fried. Mr. Wright shared his assessment that Budget Administrator Bob Anathan is credible, and he said that he is not going to provide any information to the Commission with respect to budgetary items that don't have a public purpose, and he noted that Mr. Anathan indicated that the dollars for the proposed salary are in the City's budget. He also pointed out that the proposed salary will be paid bi-weekly and assured them that if after the national search the Commission decides for whatever reason that they no longer need Mr. Wright's services, there will be no severance payout and the City will not have paid out the full amount. Mr. Wright concluded by stating that he is prepared to answer any other questions the Commission has with respect to his qualifications and expertise.

Vice Mayor Taylor stated that the salary for the previous City Manager was \$169,000 but Mr. Wright is taking \$162,000. The Vice Mayor asserted that the City can't pay under what others are making and expect them to provide quality work. He said that the reason why the City has a lot of vacancies is because the City doesn't pay its people. The Vice Mayor also pointed out that other city managers in surrounding municipalities make way more than what is being proffered for the Acting City Manager's salary. He said that he understands what Commissioner Bass and Mayor Williams are saying about setting a goal for the City Manager to give them a raise, but he stressed that if they want to get quality people and want them to be happy and stay in Opa-locka, they must pay them.

Mayor Williams stated that Opa-locka cannot be compared to other cities because it is under financial oversight with the State of Florida. The Mayor said they do not do what the private sector, including Amazon does, to allow a 90-day grace period to show what you know and that you are the person for the job. She agreed with Vice Mayor Taylor that Opa-locka does not get the right people, but she said that it is not based on salary because there are plenty of people getting a lot of money in Opa-locka, which he lamented did not include those at the lowest pay levels. The Mayor asked if the ones making the top dollars are producing. Offering assurances that she is super glad that the City has Mr. Wright, the Mayor asserted that they need to allow people to show what they can do. She also said she was a little

confused by the language limiting the Acting City Manager to 5 hours of outside employment per week and asked for it to be explained.

Acting City Manager Wright informed the Commission that prior to his selection as Acting City Manager, he was already a business owner. Mr. Wright offered assurances that he is committed to the City, has already transitioned a number of his businesses' employees to run the day-to-day and that most issues can be handled by telephone, but there may be times on the weekends that he will have to involve himself. He pointed out that he has a statutory obligation as a public official to disclose it, and that though he could ask how's anybody going to know, he doesn't want to start his relationship in the City like that in case somebody sees him on the weekend and says he has another job and then it comes back to the Commission and creates a concern or issue. Mr. Wright asserted that the Commission can expect him to be forthright, open, honest and transparent because he has nothing to hide.

Vice Mayor Taylor pointed out that most of the members of the Commission are salaried employees, and he said that when they go to jobs, the salary is disclosed at the beginning to be negotiated, which he said is what they are doing now. The Vice Mayor stated that he doesn't understand how the Acting City Manager's probation relates to his salary and asked if Mayor Williams was proposing to pay him less and then more after 90 days.

Mayor Williams stated that not all the members of the Commission work for the private sector which is why their salary is determined when they go to their interview, and she asked her colleagues to keep in mind that when they go to an interview, their resume has their experience to say they deserve the top salary. The Mayor asserted that she thinks they should negotiate and because the City is under State oversight, they must be able to spend their money in a way that makes sense.

Commissioner Davis stated that having a little bit more experience because he has been on the dais a little longer, he pointed out that historically Opa-locka has paid its City Managers in the range of the low hundred thousands, which he said obviously didn't get them much of a return over the years. The Commissioner recalled that when the Commission decided to conduct a national search to recruit the last City Manager, they decided to raise the ceiling for the salary to garner more interest. He stated that Commissioner Taylor is right that the City needs to be competitive if they want the best, brightest, most consistent and present, which he said unfortunately comes with a price. Acknowledging that Mayor Williams might feel a little bit more comfortable with a 90-day probationary period, Commissioner Davis expressed his hope that any salary increase would not be based on a 90-day period but would be based on some sort of formal evaluation so that it is based on

performance. He also noted that because the salary being proposed for Acting City Manager Wright is slightly less than what was proffered for the last City Manager, it would represent a cost savings. Commissioner Davis suggested that Mayor Williams and Commissioner Bass share an amount they would propose for the Acting City Manager's salary, so that they can all come to some agreement.

Commissioner Bass stated that considering the money that was paid to the former City Manager, they saw what they got and therefore for her, money doesn't have that much to do with integrity, and everything must be proven. The Commissioner said she was hoping that a time period like the proposed 90 days would be established for an evaluation and then raise the Acting City Manager's salary based on the evaluation.

Mayor Williams asked Commissioner Bass what number she would like to propose for Acting City Manager Wright's salary.

Commissioner Bass stated that she thinks 30 days would be sufficient time for the Commission to decide with an evaluation, and she said that she is more than willing to go to the \$162,000 but asserted that the Commission need to drop it a little bit right now, with something to work towards when they make that decision.

Acting City Manager Wright stated that the probationary period in most public entities is a year, offering the example of a probationary employee in the Police Department being evaluated every 6 months. Mr. Wright assured the Commission that he doesn't have a problem being evaluated but he believes it is important to determine the criteria and performance dimensions on which they will evaluate him before they talk about salary. He also reminded the Commission that they can terminate his services at any time, and he can also terminate his relationship with the City at any time as well.

Commissioner Dominguez stated that she wants everyone to be equal if the Commission is going to evaluate the City Manager and said that none of the 3 entities that fall under the Commission have had an evaluation. The Commissioner also stated that she has never heard of someone starting with one salary and having it raised 3 months later if they are good.

Mayor Williams stated that raising salaries after employees are vetted is done and that she would have wanted to workshop this issue, but she said that she hears the will of the Commission. The Mayor also said that after 20 weeks, severance must be paid.

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

Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Bass	No
Mayor Williams	No

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):

There were none.

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

There were none.

C. RESOLUTION(S)/PUBLIC HEARING:

There were none.

17. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acting City Manager Wright thanked the Commission for their confidence in his appointment as Interim City Manager. Mr. Wright reported that he has been speaking with City Employees to get a handle on the short-term and long-term issues and concerns that impact the City. He said that he understands the position of public trust that he holds. Mr. Wright also shared that he has expressed his concerns to the majority of the Commission about getting the City out of financial oversight. He also said he wants to implement policies and procedures that continue to limit the City's exposure to liability. Acknowledging that there's a tremendous amount of work that needs to be done in the City, he said he is elated to be back home and is extremely hopeful that the City has the experienced people willing to do the work and he is here to assist in sharpening some pencils and to get to work. Mr. Wright informed the Commission that he will have a more detailed report that they will receive prior to the next Commission Meeting. He concluded by offering assurances that he is here to work in a collaborative fashion with the State of Florida oversight board and the Commission because he thinks it is important and believes

it is what the citizens, taxpayers and those who traverse through, deserve in the City, adding that he is looking forward to working with each and every member of the Commission to continue to move the City forward.

18. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

There were none.

19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

20. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Commissioner Bass thanked the Opa-locka Police Department and Chief Jackson for working with Dr. Robert B. Ingram Elementary School to groom the boys into men through the 5,000 Role Models partnership.

Commissioner Dominguez thanked City Clerk Flores and her staff for always being there to assist her with anything every time she calls. The Commissioner said that because of Clerk Flores, her pictures are up, and she wanted to personally thank her and her staff.

Vice Mayor Taylor thanked everyone who showed up and supported the MLK & Ollie B. Kelley Peace Day, stating that it was a great success, and he can't wait until next year. The Vice Mayor also asked about the appointing of the members of the Charter Review Board who will be serving in advisory roles.

Mayor Williams also suggested that the Charter Review Board would be something that the League of Women Voters would be interested in, but that she had not moved forward with her recommendations.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked if the Charter Review Board can start meeting, considering that they are pressed for time and all the voting members have been appointed, with the 2 vacant seats being non-voting advisory roles.

City Attorney Norris-Weeks recalled that when the issue came up before, her recommendation was to have a full slate of people appointed to the Charter Review Board and then start meeting at one time, so everybody's on the same page with training and instructions. The City Attorney added that if the Commission is interested in amending the item, it can be brought back as one of the City Manager's items on the next agenda, so they can figure out how they want to have the 2 vacancies filled and can start the meetings.

Vice Mayor Taylor asked if City Employees can be appointed to the Charter Review Board as temporary seat fillers.

City Attorney Norris-Weeks stated that she thinks City Employees are not one of the options for who can be appointed to the Charter Review Board.

Commissioner Davis noted that it's common practice for business to go on if there is a quorum for the Commission and said that he is a big supporter of the Charter Review Board and would like for it to go forward.

Mayor Williams stated that time is of the essence, and she will reach out to Katy Sorenson after the State of the City Address. The Mayor also asked if a Special Commission Meeting could be called to have any amendments to the composition of the Charter Review Board voted on, so that it can move forward.

City Attorney Norris-Weeks stated that if the Charter Review Board was approved by the Commission through an ordinance, it will require 2 readings.

Vice Mayor Taylor stated that by the next Commission Meeting, they will have the 2 names for the advisory members to be appointed to the Charter Review Board, so that it can go ahead and move forward.

Mayor Williams invited everyone to the State of the City Address this Friday, January 28th at 6:30 PM in front of Historic City Hall and will be live on Facebook. The Mayor urged everyone to engage, reinvigorate and understand that it is a team effort.

21. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Davis noted that the Commission received a few applications for the Planning & Zoning Board from Rose Tydus, Elio Guerrero who re-applied to serve on the board as residents, as well as an application from Germane Barnes who re-applied to serve on the board based on his professional experience as a professor of architecture.

It was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Vice Mayor Taylor to accept Germane Barnes' application and appoint him to the Planning & Zoning Board.

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

Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Bass	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

It was moved by Vice Mayor Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Davis to accept Rose Tydus' application and appoint her to the Planning & Zoning Board.

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

Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Commissioner Bass	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

It was moved by Vice Mayor Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Dominguez to accept Elio Guerrero's application and appoint him to the Planning & Zoning Board.

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

Commissioner Bass	Yes
Commissioner Davis	Yes
Commissioner Dominguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Taylor	Yes
Mayor Williams	Yes

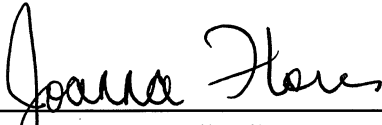
22. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Veronica J. Williams
Mayor

Attest:



Joanna Flores, CMC
City Clerk