

City of Opa-locka

*Commission Chambers
215 Perviz Avenue
Opa-locka, FL 33054*



SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING Agenda

**Thursday, January 20, 2022
5:30 PM**

City Commission

**Mayor Veronica J. Williams
Vice Mayor John H. Taylor Jr.
Commissioner Sherelean Bass
Commissioner Chris Davis
Commissioner Audrey Dominguez**

Appointed Officials

**City Manager John E. Pate
City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks
City Clerk Joanna Flores, CMC**

SPEAKING BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION

NOTE: All persons speaking shall come forward and give your full name and address, and the name and address of the organization you are representing.

There is a three (3) minute time limit for speaker/citizens forum and participation at all city commission meetings and public hearings. Your cooperation is appreciated in observing the three (3) minute time limit policy. If your matter requires more than three (3) minutes, please arrange a meeting or an appointment with the City Clerk prior to the commission meeting. City of Opa-locka Code of Ordinances Section 2-57

DECORUM POLICY

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the commission, shall be declared to be out of order by the presiding officer, and shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the presiding officer, unless permission to continue or again address the commission be granted by the majority vote of the commission members. City of Opa-locka Code of Ordinances Section 2-58

NOTICE TO ALL LOBBYISTS

Any person appearing in a paid or remunerated representative capacity before the city staff, boards, committees and the City Commission is required to register with the City Clerk before engaging in lobbying activities. *City of Opa-locka Code of Ordinances Section 2-18*

FLORIDA STATUTES, CHAPTER 285.0105

"If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, Agency or Commission with respect to the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**How to watch the meeting**

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City Commission Meetings are held in-person while allowing virtual participation. Members of the public wishing to address the Commission may do so in person or virtually.

To participate virtually, please register by 5:30 p.m. on the scheduled meeting date via the City of Opa-locka website at www.opalockafl.gov.

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“The Great City”

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

3. INVOCATION:

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

5. PUBLIC INPUT:
(agenda item only)

6. RESOLUTION:

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-9955 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES WRIGHT AS THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Mayor Williams*

7. ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-9955 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES WRIGHT AS THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting held on January 14, 2022, the City Commission of the City of Opa-Locka (“City Commission”) voted to terminate John E. Pate as the City Manager with an effective date of 12:00 AM on February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2022, the City Commission also appointed James Wright as Interim City Manager to serve for a term not to exceed nine (9) months starting 12:01 AM on February 1, 2022, and requiring a national search for appointment of a permanent City Manager; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2022, the City Commission further appointed James Wright to the position of Deputy City Manager, to serve from the date of appointment on January 14, 2022 and up until February 1, 2022 at 12:00 AM; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to amend Resolution No. 22-9955 to employ James Wright, clarify the title of appointment of James Wright as “Acting City Manager” (rather than Deputy City Manager), consistent with Section 3.4 of the City of Opa-Locka’s Charter; and

WHEREAS, the salary and benefits of employment for the position of Acting City Manager and Interim City Manager shall be later determined at a regular city commission meeting within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, James Wright shall have powers of an Acting City Manager for a temporary time period, including the power to approve purchase orders, pursuant to existing financial policies and procedures of the City of Opa-Locka.

Resolution No. _____

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF OPA LOCKA, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals to the preamble herein are incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Appointment of Interim City Manager. The City Commission hereby confirms the appointment of James Wright as the Interim City Manager for the City of Opa-Locka, effective 12:01 AM on February 1, 2022; and further appoints James Wright as Acting City Manager from the date of this resolution and up to 12:00 AM on February 1, 2022.

Section 3. Scrivener's Errors. Sections of this Resolution may be renumbered or re-lettered and corrections of typographical errors which do not affect the intent may be authorized by the City Attorney or designee, without need of public hearing by filing a corrected copy of the same with the City Clerk.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ **day of** _____, 2022.

Veronica Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanna Flores, City Clerk

Resolution No. _____

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Commissioner Bass: _____

Commissioner Davis: _____

Commissioner Dominguez: _____

Vice-Mayor Taylor: _____

Mayor Williams: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 22-9955

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPOINTING JAMES WRIGHT AS THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting held on January 14, 2022, the City Commission voted to terminate John E. Pate as the City Manager of the City of Opa-Locka with an effective date of 12:00 AM on February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-Locka is in need of an Interim City Manager who is capable of performing the duties and responsibilities of City Manager as set forth in the City of Opa-Locka's Code of Ordinances and applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to appoint James Wright as Interim City Manager to serve for a term not to exceed nine (9) months starting 12:01 AM on February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City further desires to appoint James Wright to a position of Deputy City Manager, to serve from the date of appointment on January 14, 2021 and up until February 1, 2022 at 12:00 AM; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to conduct a national search for a permanent City Manager within nine (9) months from the effective date of appointment, for which the Interim City Manager shall not be excluded from making application for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the salary and benefits for the Interim City Manager shall be later determined at a regular city commission meeting within thirty (30) days from the effective date of appointment of James Wright to a position as Deputy City Manager.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA LOCKA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals to the preamble herein are incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Appointment of Interim City Manager. The City Commission hereby appoints James Wright as the Interim City Manager for the City of Opa-Locka, effective 12:01 AM on February 1, 2022 and further appoints James Wright as Deputy City Manager from the date of appointment to 12:00 AM on February 1, 2022.

Section 3. Scrivener's Errors. Sections of this Resolution may be renumbered or re-lettered and corrections of typographical errors which do not affect the intent may be authorized by the City Attorney or designee, without need of public hearing by filing a corrected copy of the same with the City Clerk.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2022.

Veronica Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanna Flores, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.

Moved by: Vice Mayor Taylor

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

VOTE: 5-0

Commissioner Bass: YES

Commissioner Davis: YES

Commissioner Dominguez: YES

Vice-Mayor Taylor: YES

Mayor Williams: YES