City of Opa-locka

Commission Chambers
215 Perviz Avenue
Opa-locka, FL 33054

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Agenda

Friday, January 14, 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

Members of the public can watch public meetings and public hearings at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofOpaLocka

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.

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA
"The Great City"

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Friday, January 14, 2022
5:30 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL:**

3. **INVOCATION:**

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

5. **PUBLIC INPUT:**
   (agenda items only)

6. **RESOLUTIONS:**

   1. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TERMINATING CITY MANAGER JOHN E. PATE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by Vice Mayor Taylor*

   2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPOINTING _____ AS THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by Vice Mayor Taylor*

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Sponsored by: Vice Mayor John Taylor

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, TERMINATING CITY MANAGER JOHN E. PATE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on or about August 23, 2019, the City Commission appointed John E. Pate as the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is in the best interest of the City to terminate the City Manager without cause; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide reasonable notice to the City Manager of the termination of not less than ten (10) days, as provided in the September 25, 2019 contract between John E. Pate and the City of Opa-Locka; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to terminate employment of the City Manager effective 12:00 AM on February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to place the City Manager on administrative leave from the date of passage of this resolution up until 12:00 AM on February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this resolution, "administrative leave" shall be defined as leave with pay where the City Manager does not have any obligation to exercise any duty or responsibilities on behalf of the City of Opa-Locka; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this resolution shall serve as written notice to the City Manager of termination. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to send any additional notices as may be required.

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. Termination of City Manager. The City Commission hereby terminates City Manager, John E. Pate, without cause, and with an effective date of 12:00 AM 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 take effect 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: _____

Sponsored by: Vice Mayor John Taylor

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPOINTING _____ 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 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 _____ as Interim City Manager to serve for a term not to exceed nine (9) months from the effective date of appointment; and

WHEREAS, the City further 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.

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 _____ as the Interim City Manager for the City of Opa-Locka, effective 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 at 12:00 AM February 1, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

_____
Veronica Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Joanna Flores, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

_____
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Resolution No. _____

VOTE:
Commissioner Bass: _____
Commissioner Davis: _____
Commissioner Dominguez: _____
Vice-Mayor Taylor: _____
Mayor Williams: _____