

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

The City of Bright Opportunities



SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING Agenda

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025
1:30 PM**

*Commission Chamber
780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor
Opa-locka, FL 33054*

City Commission

**Mayor John H. Taylor, Jr.
Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley
Commissioner Dr. Sherelean Bass
Commissioner Natasha L. Ervin
Commissioner Luis B. Santiago**

Appointed Officials

**Interim City Manager Sha'mecca Lawson
City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks
City Clerk Joanna Flores, CMC**

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.

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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

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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 the meeting start time via the City of Opa-locka website at www.opalockafl.gov.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **ROLL CALL:**
3. **INVOCATION:**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
5. **PUBLIC INPUT:**
(agenda items only)
6. **RESOLUTION:**
 1. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A REVISION TO SECTION 267.0722, FLORIDA STATUTES DETERMINING THAT OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA SHALL BE THE PERMANENT SITE OF THE FLORIDA MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY; DESIGNATING OPA-LOCKA HISTORIC CITY HALL AS THE INTERIM SITE FOR THE FLORIDA MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY; COMMITTING TO THE USE OF HISTORIC CITY HALL FOR INTERIM EXHIBITIONS FOR A LIMITED TIME; OFFERING THE CITY'S ASSISTANCE IN THE CREATION AND CONVENING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, CARRYING OUT OF INTERIM EXHIBITIONS, AND COMPLETION OF PREDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES; REQUIRING CITY REPRESENTATIVE INVOLVEMENT IN ALL PLANNING AND/OR IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Commission***
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

For further information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk by telephone at (305) 953-2800 or email jflores@opalockafl.gov.

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Resolution No.: _____

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WHEREAS, the Florida Museum of Black History Task Force (the “Task Force”) issued its Final Report on June 28, 2024 (the “Final Report”); and

WHEREAS, the Final Report underscores why the City of Opa-Locka is the strongest and best choice to be the permanent site for the Florida Museum of Black History due to the Opa-Locka site’s immediate readiness; the fact that Opa-Locka has already initiated a site feasibility and economic impact study; the superior economic potential of South Florida – a global cultural hub with an existing tourism infrastructure that attracts millions of visitors annually; and the immediate availability of Opa-Locka’s Historic City Hall as an interim museum, with cultural programming already in place; and

WHEREAS, a legislative proposal to revise Section 267.0722, Florida Statutes to formally designate Opa-Locka as the permanent site for the Florida Museum of Black History and further designate the Opa-Locka Historic City Hall as the Interim and Temporary Location for the Florida Museum of Black History has the support and backing of the City of Opa-Locka Commission; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2025, in a historic move that leaves no doubt that the effort to establish the Florida Museum of Black History in Opa-Locka continues to gain momentum as the legislative session approaches, the Miami-

Dade County Commission adopted two critical motions to solidify Miami-Dade County's commitment to bringing the museum to South Florida; and

WHEREAS, the first resolution was presented by Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III, who introduced a crucial motion reaffirming Miami-Dade County's full support for Opa-Locka as the ideal museum location. The motion – which is a game changer for Opa-Locka's candidacy – also directs Miami-Dade County's state lobbying team to actively advocate for the Florida Legislature to officially select Opa-Locka, Florida as the museum site during the upcoming legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the second resolution came about when County Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins successfully moved to direct the Miami-Dade County Mayor or Mayor's designee to identify Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in legally available funding for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to support the Department of Cultural Affairs in the development of the museum. This funding will be crucial in advancing planning efforts and ensuring that Miami-Dade County ("County") is prepared to host this significant cultural institution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-Locka recognizes the importance of the Florida Museum of Black History as a cultural and historical institution that will honor and preserve the contributions of African Americans to the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-Locka is committed to supporting the creation and success of the Florida Museum of Black History by offering use of Historic City Hall as the Interim Site and collaborating with all relevant stakeholders to cooperate in a seamless transition into the permanent museum site; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-Locka supports the establishment of a Governing Board, to oversee Predevelopment Activities including site due diligence, planning, conceptual design, regulatory compliance, funding, and strategic partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-Locka supports the Proviso language which establishes an as the Interim Temporary Location at the Historic Opa-Locka City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-Locka, through its City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk, shall be immediately notified of all communications sent to the Opa-Locka Community Development Corporation, Inc., d/b/a Ten North Group regarding issues pertaining to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, a designated City of Opa-Locka staff person shall be fully involved in all planning and/or implementation activities of any kind concerning the matters set forth in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-Locka desires to be fully informed of all matters and work closely with the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County, Ten North Group, and all appointed members of the Governing Board to carry out the aims of this Resolution by October 1, 2025.

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

Section 1. RECITALS ADOPTED. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION. The City Commission of Opa-Locka hereby fully supports the proposed revision to Section 267.0722, Florida Statutes to formally designate the Opa-Locka, Florida as the permanent site for the Florida Museum of Black History, and to further designate the Opa-Locka Historic City Hall as the Interim and Temporary site for the Florida Museum of Black History.

Section 3. The City Commission fully supports the Proviso language making Historic City Hall available for Interim Exhibitions and will collaborate with state and local agencies to facilitate museum-related activities.

Section 4. The City of Opa-Locka offers its assistance in the creation of the Governing Board, the execution of Interim Exhibitions, the convening of the Governing Board, and the completion of Predevelopment Activities as outlined in the proposed statutory revision.

Section 5. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor of Florida, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the Miami-Dade County Commission, and all relevant state agencies.

Section 6. 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 Manager, following review by the City Attorney and without need of public hearing, by filing a corrected copy of same with the City.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and is subject to the approval of the Governor or his designee.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2025.

John H. Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanna Flores, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.
City Attorney

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Commissioner Bass	_____
Commissioner Santiago	_____
Commissioner Ervin	_____
Vice Mayor Kelley	_____
Mayor Taylor	_____