

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

The City of Bright Opportunities



REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

(Rescheduled from June 25, 2025)

Agenda

Monday, June 23, 2025

6:00 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

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 6:00 p.m. on the scheduled meeting date 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. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**
- 6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND PULL LIST (deferrals and deletions)**
- 7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
- 8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - Workshop Meeting Minutes - May 29, 2025
 - Workshop Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2025
 - Regular Commission Meeting Minutes - June 11, 2025
- 9. DISTRICT ONE / DISTRICT TWO - COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:**
- 10. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**
 - 1. Janiece Smith, Project Manager**
Art Prevails Project (non-profit)
Subj: "Storied: Where Art, Legacy, and Community Converge"
 - 2. Liudmila Fuentes, Associate**
Miller Legg
Subj: Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- 11. CITIZENS' FORUM:**

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

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

13. ADMINISTRATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, RATIFYING A COST OF EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS AND TWENTY-TWO CENTS (\$8,141.22) FOR STRUCTURAL PLANS PREVIOUSLY PREPARED BY M.C. HARRY & ASSOCIATES INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH M.C. HARRY & ASSOCIATES INC. FOR REMAINING ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES PERTAINING TO A 40-YEAR BUILDING CERTIFICATION OF HISTORIC CITY HALL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$45,000.00); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Interim City Manager***
2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2025 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Interim City Manager***
3. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PIGGYBACK THE DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS REGION 8 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) #240501 WITH HYDROMAX USA LLC FOR QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00); APPROVING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Interim City Manager***
4. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PIGGYBACK THE STATE OF FLORIDA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) #06-80101500-J WITH BCA WATSON RICE, LLP FOR QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR EFFICIENCY AUDIT SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$95,000.00); APPROVING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Interim City Manager***

5. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PIGGYBACK THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) #ESC-0258-24 WITH HERA PROPERTY REGISTRY, LLC FOR QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR REGISTRATION OF FORECLOSED AND VACANT PROPERTIES SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) EACH TIME A PROPERTY IS REGISTERED OR RE-REGISTERED; APPROVING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by Interim City Manager*
6. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE AT THE INTERSECTION OF JANN AVENUE AND AHMAD STREET IN CONFORMITY WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL AND STATE LAWS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor*
7. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE FUNDING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR A COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by Commissioner Santiago*

14. NEW ITEMS:

15. PLANNING & ZONING:

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

B. APPEALS:

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, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, ADJUSTING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY THE BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM 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 Interim City Manager*

2. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE 07-03 OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT AND REPEALER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Interim City Manager***

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

1. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "PERSONNEL", DIVISION 2 ADDING NEW SECTION 2-222 TO BE ENTITLED "EXTRA COMPENSATION BEYOND STATE STATUTORY LIMITS"; PROVIDING A DEFINITION FOR "CAUSE" AND PROHIBITING SEVERANCE PAY TO CHARTER OFFICERS OR OTHER EMPLOYEES WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL IS TERMINATED FOR CAUSE; PROHIBITING SEVERANCE PAY, BONUS PAY, EXTRA COMPENSATION, OR ADDITIONAL PAYMENT TO ANY CHARTER OFFICER OF THE CITY AFTER SERVICES HAVE BEEN RENDERED OR AFTER A CONTRACT HAS BEEN EXECUTED UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY FLORIDA LAW OR A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR STATUTORY REQUIRED LANGUAGE TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN FUTURE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN SEVERANCE PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS CONSISTENT WITH FLORIDA LAW; FORGIVING ANY PAYMENT MADE INCONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THIS ORDINANCE PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING CALENDAR YEAR 2022; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading/public hearing held on June 11, 2025). *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor***
2. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF THE CITY'S PURCHASING CODE TO CREATE NEW SECTION 2-325 TO BE ENTITLED "ESTABLISHING CONTRACTUAL SERVICE CONTROLS", PROVIDING FOR GREATER MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACTS TO ENSURE THAT CONTRACT DELIVERABLES ARE PROVIDED; ALLOWING FOR PAYMENT OF CONTRACTUAL DEPOSITS WHEN AUTHORIZED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT AND REPEALER; INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading / public hearing held on June 11, 2025). *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor***

3. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2-8.4 OF THE CITY OPA-LOCKA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE AN OPTION FOR THE CITY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A SEARCH COMMITTEE OR APPOINT BY MAJORITY VOTE A CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, OR CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR A LOCAL AND/OR NATIONAL SEARCH AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading / public hearing held June 11, 2025). *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor***
4. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE XI, DIVISION 5 ENTITLED CIVIL SERVICE BOARD, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2-526 TO SPECIFY THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO RECOMMEND ON MATTERS THROUGH HEARING FROM CITY EMPLOYEES AT A PROPERLY NOTICED MEETING; AMENDING SECTION 2-530 TO AMEND THE ROLE OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-534 TO CLARIFY DEFINITIONS FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE; AMENDING SECTION 2-535 TO DELETE CERTAIN INAPPLICABLE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR; AMENDING SECTION 2-536 TO DELETE THE WORD “OFFICERS” FOR HIGHER VACANCIES; AMENDING SECTION 2-537 TO DELETE CERTAIN INAPPLICABLE TIMELINES; AMENDING SECTION 2-539 TO REMOVE PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 2-541 TO SPECIFY PERSONS EXEMPT FROM TESTS; DELETING AND REPLACING OLD SECTION 2-542 WITH NEW LANGUAGE TO SPECIFY THAT IN THE CASE OF CONFLICT, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS SHALL PREVAIL OVER THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading / public hearing held on June 11, 2025). *Sponsored by Vice Mayor Kelley***

C. RESOLUTION(S):

17. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**
18. **OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:**
19. **MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORTS:**
20. **OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Charter Review Board
2 at-large appointments

21. ADJOURNMENT:

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE WORKSHOPS/OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES

1. Lou Foundation, Inc. in partnership with City of Opa-locka Commissioner Dr. Sherelean Bass presents Heal, Learn, Grow, Love; the Lotus Bloom Gathering, start date **Tuesday, June 10, 2025** and every Tuesday thereafter for the next six weeks from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Helen L. Miller Center, 2331 NW 143rd Street, Opa-locka, Florida. Registration required: www.loufoundationinc.org or for more information please email loufoundationinc@gmail.com.
2. City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission invite you to a Juneteenth Roundtable Dialogue, **Saturday, June 21, 2025** at 12:00 PM, Historic City Hall, 777 Sharazad Boulevard, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley and Commissioner Natasha L. Ervin*
3. Join City of Opa-locka Commissioner Natasha L. Ervin for Grown Folks Night Out, **Saturday, June 21, 2025** from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Ingram Park Pavilion, 2100 Burlington Street, Opa-locka, Florida.
4. Please join City of Opa-locka Mayor John H. Taylor, Jr. in partnership with City of Miami Gardens Councilwoman Katrina Baskin, Juice Defined and Ten North Group for a Juneteenth Wellness Fair, **Sunday, June 22, 2025** at 3:00 PM at the ARC, 675 Ali-Baba Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida.
5. City of Opa-locka Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2026 will be held on **Thursday, June 26, 2025** at 2:00 PM, Opa-locka Government Center, 780 Fisherman Street, Opa-locka, Florida.
6. The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission present Kings & Queens Bingo, **Friday, June 27, 2025** at 6:00 PM, Sherbondy Village, 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida. Free Admission; Great Prizes; Great Times.
7. City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission presents a free food distribution in partnership with Farm Share, **Wednesday, July 2, 2025** from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Sherbondy Pavilion, 777 Sharazad Boulevard, Opa-locka, Florida. While supplies last, on a first come, first-served basis. *Hosted by Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley*
8. The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission invite you to a 4th of July Community Picnic, **Friday, July 4, 2025** from 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Sherbondy Village, 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Commissioner Natasha L. Ervin and Commissioner Luis B. Santiago*
9. The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission invites you to a Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training, **July 11, July 12 and July 26, 2025**, Helen L. Miller Center, 2331 NW 143rd Street, Opa-locka,

Florida. Slots are limited. Registration Required. Please call 305.953.2868 Ext. 1105 for more information. *Hosted by Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley*

10. **The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission in partnership with UHI Community Care Clinic present the Mayor's Back to School Clinic, [Saturday, July 19, 2025](#) from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. UHI Community Care Clinic, 870 Fisherman Street, Opa-locka, Florida. Pre-registration required. For more information, please call 305.773.3465.**
11. **The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission presents Meet Me Monday hosted by Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley, [Monday, August 11, 2025](#), at 6:00 PM, at Helen L. Miller Center, 2331 NW 143rd Street, Opa-locka, Florida.**

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