

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

The City of Bright Opportunities



REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING Agenda

**Wednesday, September 10, 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 Sherelean Bass
Commissioner Natasha L. Ervin
Commissioner Luis B. Santiago**

Appointed Officials

**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:**
 1. **Special Presentation by Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley**
Commendations to Miami-Dade County Department of Emergency Management
CERT Instructors Mr. Lloyd Kurtzman and Mr. Jay Mirmelli
Certificate to CERT Class Attendees
 2. **Special Presentation by Commissioner Natasha L. Ervin**
Commendations to Sgt. Lawrence Holborow, Randolph Aikens and Marc Cooper
6. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND PULL LIST (deferrals and deletions)**
7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes — July 10, 2025
Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes — July 15, 2025
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes — July 23, 2025
Sunshine Meeting Minutes — August 25, 2025
Special Commission Meeting Minutes — August 25, 2025
9. **DISTRICT ONE / DISTRICT TWO - COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:**
10. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**
 1. **Senator Shevrin D. Jones, Florida Senate, District 34**
Representative Ashley V. Gantt, Florida House of Representatives, District 109
Yolanda Cash Jackson, Esq., Becker & Poliakoff
Re: 2025 Legislative Session

2. **Calvin Bennett**
Re: Request for Additional Meter(s)

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, APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE CASE OF PAPUCHIS LLC V. CITY OF OPA-LOCKA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager and City Attorney* [Deferred from SCM 08/25/2025](#)**
2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE CASE OF ESIN DANIEL ABIA V. CITY OF OPA-LOCKA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager and City Attorney* [Deferred from SCM 08/25/2025](#)**
3. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE CASE OF LUBOTES DAUPHIN V. CITY OF OPA-LOCKA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager and City Attorney* [Deferred from SCM 08/25/2025](#)**
4. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPLORE PLACEMENT OF A HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM AT THE “CULTURAL ARTS CENTER” LOCATED AT 2105 ALI BABA AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Vice Mayor Kelley* [Deferred from SCM 08/25/2025](#)**
5. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PIGGYBACK CITY OF MIAMI CONTRACT IFB 1115382 WITH H&R PAVING, INC. FOR QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PAVEMENT RESURFACING SERVICES FOR PHASE I OF THE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO INSTALL NEW SIDEWALKS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT**

TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$127,554.50); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by City Manager

6. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN AMNESTY PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
Sponsored by City Manager
7. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM ATKINSREALIS INC. TO CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) QUICK-BUILD PROJECTS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by City Manager*
8. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT THE FREEBEE SYSTEM SAFETY PROGRAM PLAN; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by City Manager*
9. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHA'MECCA LAWSON AND THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor*
10. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO PURSUE AND SECURE GRANT FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor*
11. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AFFIRMING APPROVAL FOR THE 2026 ARABIAN NIGHTS FESTIVAL; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK, NEGOTIATE, AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH A VENDOR DEEMED BEST QUALIFIED TO PRODUCE AND CURATE THE ARABIAN NIGHTS FESTIVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; REQUIRING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND PLANNING UPDATE, INCLUDING A LIST OF POTENTIAL QUALIFIED VENDORS FOR POTENTIAL ENGAGEMENT OF SERVICES TO THE CITY COMMISSION NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2025; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF**

RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor*

12. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO UPGRADE AND RESTORE THE FOOTBALL FIELD AT INGRAM PARK BY PURSUING AND SECURING GRANTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDING, AND ESTABLISHING A COMPLETION TIMELINE OF SPRING/SUMMER 2026 TO ENSURE THE FIELD IS OPERATIONAL BY THE 2026 FOOTBALL SEASON; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor*

14. NEW ITEMS:

15. PLANNING & ZONING:

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FINAL SITE PLAN OF RAFE INVESTMENTS, INC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIFTEEN RESIDENTIAL UNITS, THREE LIVE-WORK UNITS AND TWELVE RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON THE VACANT PARCEL SITE ON ALI BABA AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED BY FOLIOS 08-2122-003-2390; 08-2122-003-2400 IN THE B-O ZONING DISTRICT AND WITHIN THE MAGNOLIA NORTH MIXED-USE OVERLAY DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by City Manager*
2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT OF RAFE INVESTMENTS, INC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIFTEEN RESIDENTIAL UNITS, THREE LIVE-WORK UNITS AND TWELVE RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON THE VACANT PARCEL SITE ON ALI BABA AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED BY FOLIOS 08-2122-003-2390; 08-2122-003- 2400 IN THE B-O ZONING DISTRICT AND WITHIN THE MAGNOLIA NORTH MIXED-USE OVERLAY DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Sponsored by City Manager*

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 CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE III OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT" TO INCLUDE NEW DIVISION 4 TO BE ENTITLED "CROSS ACCESS EASEMENT**

AGREEMENTS AND COVENANTS"; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR REVIEW CRITERIA; PROVIDING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 2.655 FOR A \$500.00 FEE; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; RESCINDING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager*

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

C. RESOLUTION(S):

17. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

18. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

19. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Mayor John H. Taylor, Jr.

* Hurricane Preparedness

Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley

* Impact of Proposed Property Tax Reduction

* Unsolicited Bid Letter

* Arabian Nights & 100th City Birthday Celebration Planning

* Joint CRA & City Commission Downtown Development Workshop

* City-Wide Parks & Recreation Master Plan

* Feeding South Florida

20. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Charter Review Board

1 Individual Appointment (Mayor Taylor)

1 Individual Appointment (Commissioner Santiago)

2 At-large Appointments

Planning & Zoning Board

1 Individual Appointment (Mayor Taylor)

1 Individual Appointment (Vice Mayor Kelley)

1 Individual Appointment (Commissioner Dr. Bass)

1 Individual Appointment (Commissioner Ervin)

1 Individual Appointment (Commissioner Santiago)

2 At-Large Appointments (Alternate Members)

Historic Environmental Preservation Board

- 1 Individual Appointment (Mayor Taylor)
- 1 Individual Appointment (Vice Mayor Kelley)
- 1 Individual Appointment (Commissioner Dr. Bass)
- 1 Individual Appointment (Commissioner Ervin)
- 1 Individual Appointment (Commissioner Santiago)
- 2 At-Large Appointments (Alternate Members)

21. ADJOURNMENT:

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE WORKSHOPS/OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES

1. **The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission present Community Chess and Dominoes Monthly Challenge, [Saturday, September 6, 2025](#) at 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM, Sherbondy Park Pavilion, 777 Sharazad Boulevard, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Commissioner Dr. Sherelean Bass and Commissioner Luis B. Santiago***
2. **The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission present Meet Me Monday hosted by Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley, [Monday, September 8, 2025](#), at 6:00 PM, at Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal, 644 Salih Street, Opa-locka, Florida.**
3. **City of Opa-locka First Budget Hearing, [Tuesday, September 9, 2025](#) from 6:00 PM, Opa-locka Government Center, 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor, Opa-locka, Florida.**
4. **City of Opa-locka Closed-Door Attorney/Client Session, [Wednesday, September 10, 2025](#) at 5:00 PM, Opa-locka Government Center, 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor, Opa-locka, Florida. *This meeting is closed to the general public.***
5. **The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission present Community Bingo, [Friday, September 12, 2025](#) at 6:00 PM, Sherbondy Park Auditorium, 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida.**
6. **The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission present a Taste of Opa-locka, [Saturday, September 13, 2025](#) at 12:30 PM, Sherbondy Pavilion, 777 Sharazad Boulevard, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley***
7. **City of Opa-locka Public Workshop to discuss the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance, [Monday, September 15, 2025](#) at 6:00 PM, Opa-locka Government Center, 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd FL, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Commissioner Luis B. Santiago and Co-hosted by Mayor John H. Taylor***
8. **State Senator Shevrin Jones Legislative Town Hall & Listening Tour, [Wednesday, September 17, 2025](#) at 6:00 PM, Opa-locka Government Center,**

- 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd FL, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Mayor John H. Taylor, Jr.*
9. The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission present a Community Food & Resource Drive, **Friday, September 19, 2025** from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Segal Park, 2331 NW 143rd Street, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley*
 10. The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission present a Community Baby Shower, **Saturday, September 20, 2025** from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Sherbondy Village Auditorium, 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida. **RSVP Required.** *Hosted by Commissioner Dr. Sherelean Bass and Commissioner Natasha L. Ervin*
 11. City of Opa-locka Second Budget Hearing, **Wednesday, September 24, 2025** from 5:01 PM, Opa-locka Government Center, 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor, Opa-locka, Florida.
 12. The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission present Karaoke in the Park, **Saturday, September 27, 2025** at 7:00 PM, Ingram Park, 2100 Burlington Street, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Commissioner Natasha L. Ervin*
 13. The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission present a free food distribution in partnership with Farm Share, **Wednesday, October 1, 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; Co-hosted by Mayor John H. Taylor Jr. and Commissioner Natasha L. Ervin*
 14. City of Opa-locka Charter Review Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 2, 2025** at 6:30 PM, Opa-locka Government Center, 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor Commission Chambers, 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.