

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA

The City of Bright Opportunities



REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING Agenda

**Wednesday, October 8, 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

**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:

Award Presentation by Commissioner Luis B. Santiago
Award Presentation by Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND PULL LIST (deferrals and deletions)

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Sunshine Meeting Minutes — September 23, 2025
Second Budget Hearing Minutes — September 24, 2025
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes — September 24, 2025

9. DISTRICT ONE / DISTRICT TWO - COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

10. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

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, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH SHIFF CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LIFT STATION NO. 9 TO INCLUDE A PUMP SEAL FAILURE MODULE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FOUR CENTS (\$24,825.84); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***
2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH SHIFF CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LIFT STATION NO. 16 TO INCLUDE A PUMP SEAL FAILURE MODULE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FOUR CENTS (\$24,825.84); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***
3. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "OPA-LOCKA POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE CORP" TO SERVE AS A LOCAL POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL) PROGRAM; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO HAVE THE OPA-LOCKA POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL) PROGRAM RECOGNIZED AS A PAL PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by City Manager***
4. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE CITY'S ZONING CODE AND PREPARE RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO MODERNIZE AND ALIGN THE CODE WITH CONTEMPORARY PRINCIPLES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES, AND COMMUNITY NEEDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor***
5. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE CITY MANAGER TO CREATE A MENTAL HEALTH UNIT WITHIN THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DE-ESCALATING INCIDENTS INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor***

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RESEARCH, EXPLORE AND WORK WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL CITATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY; TO PROVIDE CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AN ALTERNATIVE TO ARREST FOR ELIGIBLE NONVIOLENT MISDEMEANORS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor*
7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 12-8465 PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOANNA FLORES AS CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor*
8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONSULT THE CITY ATTORNEY PRIOR TO EMPLOYEE TERMINATIONS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Vice Mayor Kelley*
9. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A CITY-WIDE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY TO ENSURE THE LEGAL, ETHICAL, AND SECURE USE OF AI TECHNOLOGY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Vice Mayor Kelley*
10. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND COST COMPARISON OF AN IN-HOUSE CITY ATTORNEY VERSUS CONTRACTED CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; 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 CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS", ARTICLE XIV ENTITLED "LANDLORD PERMIT", SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION, 13-274(3) TO REQUIRE ALL APARTMENT BUILDINGS WITH ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) UNITS OR MORE TO NOW REQUIRE ARMED SECURITY AND A LIVE-IN PROPERTY MANAGER AND FURTHER REQUIRE THAT ALL APARTMENT BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY WITH EIGHTY FIVE (85) UNITS UP TO ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN (119) UNITS HAVE A SECURITY GUARD ON-SITE TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY AND SEVEN DAYS A WEEK REQUIRING SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE; AMENDING SECTION 13-278(B) TO REQUIRE PERMIT APPLICANTS WITH ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) APARTMENT UNITS OR MORE TO COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM TO BE CREATED BY CITY, CONTAINING THE NAME OF THE ON-SITE PROPERTY MANAGER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT A DAILY LOG WILL BE KEPT CONTAINING THE NAME OF THE ON-SITE OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER BEFORE A PERMIT SHALL ISSUE; FURTHER, ALL APPLICANTS WITH UNITS OF EIGHTY-FIVE (85) UP TO ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN (119) UNITS SHALL REQUIRE ON A SEPARATE FORM CREATED BY THE CITY AND COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT CONTAINING THE NAME OF THE ON-SITE SECURITY OFFICER BEFORE A PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Sponsored by Vice Mayor Kelley***

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

1. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE I, SECTION 4-15 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS," TO TRANSFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL AUTHORITY RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES EXCEPTIONS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW BY THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading / public hearing held on September 24, 2025). *Sponsored by Mayor Taylor***
2. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "PURCHASING" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY CREATING NEW SECTION 2-361 ENTITLED "PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3)"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading / public hearing held on September 24, 2025). *Sponsored by City Manager***

C. RESOLUTION(S):

17. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

18. OFFICIAL BOARD REPORTS:

19. MAYOR/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley

*** Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability**

*** Arabian Nights Festival Gospel**

20. OFFICIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Civil Service Board

1 Individual Appointment (Mayor Taylor)

1 Individual Appointment (Vice Mayor Kelley)

1 Individual Appointment (Commissioner Ervin)

1 Individual Appointment (Commissioner Santiago)

Charter Review Board

1 Individual Appointment (Mayor Taylor)

2 At-large Appointments

Planning & Zoning Board

1 Individual Appointment (Vice Mayor Kelley)

1 Individual Appointment (Commissioner Santiago)

2 At-Large Appointments (Alternate Members)

Historic Environmental Preservation Board

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 presents Community Chess and Dominoes Monthly Challenge, [Saturday, October 4, 2025](#) at 12:00 PM - 1:30 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 presents Breast Cancer Awareness Month, **Thursday, October 9, 2025**, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Sherbondy Village, 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida. Please Schedule your 3D Mammogram online at: www.floridamobilemammography.com.
3. The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission presents Community Bingo, **Friday, October 10, 2025** at 6:00 PM, Sherbondy Park Auditorium, 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida.
4. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission presents Conga-locka Latin Street Festival, **Saturday, October 18, 2025** at 3:00 PM, at the Opa-locka Government Center, 780 Fisherman Street, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Mayor John H. Taylor Jr. and co-hosted by Commissioner Luis B. Santiago*
5. The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission presents a Community Food & Resource Drive, **Friday, October 24, 2025** from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Segal Park, 2331 NW 143rd Street, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Vice Mayor Joseph L. Kelley*
6. Please join the City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission for a Halloween Party featuring a Haunted House, **Friday, October 31, 2025** at 6:00 PM, Sherbondy Village, 215 Perviz Avenue, Opa-locka, Florida.
7. The City of Opa-locka Mayor & Commission presents a free food distribution in partnership with Farm Share, **Wednesday, November 5, 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*
8. City of Opa-locka Charter Review Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 6, 2025** at 6:30 PM, Opa-locka Government Center, 780 Fisherman Street, 3rd Floor Commission Chambers, Opa-locka, Florida.
9. The City of Opa-locka presents R&B Night Out, **Saturday, November 15, 2025** from 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Ingram Park, 2100 Burlington Street, Opa-locka, Florida. *Hosted by Commissioner Natasha L. Ervin*

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