



City of Oak Hill Workshop Minutes

Date: July 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: 234 S. U.S. Hwy 1, Oak Hill, FL 32759

A. Opening

1. Call to Order

- Mayor Ricky Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Invocation

led by Pastor Woods.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

- Led by Mayor Taylor.

4. Roll Call

Present:

- Mayor Ricky Taylor
- Vice Mayor Joe Catigano
- Commissioner Carrie Werning
- Commissioner Mark Drollinger
- Commissioner Linda Hyatt

Staff Present:

- City Manager John Barkley
- City Attorney Mike Kelly

B. Commission Discussion- Preservation of Macedonia AME Church

Commissioner Werning: asked the public to speak about the church.

C. Public Input

- **Jiles Smith:** Spoke in favor of restoring the church.
- **Pastor Willie Wood:** Spoke in favor of restoring the church.
- **Evelyn Evans:** Spoke in favor of restoring the church.
- **Dana Greatrex:** Spoke in favor of restoring the church.
- **Edith Beauchamp:** Spoke in favor of restoring the church.
- **Mike Beauchamp:** Spoke in favor of restoring the church.
- **Tangela Davis:** Spoke in favor of restoring the church.
- **John Smith:** Spoke in favor of restoring the church.
- **Sandra Merrick:** Spoke in favor of restoring the church and bringing jobs.
- **Evelyn Evans:** Spoke to make some corrections.
- **Jiles Smith:** Spoke to the council about their minds already being made up.
- **Dru Ann Welch:** Spoke as a minority for the west side in favor of the church being restored.
- **Evelyn Evans:** Spoke and gave credit to Vice Mayor Catigano, asked about the budget, spoke about a person who was well qualified and asked why they are not being used.
- **Pastor Willie Wood:** Spoke about his qualifications and he's qualified to inspect the church.
- **Greg Piefer:** Introduced himself and explained his qualifications and opinion on restoring the church which he is in favor of.
- **Dana Greatrex:** Spoke about a grant, the land could be a match.

D. Final Comments from Mayor & Commissioners

- **Mayor Taylor:** Advised he never said to tear the church, we are here to discuss what we are going to do with it.
- **Commissioner Werning:** Spoke about her visit to the church and she felt the church is in much better condition, it's able to be fixed, it will take money. I would like more bids.
- **Mike Kelly City Attorney:** Spoke regarding the process state law mandates that we do a RFQ and post it for 10 days. In terms of this bid for \$7500.00 competent and substantial evidence may be able to be presented in favor of Mr. Piefer's qualifications and proximity, relation to the area, the ability to perform the work. The

City Manager could research and present and give sworn testimony and you all could vote off that.

- **Vice Mayor Catigano:** Spoke on his assessment and if an engineer would know the extent of the building. Mr. Piefer advised a structural engineer would know.
- **Mayor Taylor:** asked the city manager where we would get the money from.
- **City Manager John Barkley:** Advised there's several line items we could pull from for the assessment.

E. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Commissioner Werning made a motion to adjourn.
 - **Second:** Commissioner Hyatt.
 - **Adjournment:** Mayor Ricky Taylor officially adjourned the meeting.
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Note: In accordance with Resolution 2006-17, a three (3) minute time limitation per speaker will be imposed. A speaker may address the Commission for a maximum of three (3) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting, and for a maximum of three (3) minutes during any specific Agenda topic. Pursuant to Florida Statute 166.041 (3) (A), if an individual decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, that individual will need a record of the proceedings and will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

Attest:

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City Manager
John Barkley

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Ricky Taylor
Mayor