# CITY OF OAK HILL
# MINUTES
# Special Meeting
### March 28, 2023

The Special Meeting of the Oak Hill City Council was held on March 28, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Oak Hill City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order**
Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at approximately 5:39 p.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
Councilmember Janney offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**
City Clerk Ronda Falk called the roll; a quorum was present.

**PRESENT**
Mayor Daniel E. Wright
Ward 1 Councilmembers
Diana Janney
Christa Hodges
David Perry
Ward 2 Councilmembers
Ronald Stephen Hayslette
Charles Smallwood, Jr.

**Absent:** Council-at-Large Thomas Oxley
Councilmember Benitez Jackson

The mayor explained the reason for the delay in starting the meeting was due to a consultation with City Attorney File regarding questions about the meeting and the law.

**Purpose of the Meeting**

The mayor announced the purpose of the meeting was for the Council to consider the proposed Charter amendments to be abandoned or placed on the June 13, 2023 Election ballot.

The mayor remarked that during consultation with Attorney File, it was determined that public comment was received on the proposed amendments during the March 6, 2023 public hearing. As a result, public comment was not needed.

The proposed amendments were reviewed, and it was noted that the proposed Charter Amendment for Section # 8: City Elections will be discussed at the Public Hearing on April 18, 2023.

**Point of Clarification**

The Council pointed out they have received written objections to all the proposed Charter Amendments, and no one has chosen to withdraw their objections. For that reason, the Council will exercise the option to place the thirteen proposed amendments on the ballot or abandon them.

1. **Consideration to Amend Charter Section 11 Council Not to Interfere in Appointments or Removals**

   The request for the Council to consider amending the proposed amendment on Section 11 was withdrawn prior to the meeting. Therefore, the item was not discussed.

2. **Consideration to Abandon Proposed Charter Amendments Sections 6, 7, 9, 10, 10(a), 11, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22, and 30 to Which Objections Have Been Filed, or Submit the Proposed Amendments Either as a Unit or Separately, at the June 13, 2023 Election**

   **Motion** – ***Consider all the Proposed Charter Amendments Sections 6, 7, 9, 10, 10(a), 11, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22, and 30 jointly; if the vote is affirmative, the proposed Charter Amendments will be placed on the ballot for the June 13, 2023 Election.***
   Motion made by Councilmember Perry. Seconded by Councilmember Hayslette.
   Discussion:
   - Council did not receive any request to withdraw any written objections
   - Council voting all the proposed amendments collectively rather than each one individually
   - The proposed amendments were announced, made available to the public, as well as a public hearing has been conducted.
   - Some of the proposed amendments have minute changes.

   **Roll Call Vote**. **Motion carried 4-1.**
   Voting Yea: Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Hayslette, and Councilmember Smallwood, Jr.
   Voting Nay: Councilmember Hodges

**Announcements**

The mayor made the following announcements.

- On April 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. there will be a uniform drawing in the Council Chambers at City Hall for ballot positions for candidates running for office in the city's municipal election on June 13, 2023.
- The Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for April 10, at 5:30 p.m.
- There will be a Public Hearing on April 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. for the Council to receive public comment on the Proposed Amendment for Charter Section 8: City Elections.

The clerk explained that the Charter Section 8: City Elections Amendment is proposing a three-year term for the June 13th elected officials, and the city's following election be moved to the County and coincide with their 2026 Primary Election.

**Adjournment**

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

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Ronda Falk, City Clerk Daniel E. Wright, Mayor