



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Town Hall – 307 E. Kennedy Blvd.

SPECIAL NOTICE: These meeting minutes are presented in an abbreviated format intended as a public record discussion of stated meeting according to the Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine law. Meetings are opened to the public, noticed within reasonable advance notice, and transcribed into minutes for public record. ***Audio Recording are available through the Town's website on the Council Agenda Page.*

CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:

Vice Mayor Washington called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and a quorum was established by Mrs. King

PRESENT: (4) Vice Mayor Theo Washington, Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Tarus Mack, Councilwoman Ladwyana Jordan; (Absent: Mayor Angie Gardner)

STAFF: (4) Marlin Daniels, **Chief Administrative Officer;** Veronica King, **Town Clerk,** Clifford Shepard (by Zoom), **Town Attorney,** Corporal Jones, **EPD**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Mayor Theo Washington led the Invocation in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – (3 members from the community offered comments; Ny Nathiri, Carl Washington, Zari St. Jean

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/DECISION

Discussion of the Drafted Contract between OCPS and Dr. Phillips Charities on the Hungerford Property.
(Discussion Only) – Discuss the need to raise money to sit at the table , to negotiate desires,

WALK-ON ITEMS:

Approval of Resolution 2026 – 4 Authorizing the shared funding of development consulting and advisory services provided by Matthew Lawrence and/or his affiliated company, approving a fifty percent (50%) cost share with the Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency **Vice Mayor Washington Motions to APPROVE Resolution 2026 – 4 Authorizing the shared funding of development consulting and advisory services provided by Matthew Lawrence and/or his affiliated company, approving a fifty percent (50%) cost share with the Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency; Moved by Councilman Mack; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES, 4/0. Comments/Notes:** Matthew Lawrence was present by zoom and made introductions and provided an overview of his experiences with ideas to consider.

Approval of Resolution 2026 – 6 Establishing a centralized municipal oversight and coordination framework, pursuant to chapter 163, part III, Florida statutes (Community Redevelopment Act) for all agreements, memoranda, and implementation actions between Orange County Public Schools and Dr. Phillips, Inc., the Dr. P. Phillips Foundation, and/or Dr. Phillips Charities affecting property located within the Town of Eatonville including the Hungerford property and any current or future OCPS-owned or OCPS-conveyed properties, designating the Community Redevelopment Agency as the primary oversight entity, affirming statutory authority.

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ADJOURNMENT Vice Mayor Washington Motions for Adjournment of Meeting; Moved by Councilman Mack; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Veronica L King, Town Clerk

APPROVED



Angie Gardner, Mayor