



# City Council MINUTES

## Public Hearing and Special Meeting

April 18, 2023

The Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Oak Hill City Council was held on April 18, 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 5:30 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

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

### **PRESENT**

Mayor Daniel E. Wright

Ward 1 Councilmember

David Perry

Ward 2 Councilmembers

Ronald Stephen Hayslette

Charles Smallwood, Jr.

Benitez Jackson

**Absent:** Council-at-Large Thomas Oxley  
Councilmember Diana Janney  
Councilmember Christa Hodges

### **Invocation**

City Manager Johnson offered the Invocation.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilmember Hayslette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Hearing**

The mayor called the public hearing to order and explained the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments and obtain possible written objections to the Charter Amendment Section 8: City Elections.

There were no comments from the public. However, the city received one written objection from the mayor. The council was reminded that written objection can be withdrawn within ten days and the mayor informed the group the written objection would not be withdrawn. There was a short discussion on abandoning the amendment or putting it on the ballot.

**Motion** – *The three-year term be placed on the ballot and that it be 3 years contingent upon passage of the change to the National and State Election cycle and if not, we return to the four-year.*

Motion made by Councilmember Perry. Seconded by Councilmember Hayslette.

**Roll Call Vote. Motion carried 4-0.**

Voting Yea: Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., and Councilmember Jackson.

The Public Hearing was closed and Council moved into the Special meeting.

**1. Laying of the Levy**

The purpose of the meeting was to hear and consider any objections made orally or in writing by the prosecuting attorney, by the tax commissioner, state auditor, or by a taxpayer to the levy estimate and proposed levy, or to any item thereof.

City Manager Johnson briefed the council; She noted the levy estimates were approved by the State Auditor and requested the Council to approved the levy rates. There was no increase over last year. The levy rates per \$100 are: Class I - 12.5 cents, Class II - .25 cents, and Class IV - .50 cents.

**Motion – Approve the levy rates that has been accepted by the state auditor and presented by the City Manager.**

Motion made by Councilmember Perry. Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.

No Discussion.

**Motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

**2. Consideration to Approve a Handicap Parking Place on Lewis Street Adjoining Central Ave.**

The Safety Committee proposed a handicapped parking space be placed on the corner of Lewis St. Due to the incline surface, it is hard for individuals with disabilities to get into the coffee shop. Also, they requested to eliminate the parking spot in front of the coffee shop because it impedes a driver's vision when traveling from Lewis St.

**Motion – Approve the handicap space on the corner of Lewis Street and remove the parking spot in front of Pistos Coffee Shop to facilitate those having physical disabilities and provide safety.**

Motion made by Councilmember Perry. Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.

No Discussion.

**Motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

**Adjournment**

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.

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Ronda Falk, City Clerk

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Daniel E. Wright, Mayor