



**Thursday, August 1, 2024
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove Committee of the Whole convened in regular session on August 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oak Grove City Council Chambers at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Rd., Oak Grove, Kentucky. In attendance were Chairperson/Committee Member Isaiah Spencer, Committee Members Jean Leavell, Richard Baker, Janet Edwards, Edward Cook, and John Campbell; City Attorney Lee Wilson; Police Chief Dennis Cunningham; Interim Finance Director Matt Egbert; City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher; Special Guest Mayor Oliver; and approximately six other attendees.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Isaiah Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

All members were present, constituting a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member John Campbell moved to approve the June 27, 2024, special Committee of the Whole minutes. Committee Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

AGENDA

1. Human Rights Commission Presentation:

- Committee Member Janet Edwards moved to allow Raychel Farmer from the Human Rights Commission to address the committee. Committee Member Richard Baker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via voice vote. Farmer provided an overview of the commission's purpose, its annual report, upcoming events, and future training.

2. Agenda Review:

- Committee Member Janet Edwards moved to review the agenda and select four items for discussion. Committee Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion. After discussion, Edwards withdrew her motion without a formal vote.

3. Cannabis Business Regulations:

- At the committee's request, the chair allowed discussion of cannabis regulations first. The committee unanimously agreed to permit cannabis businesses within city limits, provided they are distanced from entities such as churches and schools. They also requested that a fee schedule be included in the ordinance. They would like to have a first reading on August 6, 2024, at the regularly scheduled council meeting.

4. Appointment of Matt Egbert as Finance Director:

- Interim Finance Director Matt Egbert briefed the committee on audits, the capitalization policy, the 2024 PVA tax file, a playground grant, and the chart of accounts. Committee Member Jean Leavell moved to enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss matters potentially leading to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student. Committee Member John Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via voice vote. Committee Member Jean Leavell moved to return to the open session. Committee Member John Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via voice vote. No action was taken during the Executive Session. Committee Member John Campbell moved to forward this item to the regular council meeting. Committee Member Janet Edwards seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, via voice vote.

5. Special C.O.W. Meeting Items:

- Committee Member John Campbell moved to forward the 2015-06 ordinance, the 2024-XX Community Center regulation ordinance, the 2024-XX ordinance repealing 2019-06 ordinance, incentives, and annexation to a special C.O.W. meeting. Committee Member Jean Leavell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via voice vote. A special meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

6. Water Line Extension Contract with Bill Mace:

- Committee Member John Campbell moved to forward this item to the special COW meeting. Committee Member Janet Edwards seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via voice vote.

7. ARPA Funds:

- Committee Member Janet Edwards briefed the committee that the ARPA funds could be spent on utility servers but not as a donation to the Human Rights Commission. The city attorney and city clerk, supported by an email from the Public Works Director, advised the committee that the council could spend the ARPA funds on engineering fees for the water project, the replacement of all meters to cellular, and purchasing pipes for upcoming projects.

8. Executive Session for Business Proposal:

- Committee Member John Campbell moved to enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(g) to discuss a specific proposal between a public agency and a business entity, where open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. Committee Member Richard Baker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via voice vote. Committee Member John Campbell moved to return to the open session. Committee Member Edward Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via voice vote. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

9. Community Center Activities:

- Committee Member John Campbell informed the committee that the Community Center has signups for a community yard sale on August 10-11, 2024. Committee Member Janet Edwards stated that the center is encouraging young entrepreneurs to set up a booth.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Edward Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously via voice vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____
 Isaiah Spencer
 Chairperson

_____09.05.24_____
 DATE

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
 Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC,
 City Clerk

_____09.05.24_____
 DATE

***The minutes were approved on September 5, 2024, during a regular Committee of the Whole meeting. The original signed document is available at City Hall. ***