



**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Oak Grove Council Chambers**

The Oak Grove City Council convened on April 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The session took place at the Oak Grove Council Chambers, located at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Road, Oak Grove, Kentucky. Mayor Jacqueline Oliver, along with Council Members Jean Leavell, Richard Baker, John Campbell, Isaiah Spencer, Janet Edwards, and Edward Cook were in attendance. City Attorney Lee Wilson, Police Chief Dennis Cunningham, Public Works Director Brian Ahart, Community Center Director Melissa Lynch and Administrative Assistant Princilla Spencer were also present. There were approximately thirty individuals present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Mr. Arthur Gates led those in attendance in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Oliver also took a moment to address the public regarding a personnel matter resulting in criminal charges against a former city employee.

**OPEN FORUM**

- Lawrence Novakowski addressed the flood issues in Derby Park
- Breana Cash addressed not receiving direction regarding the flood issues and recommended Mayor Oliver stepping down from her position.
- Amanda Cook addressed flood issues. She addressed homes being built behind Good Hope Cemetery Road. She addressed the matter regarding city employee mentioned at the beginning of the meeting. She addressed Community Center opening to provide safety during severe storms. She thanked Mr. Campbell for showing up at the flood disaster.

**ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE**

Council Members Jean Leavell, Richard Baker, John Campbell, Isaiah Spencer, Janet Edwards, and Edward Cook were in attendance, constituting a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Jacqueline Oliver requested the minutes from the meeting on April 1, 2025, be approved. Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to approve, with Council Member John Campbell seconding the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed.

#### **REPORT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

- Council Member John Campbell thanked Brian Ahart, Public Works Director and the city employees along with Melissa Lynch, Community Center Director for their efforts that were given during the flood disaster.
- Melissa Lynch, Community Center Director encouraged the residents that were affected by the flood to be patient. Mentioned Red Cross is available for counseling as well as financial and flood disaster services. Director Lynch also mentioned programs offered at this time at the Community Center. Pancake Breakfast-April 26 2025, also mentioned other classes being offered to lighten the heart. Living Waters will be giving clothes and food on April 25, 2025. First Responders and Neighborhood Watch will be at Valor Hall on April 26, 2025. There will be a food truck at the Community Center indefinitely to serve the Community.
- Police Chief Dennis Cunningham announced if any resident in the flooded area observes something unusual, contact the Police Department.
- Brian Ahart, Public Works Director mentioned the help received from Fort Campbell Soldiers. Mr. Ahart discussed pumping water from Man O War to Good Hope Cemetery Road, therefore Hwy 115 may be closed for a couple of hours. Mr. Ahart also mentioned the road closing on Stateline due to railroad repairs the first couple of weeks in June. He also addressed the FEMA process.
- Council Member Isaiah Spencer recognized those who have spent countless hours at the Community Center helping flood victims. He also mentioned the city working together.
- Council Member Janet Edwards mentioned volunteers and information that can be found on Facebook and City website.
- Council Member Edward Cook discussed the Fire Department replacing pavement and the search and rescue boat.
- Council Member John Campbell gave several options regarding a Rescue Boat and possible training for a rescue team.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810**

- The City of Oak Grove will enter into an Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(B) and (G) for the purpose of deliberations on the future acquisition of real property and discussions regarding a specific business proposal which the open discussion of each would jeopardize acquisition or siting of the property and project : Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(b) and (g), for the purpose of deliberations on the future acquisition of real property and discussions regarding a specific business proposal which the open discussion of each would jeopardize acquisition or siting of the property and project and Council Member John

Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken during the executive session.

Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to return to open session, and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Proclamation: Purple Up Day-Honoring Military Children: Mayor Jacqueline Oliver read proclamation, Dated April 1, 2025.
- Executive Order 2025-02: Declaring the City Of Oak Grove, Kentucky a State of Emergency: The Mayor read aloud the Executive Order 2025-02 declaring the City of Oak Grove a State of Emergency on April 4, 2025.

## **LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Council Member John Campbell discussed Emergency Preparations. Council Member Janet Edwards suggested that Public Works Director put something together to give to residents the steps of action taken prior to the storm or incident. Council Member Isaiah discussed establishing an Emergency Team.
- Council Member John Campbell discussed Emergency Action Plan. Mentioned positions could be delegated possibly to volunteers. Mentioned there should be some training. Council Member Janet Edwards made a motion to move the Emergency Operations Plan to the next Committee of Whole Meeting and Council Member John Campbell seconded. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member John Campbell discussed Stormwater Infrastructure. He suggested the property in the flooded area is purchased back and utilizes as a city park. Mayor Oliver mentioned that the property would have to be condemned and FEMA would have to make that decision. There was a disaster study discussed. Council Member John Campbell discussed state assistance. He mentioned Randy Graham is setting up a Disaster Resource Center (DRC) as soon as the President signs a State Declaration of Disaster.
- Council Member Janet Edwards discussed Mace building in area behind Good Hope Cemetery Road. The City Attorney Lee Wilson recommended that council acquire an explanation before taking any action with Mr. Mace. The Public Works Director will be contacting the addressed agencies to be at the next Committee of Whole meeting.

- Council Member Janet Edwards discussed an event scheduled for May 3, 2025. Cookies with Council. Council Members Baker, Campbell, Edwards will be at the first meeting. This informal event will take place once a month alternating three Council Members.
- Council Member Isaiah Spencer announced the Ham for Heroes on April 17, 2025 at the Equestrian Center and Fair Housing Seminar on April 25, 2025 at Valor Hall

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting, with Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconding the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58 p.m.

### **APPROVED:**

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Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor  
City of Oak Grove

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DATE

### **ATTEST:**

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Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC  
City Clerk  
City of Oak Grove

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