



Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers

The Oak Grove City Council convened on June 3, 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, Assistant Police Chief/Major Victor Lynch, Community Center Director Melissa Lynch and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher were also present. There were approximately ten individuals present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

Council Member Isaiah Spencer led those in attendance in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

- Breana Cash voiced concerns regarding the recent storms and the status of the community center. She questioned why City Hall was closed while the Community Center remained open. Mayor Oliver responded that the center remained open during normal business hours to provide a place for residents who felt safer staying there during the storms. She clarified that although the Community Center is not designated as a shelter, it can serve as a safer option for some individuals during severe weather.
- John Carter spoke before the mayor and city council to present a business proposal. He plans to open a shelter, the Pursuing Life Center, which would offer emergency and transitional housing for the local homeless population.

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 May 29, 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

- Finance Director Egbert gave an update on Wades Way Park and informed the city council that the city has hired someone for the Human Resources position, with a start date of June 16, 2025.
- Assistant Police Chief/Major Victor Lynch provided an update on personnel within the department.
- Community Center Director Melissa Lynch provided upcoming events and programs happening at the Community Center within the next few months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **2025-XX Proposed Ordinance** amending *The City of Oak Grove's Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of the city government and the Water Enterprise (Closeout) –Second Reading:* Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Mr. Wilson read the ordinance aloud. Council Member Isaiah Spencer moved to accept the ordinance with Council Member John Campbell seconding the motion. No discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Cook, Campbell, Edwards, Baker, Leavell, and Spencer voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **2025-XX Proposed Ordinance** adopting the City of Oak Grove's *Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of the city government and the Water Enterprise – Second Reading:* Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Mr. Wilson read the ordinance aloud. Council Member Jean Leavell moved to accept the ordinance with Council Member John Campbell seconding the motion. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Campbell, Edwards, Cook, Baker, Spencer, and Leavell voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **2025-XX Proposed Ordinance** establishing a *Classification and Compensation Plan for city employees –Second Reading:* Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Mr. Wilson read the ordinance aloud. Council Member John Campbell moved to accept the ordinance with Council Member Isaiah Spencer seconding the motion. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Edwards, Spencer, Cook, Campbell, Baker, and Leavell voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **2025-XX Proposed Ordinance** repealing Ordinance 2024-20, which established a *Classification and Compensation Plan for city employees – Second Reading:* Council Member Janet Edwards asked City Attorney Lee Wilson to read the ordinance. Mr. Wilson read the ordinance aloud. Council Member John Campbell moved to accept the ordinance with Council Member Edward Cook seconding the motion. No

discussion was held. Roll call vote was as follows: Council Members Campbell, Edwards, Leavell, Spencer, Baker, and Cook voted in favor. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- N.A.

LEGISLATIVE BODY MEMBER COMMENTS

- **City Closures Discussion Sponsored by Council Member Leavell:** Council Member Leavell initiated a discussion on city closures, emphasizing that while the closure of City Hall falls under executive authority, she expressed concerns about ensuring equitable treatment of all employees and improving communication. Mayor Oliver reassured Leavell that all employees are being treated equally, and ongoing efforts are in place to enhance communication.
- **Echo Ridge Development Update Sponsored by Council Member Edwards:** Mayor Oliver relayed Director Ahart's update on the Echo Ridge Development, stating, "The stormwater plans for the first phase have been reviewed and approved by the city engineer. Monitoring for stormwater, utilities, and paving is ongoing." Council Member Edwards addressed concerns regarding this development.
- **Stormwater Drainage Update Sponsored by Council Member Edwards:** Mayor Oliver provided Director Ahart's update on stormwater drainage, stating, "As discussed earlier this year, the city engineer will provide recommendations for the injection well and drainage on Shadow Ridge. Cleanup efforts are underway on Man O War, pending FEMA's guidance on next steps."
- **Buc-ee's Update Sponsored by Council Member Edwards:** Mayor Oliver shared Director Ahart's update on Buc-ee's, stating, "The start date for Buc-ee's has been postponed to late this year or early next year. Pre-construction activities, including intersection upgrades and utility connections, are pending completion before opening."
- **Council Member John Campbell** requested that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for June 5, 2025, be rescheduled due to his inability to attend. Council Member Richard Baker moved to cancel the June 5 meeting, with Council Member John Campbell seconding the motion. The committee rescheduled the meeting for June 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., and also agreed to cancel the July 3, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 61.810

- **Enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(g) Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business-discussion for a proposed project in Oak Grove:** Council Member John Campbell moved to enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(g) Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open

discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business-discussion for a proposed project in Oak Grove with Council Member Edward Cook seconding the motion. No discussion was held. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion passed.

No action was taken during the executive session.

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

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 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor
City of Oak Grove

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher
City Clerk
City of Oak Grove

DATE