



**Thursday, September 4, 2025
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson/Committee Member Richard Baker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present:

- Richard Baker – Chairperson/Committee Member
- John Campbell – Committee Member
- Isaiah Spencer – Committee Member
- Edward Cook – Committee Member
- Janet Edwards – Committee Member
- Jean Leavell – Committee Member

Also Present:

- City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher
- Police Chief Dennis Cunningham
- Assistant Police Chief/Major Victor Lynch
- Public Works Director Brian Ahart
- City Attorney Lee Wilson

Public Attendance: Approximately five members of the public was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 14, 2025

Motion: Committee Member Edward Cook moved to approve the minutes

Second: Committee Member John Campbell

Vote: Voice vote – Motion passed

DISCUSSION OF RV PARK-SPONSORED BY CHAIRPERSON BAKER

- Matt Riddle with Riddle Towing/Merciful Towing: The city's zoning ordinance no longer permits RV parks within city limits. He is seeking approval to establish an RV park for short-term rentals. The Zoning Committee will review this request at the upcoming meeting.

DISCUSSION OF STORAGE BUILDING FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER-SPONSORED BY CHAIRPERSON BAKER

- It was previously discussed and believed to have been included in the capital outlay for storage at the center. Discussion involved FD and CC storage/Connex. Item delayed to the next C.O.W. meeting.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCES 2011-09 & 2019-07 – FIREWORKS

- There was general discussion regarding adding quiet hours and designating areas for setting off fireworks. Section 11 of the ordinance was referenced, with Committee Member Cook recommending the language remain that requires fireworks to be set off at least 200 feet from agricultural crops, wooded areas, or heavily vegetated fields. It was also recommended that safety regulations be included in the ordinance, and Mr. Wilson suggested keeping or adding appropriate language. No official action was taken.

REVIEW DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE 2002-18 (NOISE-SPONSORED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER EDWARDS

- General discussion was held.
Motion: Committee Member Isaiah Spencer moved to repeal this ordinance and send it to city council
Second: Committee Member Edward Cook
Vote: Voice vote-Motion passed

DISCUSSION OF RFP FOR BACKHOE AND SKID STEER-KIA

- Ahart provided quotes for the machines, noting that a significant amount of funds would remain in the account after the purchase of these machines. Committee Member Campbell supported purchasing the equipment but expressed a preference for keeping the same brand currently used by the city. Ahart stated the purchase would need to go through the bid process. Committee Member Cook mentioned extended warranties and Ahart stated that receipts must be submitted by the end of October 2026.
Motion: Committee Member Isaiah Spencer moved to send the RFP to city council
Second: Committee Member John Campbell
Vote: Voice vote-Motion passed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- Committee Member Edwards mentioned Cookies with Council on September 13, 2025, at the Community Center
 - Committee Member Isaiah Spencer revisited the previously discussed matter of the fence at the Community Center. He expressed that the city should not install the fence, as the center is intended for community use. Other committee members indicated their agreement.
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Committee Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Second: Committee Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice vote – Motion passed

APPROVED:

Richard Baker
Chairperson

DATE

ATTEST:

Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC,
City Clerk

DATE