



December 9, 2024

AGENDA REVIEW MINUTES

District 1 Jim Gray	District 2 Tony Ortiz	District 3 Robert F. Stuart	Mayor Buddy Dyer	District 4 Patty Sheehan	District 5 Shan Rose	District 6 Bakari F. Burns
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In attendance:

Mayor Buddy Dyer

Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1

Commissioner Tony Ortiz, District 2 – Absent

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3 – Absent

Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4

Interim Commissioner Shan Rose, District 5

Commissioner Bakari F. Burns, District 6

Deputy City Attorney Jody Litchford

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia

Deputy City Clerk Ken Walsh

Police Officers Eddie Rosado and Michelle Rogers, Sergeants-at-Arms

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

Consent Agenda – Public Comment

Mayor Dyer called for public comment on the Consent Agenda, and Cocoa King appeared via Zoom to provide public comment on Agenda Item F-1, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) Report of Recommendations to Encourage and/or Facilitate Affordable Housing Development. Florence Alexander submitted an appearance request form but did not appear to provide public comment.

Consent Agenda – Commissioner Comments

Interim Commissioner Shan Rose – Interim Commissioner Rose stated she had no concerns regarding the agenda.

Commissioner Bakari F. Burns – Commissioner Burns stated he was briefed by City of Orlando staff and had no concerns regarding the agenda.

Commissioner Jim Gray – Commissioner Gray stated he had no concerns regarding the agenda.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan – Commissioner Sheehan stated she met with City of Orlando staff and had no concerns regarding the agenda.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 P.M.

Mayor Buddy Dyer

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia

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Submitted on 9 December 2024, 7:45AM
Receipt number 1262
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What is the type of agenda item? Consent Agenda
Agenda item number Housing and homelessness
What is the type of hearing item?
Hearing item number
5:01 Budget Hearing item number
For the hearing item you selected, which topic would you like to speak to?
Discussion topic
I want to speak As a proponent (in support)

Tell Us About Yourself

Your first name Cocoa
Your last name King
How is your name pronounced? Co Co
Your home/business address 750 S Parramore Ave
Your phone number 407 242-3975
Your email address goodoledaysalf@yahoo.com
Check one: I will be speaking on my behalf.

Name of person, business or association

Address

Phone number

How Will You Be Appearing?

Choose one:

I will make a live comment during the meeting.

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I will appear virtually via Zoom Webinar to make a live comment during the meeting.

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Request to Address City Council



Submitted on 5 December 2024, 3:05PM
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What is the type of agenda item? Consent Agenda
Agenda item number A-4
What is the type of hearing item?
Hearing item number
5:01 Budget Hearing item number
For the hearing item you selected, which topic would you like to speak to?
Discussion topic
I want to speak As a proponent (in support)

Tell Us About Yourself

Your first name Dr. Florence
Your last name Alexander
How is your name pronounced? Dr. Florence Alexander
Your home/business address 941 West Morse Blvd, Winter Park, FL 32789
Your phone number 407-821-7935
Your email address beforeSelma@gmail.com
Check one: I will be speaking as a representative of another individual, firm,

associate or business.

Name of person, business or association

Orlando International Film Festival, Inc.

Address

941 West Morse Blvd, Winter Park, FL 32789

Phone number

407-821-7935

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I will appear in-person in Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of City Hall to make my live comments.

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Request to Address City Council

Orlando City Council December 9, 2024 Presentation
Dr. Florence Alexander
Founder, Orlando International Film Festival, Inc.

I wish to begin my remarks by asking Mayor Buddy Dyer and the esteemed City Commissioners to consider the Return on Investment (ROI) of funding the Orlando International Film Festival (OIFF) Mayor's Matching Grant.

"While juvenile crime statistics in Central Florida reflect an overall decrease in the rate of crime in recent years, the nature of juvenile crimes has turned more violent. The [Orlando Sentinel reports](#) that youth gangs are driving the trend.

Orlando Police Department Chief Eric Smith said at a recent press conference that he wants to strengthen the Juvenile Justice system, and he called for harsher penalties for juveniles involved in gang crimes. "We have seen an increase in gang activity throughout the city," he said. "A lot of the crimes that we are having are coming from younger individuals." Typical violent crimes in Central Florida include [murder](#), robbery, battery, [carjacking](#), and home invasion.

According to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, there were more than [15,000 delinquency cases](#) in the region last year. About half of the youths arrested in Central Florida were charged with felonies, with offenses ranging from theft and burglary to drug possession and assault. Other common juvenile offenses include possession of drugs or alcohol, burglary or theft, and assault with bodily harm.

Several factors contribute to juvenile crime in Central Florida. One of the primary factors is poverty. Young people who grow up in low-income households are more likely to engage in criminal activity as a means of survival. They may also have limited access to education, healthcare, and other resources that can help them avoid negative behaviors.

One important aspect of the juvenile justice system is diversion programs, which aim to divert young people away from the criminal justice system and towards community-based programs. These programs provide young people with support and resources to help them make positive changes in their lives and avoid future criminal behavior."

<https://theorlandocriminaldefence.com/2023/04/20>

Hence, [OIFF] the availability of diversion programs is the *most* important ROI benefit.

Secondly, the Mayor's Matching Grant requires the investment of additional funds that benefit the residents who live within the city limits of Orlando. The OIFF Mayor's Matching Grant will economically benefit the Orlando citizens by adding the following OIFF matching funds to the ROI:

- \$30,200 from the Orange County Tourism Development Tax
- \$18,215 from the Orange County Venue Grant
- \$18,000 from the state of Florida Art and Culture Office
- \$1,000 from OIFF

Excerpts of the OIFF 2025 Mayor's Matching Grant.

“The proposed OIFF project is a year-round program that has as a primary mission to prepare at-risk youth who live in underserved neighborhoods to become contributing, self-sufficient citizens by providing a support system where they learn basic skills that complement their educational learning combined with training in the arts and film production. Secondary missions include (1) encouraging the at-risk youth to stay in school, (2) learning art and video skills that can be useful in any chosen field, and (3) preventing juvenile delinquency by exposing the at-risk youth to alternative choices in the art and culture world.

The high dropout rate among students in underserved areas is indicative of the need to provide programs that lead to alternative choices that further ones' education and provides a path for a brighter future. Incorporating the arts in young children's lives has been viewed as a motivator for students to continue their education when the youth have a program that interests them and allows their creative instincts to flourish in an academic setting. Because of decreasing funding for arts programs in the public schools, the proposed project addresses an unmet need in many of the Title 1 schools in the Orlando area where the OIFF target youth reside.

The proposed program will address a complementary program where instruction not available in the youth's public school is offered in an after-school and/or weekend setting with professional artists, professional filmmakers, and teachers who train the at-risk youth in an environment that is less stressful and provides an outlet for their creative artistic talents to flourish. Following the lessons learned in the afterschool/weekend learning sessions, the at-risk youth will participate in the Youth Education Summit, film festivals, and community showcases where they can display the results of their classroom experiences. The Youth Education Summits offer networking opportunities with community leaders interacting with the youth.

The proposed project will service Orlando area at-risk youth ages 9 - 17 years of age and the residents who are low-income, mostly minority, and who live in underserved neighborhoods.

The at-risk youth will be served during: (1) the afterschool and/or weekend classes, (2) the community showcases, (3) the film festivals that incorporate the art exhibitions, and (4) the OIFF Youth Education Summits. Orlando residents and the general public will be served at community showcases and film festivals.

Proposed Locations

UCF Nicholson School of Communication and Media, 500 Livingston Street, Orlando, FL 32801

Levy Boys and Girls Club, 714 W Amelia Street, Orlando, FL 32805

OCPS ACE middle school, 701 Livingston Street, Orlando, FL 32805

Callahan Community Center, 101 North Parramore Street, Orlando, FL 32801

Dr. Smith's Community Center, 1723 Burton Street, Orlando, FL 32805

Barnett Park, 4801 Colonial Street, Orlando, FL 32808”