

**TOWN COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026
7:00 P.M.
OAKLAND MEETING HALL**

CALL TO ORDER:

This meeting was held in-person and livestreamed as a Zoom webinar. Mayor Taylor called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation by Commissioner McMullen.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Keller
 Vice Mayor Satterfield
 Commissioner McMullen
 Mayor Taylor

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Ramos

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Department 4th Quarter Awards

Chief Esan presented the Oakland Police Department 4th Quarter 2025 Awards.

Award of Commendation – Chief Esan awarded **Officer Hall** the Award of Commendation for his compassionate response in assisting a young juvenile who had been taken advantage of. Several weeks after the incident, Officer Hall followed up with the juvenile to check on their well-being and offer mentorship and support, which is the type of community policing the Town is known for.

Award of Commendation – Chief Esan awarded **Corporal Dozier** and **Officer Hayes** the Award of Commendation in recognition of their successful de-escalation of an armed individual attempting to carry out a tragic suicide-by-officer incident. They were able to separate the individual from the firearm and ensured their safe transfer to a mental health facility.

Award of Commendations – Chief Esan awarded **Officer Fernandez** two (2) Awards of Commendations for her (1) compassionate response in calming a traumatized assault victim, enabling the victim to recall and articulate the details of the incident; and (2) for assisting the Winter Garden Police Department in locating a runaway autistic juvenile, demonstrating awareness, creativity, and compassion when she was unable to use her radio or phone due to her location.

Community Service Award – Chief Esan awarded **Deputy Chief Bryant, Lieutenant Castro, Corporal Dozier, Corporal Edwards, Officer Fernandez, Corporal Fisher, Sergeant Gau, Officer Lake, Officer Ricks, Officer Rojas, Officer Hall, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police Quinn & Grants and Communications Manager Sims** with the Community Service Award in recognition of their participation in the Shop with a Cop program. Their selflessness and willingness to engage with each child and their family members exemplified their commitment to community service. This event highlighted the positive relationship between the department and the Oakland community.

Officer of the Quarter – Chief Esan awarded **Lieutenant Castro** the Officer of the 4th Quarter Award for his leadership in coordinating the 3rd Annual 5-K with the 5-0, which drew more than 150 participants and generated thousands of dollars to support the Shop with a Cop program. This event represents a year-round effort involving extensive networking, sponsor meetings, and coordination. Through his outreach efforts, Lieutenant Castro also secured four retired police vehicles from a neighboring agency.

Officer of the Year – Chief Esan awarded **Corporal Dozier** the Officer of the Year Award for 2025 in recognition of his outstanding achievements, strong community connections, and his willingness to go above and beyond in the performance of his duties, even under challenging circumstances, while continually striving for professional growth.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of the January 27, 2026, Town Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval to Cancel the March 10, 2026 Town Commission Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval to Dispose of Town-Owned Assets.
- d. Approval of the 2026-2027 Oakland Avenue Charter School Year Calendar.

Mayor Taylor announced the items on the consent agenda and asked if any commissioners had any questions and/or comments. No questions or comments were received and the Mayor asked for a motion.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Satterfield, seconded by Commissioner McMullen to approve the Consent Agenda items.

AYE: Keller, McMullen, Satterfield, Taylor

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays with Commissioner Ramos absent.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for public comment.

Norine Dworkin, Editor in Chief, VoxPopuli, announced VoxPopuli will be hosting a virtual candidate forum over Zoom on February 25th at 7:00 pm. Residents are encouraged to submit questions for the candidates to norine@wintergardenvox.com. She stated registration is required in order to control the virtual room. If anyone has issues registering, please contact her at the email stated. The forum will be recorded for viewers who are unable to view it live.

Louis Smith, 316 N. Tubb Street, stated the individuals he spoke about at the last meeting at the vape store are living in a camp site in Winter Garden, and he will not be pursuing any action against them.

With no further public coming forward, the floor was closed.

TOWN MANAGER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Town Manager Hui stated she along with Mayor Taylor and Commissioner McMullen were present in Tallahassee on January 28th for Legislative Action Day. They were able to speak to representatives about the Town's \$1.5 million appropriation request and property tax implications on small towns.

She announced the Town's upcoming events:

- Tuesday, February 24th is an Informational Session on the Charter questions that will be on the ballot starting at 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm.
- Thursday, February 19th is the Black History Tribute Artist Reception from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Arts & Heritage Center and the exhibit will be on display through March 27th.
- Pours at the Preserve tickets are now on sale on the ONP website. This event is scheduled for March 7th from 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

Department Head Reports

Public Works Director Kemp noted that his transition into the director role is still in progress and going well. He also stated that a sanitary sewer survey will be conducted soon and that he will present the results at the next meeting.

Police Chief Esan had no report.

Town Clerk Heard reported the vote-by-mail deadline is Thursday, February 26th. Go to the Supervisor of Elections website to request a vote-by-mail ballot.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Commissioner McMullen had no report.

Commissioner Keller stated that Heritage Day was a great success and well attended despite the cold weather. She expressed her appreciation to Town staff for their hard work.

Vice Mayor Satterfield expressed his desire to have a tribute displayed at Willie Welch Park in honor of Mr. Willie Welch, who was born, raised, and lived his entire life in the town. Mr. Welch worked for the Town and served as a Town Commissioner for 30 years, making significant contributions and becoming an important part of the Town's history.

Mayor Taylor encouraged residents to attend the Information Session on February 24th to gain a better understanding of the Charter questions that will appear on the ballot. He also announced that Pours at the Preserve will be held on March 7th, noting it is a great event and that tickets are limited.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Commissioner McMullen adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

TOWN OF OAKLAND:



SHANE TAYLOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KATHY HEARD, CMC, TOWN CLERK

