



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**JANUARY 20, 2026, AT 06:30 PM**

### Cover Sheet

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**ITEM TITLE:** Discussion of the Hungerford Property with the Dr. Phillips Charities  
(Administration)

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

<b>PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS</b>		<b>Department:</b> LEGISLATIVE (ADMINISTRATION)  <b>Exhibits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agreement</li></ul>
<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>		
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
<b>COUNCIL DISCUSSION</b>	YES	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		

**REQUEST:** Request that the Town Council meet with the Dr. Phillips Charities for the purpose of contractual options pertaining to the Hungerford School Property.

**SUMMARY:**

On September 30, 2025, the Orange County School Board approved the transfer of the historic Hungerford property from Orange County Public Schools to Dr. Phillips Charities. Beyond the Hungerford property, Eatonville is one of the oldest incorporated Black towns in the United States. At the center of this town's history is the Hungerford property, formerly home to the Robert L. Hungerford Normal and Industrial School, founded in the late 1800s to provide education to Black students in the South. In recent years, concerns grew over potential private development and the loss of community control.

There is growing concerns with the Town of Eatonville about the proposed agreement between Dr. Phillips Charities and the Orange County School Board. Request is made for Dr. Phillips to meet with the town to discuss their intended plans and any assurances they have towards historic Eatonville.

**RECOMMENDATION:** - Recommending that the Town Council that the Town Council meet with the Dr. Phillips Charities for the purpose of contractual options pertaining to the Hungerford School Property.

**FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA:** N/A