



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE EATONVILLE, FLORIDA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, AT 7:30 PM

Cover Sheet

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ITEM TITLE: Updates from the Dr. Phillips Charities pertaining to the Hungerford School Property. **(Legislative/Councilman Mack)**

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS	YES	Department: LEGISLATIVE/COUNCILMAN MACK
PUBLIC HEARING 1ST / 2ND READING		Exhibits: N/A
CONSENT AGENDA		
COUNCIL DECISION		
ADMINISTRATIVE		

REQUEST: Request that the Town Council hear updates from the Dr. Phillips Charities 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.

Dr. Phillips Charities has requested to provide updates during every town council meeting to the town Council on the plans towards redeveloping the Hungerford School property.

RECOMMENDATION: - Recommending that the Town Council hear updates from the Dr. Phillips Charities pertaining to the Hungerford School Property.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A