



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 29th, 2008**

Mayor Wayne Whitaker called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M. in the cafeteria at the Parks & Recreation Complex at 360 E. Main St., Pahokee, Fl. 33476.

Invocation:

Commissioner Walker delivered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Wayne Whitaker	Present
	Vice Mayor Keith Babb	Absent
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present @ 6:11 p.m.
	Commissioner Henry Crawford	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Matthew Brock	Present
	City Attorney Mimi McAndrews	Present
	Sgt. At Arms Lt. Alonso	Absent
	City Clerk Raquel Diaz	Present

Citizens Comments Agenda Items Only: No Requests

Approval of the Special Commission Minutes: None Pending

Topics:

- i. **Review of Amendment to Marina Lease.**
City Manager Brock explained the back ground of the package of the Amendment of the Marina Lease previous information and contract information regarding the Lease.

RESOLUTION 2008-57 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

**Approve Amendment Sub-Lease Agreement.
Motion by Commissioner Crawford. Second by Commissioner Biggs.
Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION 2008-58 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT OF THE SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND EVERGLADES VENTURES LLC.

Approve Amendment to Sublease Agreement with Everglades Ventures LLC.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Crawford. Commissioner Walker calls for discussion.

Discussion ensued:

Commissioner Walker had several question and concerns from the community for Jim Sheehan. Does the state have any concerns about what has taken place up there?

Mr. Sheehan responded to her questions and concerns regarding the space available.

Commissioner Crawford wanted to know why the commission continues to discuss the same subject over and over again. “We need to make the decision and vote on it and move on.” He did suggest that more Public Park is available for those that do not campout or cannot afford it.

Commissioner Biggs stated that we should discuss this in 6-7 years from now and not to discuss this subject of the agreement again and again.

Mayor Whitaker pointed out that there is no change to price increases to the city in 32 years and 34-74-1 items missing from the business plan. Mayor Whitaker recommended that the lease be abided to and to do what is on the lease.

City Attorney McAndrews suggested that changes that are made to the lease are more accurately reflected on the lease.

Jim Sheehan was willing to submit a set of master plans with not to much deviation. If anyone has any further questions please direct them to him.

Discussion completed.

Mayor Whitaker calls for roll call.

Approve Amendment to Sublease Contract with Everglades Ventures LLC. Motion carried.

ii. **Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Budget**

RESOLUTION 2008-59 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE 2008 FY BUDGET.

City Manager Brock stated that his recommendation was for every department to cut back to the bare bones and only do the layoffs if necessary. Suggested that part-time be laid off first and then go by seniority in each department. With the layoffs and cut backs the city would save \$45,000.00 if employees were given a two weeks notice and then laid off. Otherwise, it would be \$45,000.00 additional included into that \$369,000.00 that was recommended in this resolution that would come from the \$630K reserve fund balance. "Every little bit helps".

Finance Director Moore stated that each department director reviewed their fiscal year budget and came out with a determination that there were some items that needed to be cut. He thanked all department directors for their help and determination. He stated that the City Manager

Commissioner Biggs had a question about Code Enforcement Position?

City Manager Brock stated that the Commission was amending the '08 Budget and the position for Code Enforcement position is for 2009.

Commissioner Crawford stated his sympathy to the jobs being lost all over America. He gave credit to the Finance Director, Staff, City Manager, Directors, and the City Clerk of all the suggestions that are given and information provided to the City Commission because they are the ones who do the hard work.

Commissioner Walker looked at cell phones, take-home car allowance and suggested to re-evaluate. She also questioned about the water study.

**Approve Resolution 2008-59 - Amending the 2008 FY Budget.
Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Crawford.
Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:



Susan Feltner, Deputy City Clerk



Wayne Whitaker, Mayor