

CITY OF PAHOKEE  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, July 8th, 2008

**Mayor Whitaker** called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commission Chambers of City Hall, 171 North Lake Avenue, Pahokee, Florida.

**Invocation:**

Commissioner Diane Walker delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call of Elected Officials:**

Mayor Wayne Whitaker	Present
Vice Mayor Keith Babb	Absent
Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
Commissioner Henry Crawford	Present
Commissioner Diane Walker	Present

**Others in Attendance:**

City Manager Matt Brock, City Clerk Raquel Diaz, Public Services Director Art Cobb, Jr., I. T. Andrew Denton, Kokeysia Foster, Alice Whitaker, Raul Diaz, Sergeant At Arms Lt. Alonso, Director of Finance Derrek Moore, Herbert Crawford, Susie Feltner, Jim Sheehan (Everglades Ventures), J. P. Sasser, Alice Thompson, M/M Emilio G. Perez and wife Sara Perez, Richard Keen, Regina Bohlen, Raymond Hamilton, Barbara (Buttons) Hatton, Pearl Freeman, Richard (Tadpole) Brown and Teresa Fordham from Priscilla Taylor's Office.

**Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:**

City Manager Brock added item O-2 which is a request for proposals (RFP) for the financial audit.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Commissioner Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27<sup>th</sup>, the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion, with the stipulation that the minutes be approved contingent upon making the corrections that she pointed out. The motion was approved unanimously.

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**Consent Agenda:**

1. Res. 2008-51 (Revised) - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A POLICY FOR STORAGE, LOCATION, OR PLACEMENT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY ON PUBLIC OWNED PROPERTY.
2. Res. 2008-53 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 001 TO PALM BEACH COUNTY CDBG GRANT CONTRACT NO. R2007-1330, EXTENDING FUNDING FOR 12 MONTHS.
3. Res. 2008-54 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH PYROTECNICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

Commissioner Biggs made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner Walker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Proclamations:**

A motion to approve the National HIV Testing Day in Palm Beach County Proclamation was made by Commissioner Crawford and was seconded by Commissioner Walker. The Commission unanimously approved it.

**Report of the City Manager:**

City Manager Brock spoke of the Code Enforcement Workshop planned for 6:00 p.m. the next day, the annual budget, monthly budget to actual and existing grants. He would like to put those items on the agenda on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and have the '09 budget ready by July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Mr. Brock also spoke of selecting an audit committee and that the Commission should be thinking of whom they would like to nominate for a meeting in two weeks. He also spoke of having advertised for bids for Solid Waste. In conclusion, he recognized the following employees:

- o Ted Roberts for the fireworks on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- o Andrew Denton for the website and the hurricane information.
- o Art Cobb for the Regional Water Treatment Plan.

**Report of the City Attorney:**

Mimi McAndrews said she would later go over the State required Public Hearings and the change of zoning Downtown.

**Presentations:**

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1. Enterprise Florida. No one was present to do the presentation.

**Ordinances:**

None.

**Resolutions:**

None.

**Old Business:**

1. Regional Water Plant - No report
2. Middle School - No report
3. Regional Hospital - No Report everything is going as planned.
4. Herbert Hoover Dike - No report.
5. Habitat for Humanity - No Report everything is going as planned, per Captain Silva.
6. Update regarding consideration of rental agreement for use of City owned property located at 246 E. Main Street.

**New Business:**

1. The Allocation of Federal Fiscal Year 2009 funds of \$186,774.00 to create a Criminal Justice Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Crawford to approve the use of the funds in that manner.
  2. The topic of "Placement of Private Property on Publicly Owned Property" was presented in the form of Resolution 2008-51.
  3. Amendment 001 to Agreement with Palm Beach County to Make Available \$40,000 of CDBG Funds for the Payment of Salaries and Benefits For a Community and Economic Development Coordinator (Cleveland Robinson).
  4. An award was presented by Commissioner Crawford and Mayor Whitaker to Alvin Johnson for his years of service to the City.
  5. FY 06 Audit Update
  6. Outstanding Invoice Update
  7. For the Code Enforcement Update the Commission agreed on having a Workshop on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and to include the City Attorney and the Special Master in the meeting. City Attorney McAndrews said that she would check and advise if Special Master Brandenburg can be present at that time.
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8. Res. 2008-52 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, CORRECTING THE AWARD OF THE CANAL POINT SEWER EXTENSION HEADWORKS PROJECT.

9. A Motion was made to approve moving ahead with the Perez lease and the City Attorney said no motion was needed.

10. A Motion was made by Commissioner Walker to approve the allocation of \$186,774.00 in funds for the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Criminal Justice Commission and Commissioner Crawford seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve a request for proposals (RFP) for the financial audit. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Citizens Comments/General Concerns:**

1. J. P. Sasser (160 S. Elm Avenue) spoke regarding receiving the City's support on his campaign to get a seat on the S.F.W.M. District Board.

2. Pearl Freeman (331 Banyan Avenue) spoke about her bill.

**Correspondence, Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:**  
**Commissioner Biggs:**

The Commissioner spoke of Judy Gallo's demise and how she'd been a very prominent citizen. She recommended that proclamation be written for her. She also commended Herb Crawford and Derrek Moore for their work. The Commissioner said that the local schools went from a "C" to a "B" rating, and she added her congratulations. She further requested that the City endorse former Mayor Sasser in his candidacy to the S.F.W.M. Board.

Commissioner Crawford spoke of having visited a few local businesses and asked if we could come up with a monthly proclamation recognizing businesses in Pahokee. He closed his comments by thanking the audience for their participation.

Commissioner Walker asked about the status of the Charter Review Committee and the Personnel Policy. She also mentioned that there are two vacancies in the Community Relations Board. She suggested that the City express its condolences to citizens that are buried in our own cemetery. The Commissioner asked for better information on current crimes from the Sheriff's Office. She also pointed out that employees should be provided with the equipment they need in order to do their job and give service to the citizens.

Mayor Whitaker: The Mayor said he would be brief and thanked the audience that was in attendance.

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There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.

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Wayne Whitaker, Mayor

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ATTEST: Raquel Diaz, City Clerk

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