



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 25th, 2009**

Pursuant to due notice the regularly scheduled Commission meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 E. Main St., Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on Tuesday, August 25th, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitaker at 7:08 p.m. Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Biggs.

Officials attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Wayne Whitaker	Present
	Vice Mayor Henry Crawford	Present
	Commissioner Keith Babb	Present at 7:25 p.m.
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Matthew Brock	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sgt. At Arms: Lt. R. Alonso	Present
	Deputy Clerk Rashonda Warren	Present

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

Commissioner Biggs to add under presentations

Addition: Item N-4 – Presentation to an employee

Approval of Additions and Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Comments Agenda Items Only: No Requests

Approval of the Minutes:

1. August 11, 2009 – Regular Commission Meeting

Approval of August 11, 2009 Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

No items listed on consent agenda.

Report of the City Manager

City Manager Brock advises the Commission:

- This morning County Commission approved the comp plan change to allow for zoning for the Okeeleanta site for the Inland Port.
- A lot in attendance, many from the Glades.
- Notified by Palm Beach County, nothing in writing, the B. E.D.D.I. grant was approved.
- Will provide additional information as it is available.
- No update on the G.U.A.
- Understands that they have been meeting regarding employee benefits and interviews.
- Planned implementation date for the G.U.A. is October 1, 2009.
- Insurance update is on the desk. Mr. Moore will be available shortly for any further discussion
- Emergency Operations Procedure is on desk.
- This is a draft for review, will bring final back for Commission approval.
- On Friday, monthly luncheon get together for employees. Invites Commissioners to attend.
- Reminds Commission
 - First Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m.
 - Second Budget Hearing will be on Tuesday, September 22nd.
- Advises Commission of upcoming meeting with Mr. Anthony, Bob Wiseman and other City Managers from the Glades regarding the MSTU increase in millage.

End of City Manager's report.

Commissioner Walker commends staff for job well done regarding the emergency preparedness procedure.

Commissioner Biggs thanks the City Manager for the weekly community updates.

Report of the City Attorney

City Attorney Brandenburg advised Commission:

- Regarding Pelican Lake Village Letter of Dismissal
- Complaint was dismissed as it was found that the city had not been harmed in any way.
- Individuals affected are being represented by Legal Aid and Florida Rural
- Legal Services, these complaints are still proceeding.
- These individuals may be entitled to reimbursements.
- Regarding GUA – all of the attorneys met last week preparing all the documents necessary for the transfer, includes deeds, assignments of easements, and transfer of properties.
- Will bring Resolution authorizing Mayor's execution to next meeting

End of City Attorney's report.

Old Business:

Middle School –Commissioner Biggs reports:

- Ribbon cutting for stadium held yesterday.
- Middle school is coming along by leaps and bounds.
- Encourages everyone to stay involved.

Regional Hospital – Commissioner Walker reports:

- Everything on schedule
- Defers report to next meeting when the Health Care District will make a presentation on the new hospital

Inland Port – Commissioner Babb (absent)

- Mayor Whitaker reports in Commissioner Babb's absence

- Spoke with the Vice President of Florida Crystal, they will move forward with plans to build something on the site.
- Trying to get meetings with folks in Tallahassee to get some real answers, no appointments yet.
- Petitions to county zoning and planning board went well, the land use change was approved for Florida Crystals property.

Herbert Hoover Dike – Mayor Whitaker reports:

- Rehabilitation moving right along.
- Several people met here in Pahokee last week regarding their plans on the rehab of the inside of dike.

Habitat for Humanity – Vice Mayor Crawford reports:

- A meeting was held on Monday at the old elks lodge with invited applicants.
- Discussion was about the homes to be built and additional documents necessary
- Applicants will resubmit applications for qualifications
- In the very near future it will become a reality.
- New homes will be built and some citizens will become first time homeowners.

Church at 2820 E. Main St.

- City Attorney Brandenburg reports:

- Same position as it has been
- Planning consultants have included language in the Comp plan amendments for this to be an allowable use which will resolve the issue.
- Once comments are received from the DCA, the amendments will come to Commission for final approval
- Once approved and submitted to the State, we can change the zoning and the church can move forward.

Security Matrix Options

- Lt. Alonso of the PBCSO reports:

- Met last week with the Manager, Vice Mayor Crawford and Herbert Crawford, Director of Parks and Recreation.
- As a result, came up with a workable matrix.
- Reduced Law Enforcement to minimal while supplementing with private security.

Old Business cont.:

Security Matrix Options continued:

- On matrix, 100-150 people, one deputy with supplemental security personnel.
 - Concern from PBSO permit and contract department is safety of the one deputy.
- Mayor Whitaker recognizes Commissioner Babb in attendance at 7:25 p.m.
- Vice Mayor Crawford stated that some events may call for a deputy, but it gives the citizen an option regarding security.

Approval to accept Security Matrix.

Motion by Vice Mayor Crawford. Second by Commissioner Babb with recommendation.

Commissioner Babb stated that the language should be changed to say “city properties”

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Employment Agreement – Clarence Anthony

- Clarence Anthony addresses commission:
- Agreement before commission was initiated at the Tri- Cities Coalition meeting held in South Bay last week.
 - The three cities have a number of issues in common that need assistance at the county level.
 - MSTU county has agreed to meet to discuss relief short term relief as it relates to fire rescue MSTU.
 - On Monday, had a conference call with the three managers and finance to discuss long term plan.
 - The agreement is to represent the interest of the three cities on the MSTU issue for a period of thirty (30) days.
 - There are several issues, not only fire rescue, but also the Inland Port and the landfill issue.
 - Today at the county meeting with the Mayor and Manager in attendance, i believe we made an impact.
- Commissioner Babb stated:
- The commission should set a workshop regarding a long term contract to discuss financial impact.
 - Overall need to work out a budget annually.
- Mayor Whitaker stated:
- The short term contract is only regarding services till October 15th.
 - 25 hours per month to be divided by the three cities.
 - Mr. Anthony could assist with issues around the county and the state.
- Mr. Anthony stated:
- It would be an honor to work for the region.
 - Has worked as an advocate.
 - Wants to make sure that our region is represented.
 - Feels blessed for the relationships created on a county staff and commission level will help.
 - Will work with the manager and bring back a proposal to the next meeting.

New Business cont.:

Employment Agreement – Clarence Anthony continued:

- Commissioner Biggs stated:

- Was not in attendance on Wednesday at the Tri- Cities Coalition meeting.
- When it comes to finance, you need to know where you are going.
- Thanks Mr. Anthony for the explanation of services.
- Understanding is the best policy.

-Vice Mayor Crawford stated:

- Agrees with Mr. Anthony representing the city.
- Over the years, Mr. Anthony has proven that his heart is with this region.
- Knows that Mr. Anthony will work diligently in accomplishing the tasks.
- Concurs with Commissioner Babb regarding a workshop to discuss the financing of the contract as it relates to budget.

Approval to enter into thirty (30) day contract with Mr. Anthony as part of the Tri-Cities Coalition, not to exceed fifteen (15) hours per week.

**Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Community Relations Board Request- Use of the Cafeteria

- Commissioner Walker advises:

- The chair, Mrs. Singletary has not yet arrived.
- Memo in packet states that the board would like to hold a Presidential celebration.
- It would be a dinner, tickets will be sold to help fund the event.
- Board will provide a budget for the event.
- Board is requesting waiver of the rental fees of the cafeteria.

**Approval of waiving cafeteria rental fees for Community Relations Board event.
Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs,
Motion carried unanimously.**

Community Relations Board Appointments

- Commissioner Babb suggests to Mayor Whitaker, that as they have made the last appointments, the remaining commissioners make the appointments of two board and two alternates.

- Mayor Whitaker concurs.

- Commissioner Walker inquires of the attorney if someone can be appointed if they have not submitted an application, but have verbally confirmed their interest in serving.

-City Attorney Brandenburg advises that they should officially submit an application.

- Commissioner Walker advises that the person in question is in the audience and will verbally state their desire to serve.

New Business cont.:

Community Relations Board Appointments continued:

- Nathaniel Holmes of 173 S. Greenstar, Pahokee, Fl. advises commission that he would like to serve on the community relations board.
- Vice Mayor Crawford appoints Sanquetta Cowan as a regular board member.
- Commissioner Biggs appoints Nathaniel Holmes as a regular board member.
- Commissioner Walker appoints Gail Walker and Kay Zaccagnino as alternates.

Approval of Board appointments and alternates.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.

Motion carried unanimously.

- City Attorney Brandenburg stated that the Commission should consider holding a workshop for all new board appointees in regards to the sunshine law.
- Commissioner Babb stated that they should have some orientation prior to coming on a board.
- Commissioner Walker inquires if there is a limit to the number of alternates?
- City Attorney Brandenburg advised the Commission can change the amount of alternates and there is no limit on the number of alternates.

Presentation to employee – Commissioner Biggs

- Commissioner Biggs stated:
 - Willie James Brown- regarding the work that he does along Bacom Point Rd. and in front of the Recreation Department is just awesome.
 - Would like to recognize him by presenting a certificate at the next meeting.

Citizens Comments / General Concerns:

Rose Jackson of 321 Carissa Dr., Pahokee, Fl.

- Have been having a problem with standing water in front of my home since 2005.
 - Have talked with several persons, was told that the road was to be re-done.
 - Son has been hospitalized several times due to this standing water.
 - Can not even check the mailbox for mail, because of the standing water.
 - Has pictures on her camera, will retrieve camera from car so Commission can view the photos.
- Mayor Whitaker advised that Alvin Johnson, Public Works Director and the City Manager will visit the location tomorrow to address the situation and develop a plan to correct the issue.

Someone in audience speaking inaudible. (not at a microphone)

- City Attorney Brandenburg updates Reverend Raul Rodriguez concerning the church at 2820 E. Main St.

- Ms. Jackson returns with camera, Commission views the pictures.
- Mayor Whitaker advises that the issue will be addressed tomorrow.

Correspondence Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:

Commissioner Biggs:

- Welcomes audience to the meeting
- Regarding funds from Tropical Storm Fay as it relates to city hall is not a lot of money.
- Have we considered FRACC coming in and assisting with a new city hall.
- Understands that FRACC was approved for funding to redo main street.

- City Manager Brock stated that he has been meeting and working with Kevin Johns, Pam Nolan and Sylvia has found a no cost grant for \$3 mil to rebuild the old high school as city hall.

Commissioner Biggs continues:

- We talk about helping our own. These people (FRACC) are here in our community.
- What is the problem working with them?

- Mayor Whitaker stated that he and the manager have met with Bill Lowenstein. Mr. Lowenstein advised that they can obtain some funding for us from same funding source as FRACC. We are looking at every option available.

- Mayor Whitaker advises that he had lunch with David Allen last week.

Commissioner Biggs continues:

- Skii Sumerall, a 12 year old young lady that needs a kidney.
- There will be a benefit golf tournament, asks that if anyone can donate please do.
- School started back and there are so many students that need mentoring.
- Asks that if anyone can spare 30 minutes a week, please contact her and become a mentor to a student.
- Education Committee of the Tri-Cities are concerned that the children are not being taught proper history.
- Also, people who have worked with our children for years are being pushed out and replaced with people who don't know the area or the families. This is a major concern of the committee. Asks everyone to get involved.
- Thanks everyone for their attendance.

Commissioner Babb:

- Inquires of the status of the workshop on the personnel policy.
- Policy concerning city manager and city clerk as it relates to sick & Vacation leave.
- Short term/emergency, one or two days, policy should be the Mayor can and should approve.
- Long term -- i.e.-vacation should come to the commission for approval.

-Mayor Whitaker advises that there will be another workshop to work out two more items.

Commissioner Walker:

- Inquires of any anticipation of hiring employees prior to October 1st?

-City Manager Brock advises he does not anticipate hiring anyone before Oct. 1.

- Someone in audience speaking inaudible. (not at a microphone)

Correspondence Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners cont:

- Commissioner Babb inquires of Mr. Holley's status and inquires if anyone will be filling in for him.
- City Manager Brock advises that Mr. Holley has been at work, working half days.

Commissioner Walker continues:

- Would like to recognize the cameraman for KECTV, Antonio Bowles.
 - Advises that there are no pediatricians at the health department, but we do now have one in Pahokee at the Florida Community Health Center on Barfield Hwy.
 - Inquires as to how long the manager will be on interim status?
 - Thanks everyone for their attendance.
- City Manager Brock advises that he is not interim, but a full time manager.

Vice Mayor Crawford:

- Requests of the Commission and the manager that a Proclamation be prepared for the next meeting regarding PBSO, Lt. Alonso and the Beat the Heat program.
- Lt. Alonso made it possible for 25-30 children to attend a legal drag race on a raceway.
- Children received t-shirts, caps and were fed a meal at the racetrack.
- Kids and accompanying staff had a wonderful time.

Motion to approve a Proclamation for PBSO & Lt. Alonso.

Motion to approve Certificates of Appreciation for Willie Brown and Antonio Bowles.

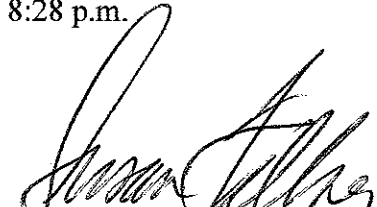
Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Motions carried unanimously.


Mayor Whitaker:

- Thanks audience for attendance.
- We are working good together
- Appreciates all of the hard work
- The City is moving forward.

There being no further business of the City to discuss, Mayor Whitaker adjourns the meeting at 8:28 p.m.



Attest: Susan Feltner, City Clerk



Wayne Whitaker, Mayor