

CITY OF PAHOKEE
MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mayor Whitaker called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in the 2nd Floor Commission Chambers of City Hall, 171 North Lake Avenue, Pahokee, Florida.

Invocation:

Vice Mayor Babb delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Elected Officials:

Mayor Wayne Whitaker	Present
Vice Mayor Keith Babb	Present
Commissioner Allie Biggs	Absent
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, Community Development Director Ted Roberts, Kokeysia Foster, Mrs. Wayne Whitaker, Naji Tobias (Sun Newspaper), Raul Diaz, Sergeant At Arms Lt. Alonso, Director of Finance Derrek Moore, Herbert Crawford, Alvin Johnson, Susie Feltner, Jim Sheehan (Everglades Ventures), Major Kevin McCawley (D.O.C.), Captain Silva, Chief Rice and spouse, Danny Mosley, and Linda Mole.

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

City Manager Brock had an additional sheet listing the additions and deletions as follows:

Delete:

E1 - May 27 meeting minutes.

Add:

03 - 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).

04 - Personnel Award, Alvin Johnson (A.J.)

05 - FY 06 Audit Update

06 - Outstanding Invoice Update

07 - Code Enforcement Update

08 - 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.

Approval of the Minutes:

Vice Mayor Babb made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10th meeting and Commissioner Walker requested that the June 10th minutes be removed for corrections. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

1. Res. 2008-49 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDE A LETTER TO NATIONAL BANK FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING CHARGE PRIVILEGES FOR MAYOR WAYNE WHITAKER, COMMISSIONER DIANE WALKER, CITY MANAGER MATTHEW BROCK, HUMAN RESOURCES STEPHANIE MARSH-CORINTHIAN AND CITY CLERK RAQUEL DIAZ ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE.

2. Res. 2008-50 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$639,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MARINA. (Contract signed and sent by Mini McAndrews prior to the meeting)

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

Proclamations:

A motion to approve Mayor Anthony's Proclamation was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Crawford. The Commission unanimously approved it.

Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Brock spoke about the contract procedure directions sheet given to the Commissioners during this meeting. He also spoke of City Attorney's McAndrews having some liability concerns with the agreement at 246 E. Main St. He discussed the City's financial options and went over how to use the spread sheet with the \$630,000.00 reserve fund on it, which was handed to the Commissioners the prior meeting.

Commissioner Babb mentioned that he was real skeptical about the "rosy picture" that has been painted for the last five years.

Commissioner Crawford said they'd never been brought up to date on the City's financial status and that they never received full information from the previous City Manager. He asked if we are

behind in paying debts and questioned: "Where are the significant savings promised to them in going to the County for the Fire and Sheriff's Department services?" He asked where was the money that was saved?

Mayor Whitaker said that there is \$600,000.00 (Six hundred thousand dollars) in outstanding bills. He commended the City Manager and asked that he be given leeway to be able to buckle down and make it work.

Commissioner Crawford also wanted information on the possible legal problems on the property that was going to be leased to Emilio Perez, 246 E. Main Street and asked for some kind of time frame when it would be addressed.

City Attorney Mimi McAndrews said that she needed to ask Mr. Perez a couple of questions and that she had already started on it.

Report of the City Attorney:

No report.

Presentations:

1. Tri-City Meeting - Presentation from Workforce Alliance
No one was present for this presentation.
2. PRM Safety Committee
No one was present for this presentation.
3. Department of Corrections - Inmate Support

Mr. Cobb said he is working on a new work force agreement with the Department of Corrections and the old agreement will stay in effect until they negotiate a new contract. He also stated that he's had between five (5) and eight (8) inmates added to his work force which can add up to \$250,000.00 (Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars) in savings a year.

Major Kevin McCaulley was with Mr. Cobb and he stated that Pahokee was one of his favorite cities and that the inmates get real pride from having a job (which is sometimes their first).

Alvin Johnson asked if the inmates can operate heavy equipment and the Major said to please let him know what he needs and he will get back to him on what is available.

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.
3. Herbert Hoover Dike - No report.
4. Habitat for Humanity - No Report everything is going as planned, per Captain Silva.

New Business:

1. The Allocation of Federal Fiscal Year 2009 funds of \$186,774.00 approval to Criminal Justice Commission was tabled until the next Commission meeting.
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 9th, 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.
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.

Citizens Comments/General Concerns:

None.

Correspondence, Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:

Commissioner Walker:

Commissioner Walker began by speaking of the conference she attended, "Preventing Crime in the Black Community". The Commissioner also spoke of her involvement in coordinating a job

fair on August 6, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and said they are still debating on whether it is going to be at the cafeteria or the gym. She asked about the status of the Charter Review Committee and asked if in addition to the fireworks display there were other activities planned for the 4th of July

Community Development Director, Ted Roberts went over the donations received for the 4th of July fireworks as follows:

County	\$5,000.00
Jim Sheehan	\$1,000.00
Fanjul Family	\$1,000.00

Mr. Roberts further explained that it would take a commitment of over \$12,000.00 to get a company to run the event. Also, the City still lacks the Fire Department permits needed to have the event.

Commissioner Walker said she was very disappointed at the lack of other planned activities for that date.

D. S. LeStrange requested Commissioner Walker's assistance in obtaining permission to hang pictures of the Commission at the boxing gym. A motion to that effect was made by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Vice Mayor Babb, which was agreed to unanimously by the rest of the Commissioners.

In addition, Commissioner Walker said that we needed to find a position for South Bay on the Executive Committee of the Tri-City Board.

Commissioner Crawford:

The Commissioner said it was good to have an audience when they have a meeting and a debate. He asked of Mr. Cobb and the City Manager if there were positions that were not filled in the Roads and Streets Department. Commissioner Crawford also said he was glad that at the Tri-City meeting the topic of hiring local people was brought up.

Vice Mayor Babb:

The Commissioner spoke of considering hiring a grant writer when reviewing the budget. He further stated that he felt that for the past five years, the grants have been declining. He thanked Andrew Denton and Alvin Johnson for taping the commission meeting and pointed out that all the meetings are being shown on the City's Website. In conclusion, he thanked the law enforcement officer for sitting for three hours.

Mayor Whitaker:

Mayor Whitaker briefly spoke of the State of Florida purchase of the U. S. Sugar Corporation and how it cause the loss of a lot of jobs, devastating a lot of families. He said Governor Charlie Crist had sprung it by surprise.

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

Wayne Whitaker, Mayor

ATTEST: Raquel Diaz, City Clerk