



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 12th, 2009**

Pursuant to due notice, Vice Mayor Henry Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located at the Parks & Recreation Complex at 360 E. Main St., Pahokee, Fl. 33476.

Invocation:

Commissioner Biggs delivered the Invocation and Commissioner Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Wayne Whitaker	Absent
	Vice Mayor Henry Crawford	Present
	Commissioner Keith Babb	Absent
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Matthew Brock	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sgt. At Arms: Deputy Snow	Present
	City Clerk Susan Feltner	Present

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

Additions: N-3 – Athletic Director Letter
N-4 – Reverend Wallace Scholarship

Deletions: E-2 – Minutes – March 24, 2009 Commission meeting
F-1 – Resolution 2009-30 – Cold Case Rewards
F-2 – Resolution 2009-31 – SFWMD – Stormwater Project
M-3 – US 441 Streetscape Contract
G-2 - Certificate of Appreciation – Northern Trust

**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:

E -1 – April 24, 2009 - Minutes Special Commission Meeting

**Approval of April 24, 2009 Special Commission Meeting Minutes
Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda:

1. **Resolution 2009-32 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NOWLEN, HOLT & MINER, P.A., AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PAHOKEE.**

Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations:

**Item G-1 Recognizing 3rd Saturday in April as Anquan Boldin Day
Sponsored by Commissioner Walker.**

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

**Item G-3 Proclamation – Saulberry Family
Sponsored by Commissioner Babb.**

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

Report of the City Manager

City Manager Brock advises the Commission:

- Glades Citizens Villas Storm Water Project -- looks as though County is ready to go to bid as early as June.
- Legislative Update – session just ended – applied for funding to renovate the Old High School for City Hall and funding for marina – did not receive funding.
- Ramp update – modulars – will be completed as soon as company comes back.
- Balance sheet on dais – general fund at minimum – individually advised Commission of transfer of funds to reserve account.
- Will still have bond payment December 1st, 2009.
- GUA – Belle Glade scheduled to consider on Monday. No update on South Bay.
- Will be attending the Economic Stimulus Conference in Orlando on Friday.

Report of the City Attorney

No report.

Presentations:

Item J-1 Helping Hands Food Pantry

Community Development Director Ted Roberts advises Commission that Ms. Motlow is ill and was not able to be present. Will bring back to the Commission at a later date.

Public Hearings:

Vice Mayor Crawford opens Public Hearing for Ordinance 2009-04 Second Reading:
City Clerk Feltner reads Ordinance 2009-04 Title into record.

L-1 ORDINANCE 2009-04 – SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA. AMENDING PAHOKEE CODE CHAPTER 11, SECTION 11-15, AMENDING THE EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT FOR GARBAGE AND TRASH SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, CONFLICTING ORDINANCE, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION

No public comments.

Vice Mayor Crawford closes public hearing for Ordinance 2009-04.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2009-04 Second Reading.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Crawford opens Public Hearing for Ordinance 2009-05 Second Reading:
City Manager Brock reads Ordinance 2009-05 Title into record.

L-2 ORDINANCE 2009-05 – SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 26, SECTION 26-39, WATER SERVICE FEES AND SECTION 26-122(3) SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE, CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION.

No public comment.

Vice Mayor Crawford closes public hearing for Ordinance 2009-05.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2009-05 Second Reading.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

M-1 – 473 S. Lake Ave. - Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church – City Manager Brock reports:

- Last meeting the Commission provided a figure for the property.
- Staff has forwarded that figure to Shiloh.
- Have not had a response yet.

M-2 – Brownfield Identification – Community Development Director Ted Roberts reports:

- Have located a map of properties identified as potential brownfields.
- Suggest that we take one property and create a CRA (community revitalization area) and use that as an example.

Old Business continued:

M-2 – Brownfield Identification – Community Development Director Ted Roberts continues:

- Pee-Hokey Plaza – phase II environmental assessment. Arsenic found in soil. Levels no larger than background levels, means no contamination from the businesses that have occupied the location.
- If declared a brownfield, we can apply for funding to clean up and develop.
- It is an economic advantage. Will aid the City Financially

City Attorney Brandenburg suggests:

- Wait for determination from EPA regarding contamination
- Bring this back to next meeting with a Resolution including a legal description to declare a brownfield.

M-4 – Middle School – Commissioner Biggs reports:

- Construction of middle school in full bloom.
- Stadium still scheduled for opening in August.

M-5 - Regional Hospital – Commissioner Walker reports:

- Hospital on schedule.
- Scheduled opening in October.
- Staff moving into Lake regional in June

M-6 – Habitat for Humanity – Vice Mayor Crawford reports:

- Have recorded two (2) deeds for properties donated by City.
- No construction date just yet.

M-7 - Inland Port – Commissioner Babb absent. No report

M-8 – Herbert Hoover Dike – Mayor Whitaker absent. Community Development Director Roberts reports:

- Construction proceeding as planned
- Project received \$70 mil to move forward in construction
- Temporary layoffs will be back to work, should be more jobs available.
- Corp. of Engineers to hold a public meeting in Pahokee, June 18th.

New Business:

N-1 – Employee of the Year – City Manager Brock reports:

- Nohemi Polanco was selected as employee of the year. Was not able to attend this evening, will bring back to next meeting.

New Business cont.:

N-2 – Workforce Alliance, Inc. – Agreement for summer work program

City Manager Brock advises:

- All three (3) City's were provided an agreement
- Cities to assist in providing jobs for the summer
- No funding requirements from the Cities.

Commissioner Walker advises:

- 100 applicants through the Parks and Recreation Department
- Advises that Herbert Crawford and Ms. Foster have been working with her to provide interview techniques for the young people applying.

Motion to approve Resolution 2009-33 Workforce Alliance, Inc. Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

N-3 – High School Athletic Director Letter - Request for donation of \$500.

Vice Mayor Crawford suggest that the Commission donate \$250.

Motion to approve \$250 donation to the Pahokee High School Athletic Department.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

N- 4 – Reverend Wallace- Manuel-Wallace Scholarship fund

Commissioner Walker advises:

- Rev. Wallace is unable to attend this evening.
- Under previous Administration Commission voted to organize a scholarship to assist with young people interested in attending academy to become a police officer.
- Reverend Wallace is inquiring of status.

Vice Mayor Crawford advises:

- This has come before the Commission, Commission did vote to establish a scholarship fund.
- Advises that the City will seek funding to organize the scholarship.

Commissioner Biggs inquires if the Commission could revisit at a later date to possibly organize fund raisers to support the fund.

Motion to revisit the scholarship fund for Manuel-Wallace Scholarship.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Comments / General Concerns:

Jim Sheehan – Everglades Adventures RV & Sailing Resort.

- Problems on the pier
- Fishermen fishing from Lakewalk
- Problem is behavior of some of the fishermen
- Would like to restrict fishing from Lakewalk.

Vice Mayor Crawford advises:

- With the new size limit restrictions on game fish, people are gutting and cleaning fish on Lakewalk
- Some people are using Lakewalk as a bathroom.
- Was personally threatened by someone fishing on Lakewalk.

Jim Sheehan advises:

- Will post new Rules and Regulations pertaining to Lakewalk.
- Will enforce no fishing from Lakewalk beginning May 20, 2009.

Richard Brown of 303 Carissa Drive.

- Advises that Jim is putting it mildly regarding folks using the Lakewalk for a restroom.

Correspondence Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:

Commissioner Biggs:

- Asks audience and City regarding scheduling a March for Violence in Pahokee
- Was contacted two weeks ago about organizing a march for that Friday.
- Need time to sit down and talk about it.
- Need everyone involved, citizens, Pastors, Law Enforcement and the City
- Will meet with Pastors to organize.
- Thanks all in attendance

Commissioner Walker:

- Inquires of grievance package we have received.

City Attorney Brandenburg advises the items were included with the personnel policy workshop agenda and that there is a grievance procedure on page 35 of proposed policy.

Commissioner Walker continues:

- Baccalaureate Service tomorrow at Methodist Church
- Restoration of Rights at O'Say on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Pahokee High School Graduation – May 18th at 7 p.m. at the Pahokee High Gymnasium

Correspondence Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners cont:

Vice Mayor Crawford:

- Fishing Tournament on May 23rd at the marina
- Children from Rec. Dept., New Hope Charities and Pahokee Elementary
- Kids versus seniors
- Mayor Whitaker to purchase trophies
- Teaching children how to fish
- Mark Holmes of the Masonics will be cooking for tournament
- Invites all to come out and teach a child to fish.
- Thanks Attorney, Clerk, Manager and fellow Commissioners for assisting in Mayor's absence.
- Appreciates input for successful meeting
- Inquires of credit card for City Clerk.
- Advises of complaints regarding security for events
- A security firm was used for Ms. Ocie Mae's funeral service
- Security firm provided for traffic control as well as parking lot security.
- Advises that we have an opportunity to try out and use the firm
- There is an event scheduled for Friday, asked security firm to handle the event to show the type of work they do
- Is experimental, if acceptable, firm to meet with City Manager to decide whether or not we can use them for security
- Person having event would pay the City, City in turn will pay the firm.
- Commission concurs that this is acceptable

Commissioner Walker thanks City Attorney Brandenburg regarding letter to bonding company. Have there been any results?

Jim Sheehan advised that he has met with the Bonding Company and the Contractor on site. There will be an action/work plan developed to present to City for review for acceptance. Will provide additional information upon receipt of the action/work plan.

There being no further business of City to discuss, Vice Mayor Crawford adjourns the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Attest: Susan Feltner, City Clerk



Wayne Whitaker, Mayor