

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 23, 2010**

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, November 23, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was by Commissioner Biggs followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor J.P. Sasser	Present
	Vice Mayor Henry Crawford	Present
	Commissioner Keith Babb	Present
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present.
	City Manager Derrek Moore	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present via telephone
	Sgt. at Arms: Lt. Alonso	Present @ 7:05 p.m.
	City Clerk Susan Feltner	Present

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

Additions: Item F-2 – Consent Agenda – Resolution 2010-90 – ILA - PBCSD
Item D-1 – Citizens Comments/Agenda Items - Big Bertha's Tiki Bar

Approval of the Agenda Items.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes:

Item E – 1 – November 9, 2010 – Regular Commission Meeting

**Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2010 Regular Commission Meeting.
Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda:

1. RESOLUTION 2010-99 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE ADDITION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERS, INCLUDING SAME SEX PARTNERS TO THE EXISTING GROUP INSURANCE PLAN.

2. RESOLUTION 2010-90 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MUTUAL USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

Commissioner Walker expressed concern regarding Resolution 2010-99, when the indication given at the last meeting, appears as if we are advocating for things that benefit us as individuals. Understands that this Resolution does encompass all employees and will support it.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

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

Citizens Comments/Agenda Items Only:

Bob Schauder, General Manager of Big Bertha's addresses all and advises:

- Has currently hired twelve (12) employees from the Pahokee-Canal Point- Belle Glade area.
- Thirty-five (35) seat bar inside
- Outside fire pit.
- Will have happy hours at different times
- Full bar
- Will be open on Tuesday, November 30, 2010
- Closed on Monday's, Tuesday's thru Thursday's 4 p.m. till closing
- Friday, Saturday & Sunday's 11:30 a.m. to closing

Presentations:

Item H-1 –Bauer Foundation – Charles Puccinni

Mr. Puccini showed a power point presentation showing their work area on the dike. Their traffic plan is not yet approved. Recommending truck traffic come in on the south side at Lakeside Baptist church and exit on North Lake Ave. The intention is to minimize the amount of construction traffic in the downtown city area. They have hired several subcontractors from this area. Regarding the Old High School, has hired a professional group to write up the asbestos cleanup plan for proper removal of the asbestos. Requests from the city a document that acknowledges and authorizes, Bauer to hire a contractor to perform the work.

Approval for Mr. Moore to execute a letter of authorization.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Sasser advises that the Bauer Foundation and Treviicos are donating turkeys to the city.

Commissioner Biggs requests that Item N - Old Business on the agenda be omitted, as the there are no changes and the Commissioners can comment during their comment section.
Commission Concurr.

Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Moore advises that Parks & Recreation Director Herbert Crawford would like to address the Commission and advise them regarding the Orange Bowl Foundation.

Parks & Recreation Director Crawford addresses the Commission and advises that city teams have been involved with the Orange Bowl Foundation for twelve (12) years and this is the first year that Pahokee has the privilege to host the semi-finals event. Pahokee has three (3) teams, two (2) of which are already qualified for the finals that are scheduled for December 12, 2010. We will be using the Anquan Boldin Stadium for the event. Tickets are \$5.00 for the whole day. There are six (6) games scheduled, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Pahokee team will start their game at 3:00 p.m. Requests that the Commission and the community support the event on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

Executive Assistant to the City Manager, Ms. Anika Sinclair addresses all and provides an update on the upcoming Tri-Cities Annual BBQ. It will be held on December 10, 2010, Pahokee is hosting this year at the marina. There is a toy drive. Collected toys will be divided and distributed among the three (3) cities. Local farmers are donating produce for vegetable baskets. Airboat rides will also be available. The event will begin at twelve (12) noon.

Human Resources Director Mrs. Kendall provides an update regarding the National League of Cities Prescription discount card program. Advises that the online application was completed today, it will be up to eight (8) weeks until we are notified by CVS Caremark the agency that provides the service. This is a free prescription discount program for uninsured and under insured residents. There are currently three (3) cities in Palm Beach County that are part of the program.

Report of the City Manager continued:

City Manager Moore asks for clarification that the Commission approved a blanket approval several years ago to apply for grants, and once grants are awarded, they will be brought back to the Commission for approval. Commission concurs.

City Manager Moore advises the Commission that due to the economic condition, he recommends that the city provide bonuses instead of raises. Providing a recommendation regarding Christmas bonuses. Requests approval of the recommendation. Total cost approximately \$34,000. This was not a budgeted item. The funding will come from areas where we were able to save money.

Approval of Christmas bonuses for city staff with the City Manager to receive double the amount allocated for directors.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Mr. Moore advises all;

- Christmas parade will be on Monday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. Over fifty (50) applicants have applied and will be participating.
- Christmas party on Friday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Semi-formal, by invitation only in the cafeteria. The sale of the old ranger station is covering the cost.
- City Manager & City Attorney met with Marina representatives regarding the marina audit report. Just a couple of items to work out. Mr. Grazziotto delivered the rent check yesterday.

City Manager Mr. Moore inquires if Commission wishes to cancel the December 28, 2010 meeting.

Cancellation of the December 28, 2010 Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting.

Motion by Vice Mayor Crawford. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the Pahokee Plaza. City Manager Moore met with Mr. Vaday of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) and Mr. Bobby Gonzalez of the steel company. A meeting is set with Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on December 6, 2010. There are funds (\$200,000) available for the cleanup of the property.

Report of the City Attorney:

City Attorney Brandenburg advises that Mr. Moore has covered everything. Wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Sylvanus Miller of 176 N. Flame Ave., thanks the Commission for the repair to the driveway in front of his home.

Ms. Pearl Freeman of 331 Banyan Ave., addresses the Commission and discusses her water bill. There are items on the bill that she wonders why she has to pay them.

Commissioner Babb and Mayor Sasser advise Ms. Freeman that there is a Glades Utility Authority (GUA) town hall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, where citizens can have their questions answered.

Mayor Sasser encourages all to come out to the meeting on December 8, 2010.

Citizens Comments continued:

Commissioner Walker advises that she received a call from a citizen regarding the GUA. The GUA now has what they continuance billing, where if you have a building and it is empty, the GUA will put in a meter and charge the owner, whether it is requested or not. In other words, it seems as if the GUA is going to force a person to pay a water bill. This is severely going to impact some of the property owners.

Correspondence/Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:

Commissioner Walker:

- Advises that she and Commissioner Biggs attended the League of Cities Legislative Conference, is providing copies of the Legislative agenda for the other Commissioners.
- Will have Clerk Feltner provide copies of some additional information from the conference.
- Wishes all a very Happy Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks all for their attendance.

Commissioner Biggs:

- Advises that citizen concerns are very important to this Commission
- There are things that take time to resolve. Our goal is to do what is best for the citizens.
- Thanks the marina group for working with the city.
- Thanks the Bauer Foundation for their support in our city.
- Thanks everyone for their attendance and wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving..

Commissioner Babb:

- Commends staff for the Veteran's Day Program, it was a very nice event.
- Has already selected honoree for next year, Bishop Nathaniel Holmes.
- Wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.


Vice Mayor Crawford:

- Advises that he missed a couple of meetings and the Veteran's Day Event, due to injuries sustained during the Vietnam war.
- Appreciates the calls and visits from the community while he was ill.
- Wishes everyone a nice Thanksgiving

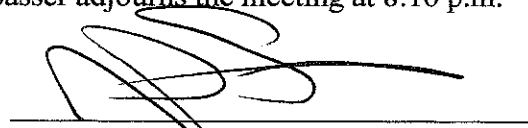
Mayor Sasser:

- Advises that he has heard all through town what a special event the Veteran's Day event was.
- Advises that Mr. Moore is the City's representative on the GUA Board, after every meeting receives a call that Mr. Moore fights too hard for the city.
- Encourages everyone to come out to the Town Hall meeting on December 8, 2010.
- Wishes everyone a Happy Holiday.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 8:16 p.m.



ATTEST: Susan Feltner, City Clerk



J.P. Sasser, Mayor