

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 12, 2011**

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, April 12, 2011.

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:

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	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
	Sgt. at Arms: Lt. R. Alonso	Present
	City Clerk Susan Feltner	Present

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

Deletion: Item O - 1 – New Business – Pahokee Housing Authority Board Appointments.

**Approval of the Agenda Items.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Item E – 1- Regular Commission Meeting –March 22, 2011

**Approval of March 22, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Consent Agenda:**

**1. RESOLUTION: 2011-21** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 15 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$530.00 TO THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

**2. RESOLUTION 2011-22** -A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY TRUST FUND AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF THE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,245.00.

**Approval of Consent Agenda.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Proclamations:**

**Item G – 1** – Recognizing the Aids Coalition of the Glades, Inc.

**Approval of Proclamation Recognizing the Aids Coalition of the Glades, Inc.**

**Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Walker.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Presentations:**

**Item – H-1** - Office of the Inspector General - Palm Beach County – Sheryl Steckler

Ms. Steckler addresses the Commission and advises:

- Office is authorized under Article XII, Section 2-422, Palm Beach County Code, will be in effect June 1, 2011
- Office was created to provide independent oversight of county operations
- Authorized to conduct audits and investigations
- Responsible for activities that promote accountability, integrity and efficiency in government
- Detect misconduct involving abuse, corruption, fraud, waste, inefficiencies, and mismanagement by elected and appointed officials and employees and other parties doing business with the county and/or receiving county funds
- Inspector General shall be notified prior to any meeting of a selection committee relating to procurement of goods or services.
- Publish Audit and investigative reports, and issues an annual report
- Office organized into three (3) sections; internal audit, contract oversight and investigations.
- Inspector General's office role is fact finder, recommend corrective action and provide transparency to the public.

### **Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Sasser advises:

- Was appointed by the Tri-Cities Coalition to the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance
- Broadband project was awarded to the counties in the panhandle.
- FHREDI will apply for a federal grant to bring broadband to the Glades.
- Congressman Hastings and Congressman Rooney will be working together with Workforce Alliance, to promote hiring local contractors/people for the projects that are taking place in the Glades.

### **Report of the City Manager:**

City Manager Moore:

- Have received requests from LORE and FHREDI for letters of support

### **Approval of Letters of Support for LORE and FHREDI.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

City Manager Moore calls on Port Mayaca Memorial Gardens Director Art Ivester to provide an update regarding the restrooms.

- Restroom was built in 1955
- Is located beside the 1928 Hurricane Memorial
- Having problems with drain field
- Location does not allow for a new drain field to be installed
- Have done some repair, facility is currently working
- Need to relocate the facility.

Mayor Sasser recommends checking with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to see if there any grant funds available.

City Manager Moore continues:

- Aggressively seeking funding to repair roadways around the city
- SR 715 project will start in March 2014
- SR 15 project starts in 2012
- Held a Town Hall meeting regarding SR 715. Will post the suggestions, invites public to provide input
- Marina has a new operations manager, Mr. Al Boyd

City Manager Moore calls on Public Services Clerk Ms. Kokeysia Foster to provide an update regarding the Great American Cleanup.

- Did not focus in one area, recruited team leaders, covered several areas
- 167 people volunteered
- Collected 2,000 pounds of trash
- Next year will be scheduled for the second weekend in April

## **Report of the City Manager continued:**

Public Services Clerk Ms. Kokeysia Foster continues:

- Sponsors include;
  - Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful
  - Solid Waste Authority
  - WSWN Sugar 900 radio station
  - Save-A-Lot grocery store
  - CVS Pharmacy
  - Walgreens
  - Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
  - Southern Waste Systems provided a tire amnesty

City Manager Moore advises:

- Built Right Construction brought in equipment and cleared the debris from behind Keen's Trailer park
- Staff did a great job planning and organizing the event
- Peehokey Plaza – contaminated dirt was removed
- Proceeding with that project
- Can not transfer ownership until the clean up is finished
- Will have agreement ready for the next Commission meeting

City Manager Moore calls on Parks & Recreation Director Herbert Crawford to provide an update regarding Q-Fest, the fair and the races.

- Q-Fest – community Basketball tournament finishes tonight here in our gym
- Thursday is the golf tournament at PGA
- Friday night is the celebrity Basketball game
- Saturday is the community BBQ from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- There is no conflict with the fair, fair is working around Q-Fest
- International Raceway – tickets provided by Lt. Alonso
- Event is Saturday at 2:30 p.m., we will be taking the younger children, kindergarten through the first grade.
- Bus will be leaving at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

City Manager Moore continues:

- Glades Citizens Villas – currently have a \$500,000. Grant for storm water drainage
- There are sheds and fences and such in the easement area.
- Will hold a community meeting for the residents on Thursday April 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at New Macedonia Church. Commissioner Biggs will be in attendance.
- PBCFR Chief Arena is being relocated out of our area, he was always accessible and easy to work with, would like to bring back something for him to show our appreciation.
- Chamber of Commerce annual banquet is April 29<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Rashonda Warren was selected by staff as employee of the year.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> is also “I love Pahokee day” at Pahokee Elementary

**Report of the City Manager continued:**

City Manager Moore continues:

- Unity Dinner with Palm Beach County Commissioner Jess Santamaria is Friday at 6:00 p.m. at the marina. This dinner is only for the Tri-Cities Elected Officials and city managers.
- The Glades Tri-Cities Coalition will meet tomorrow at the GEO prison in South Bay, that begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Mr. Mark Kutney of the City of Belle Glade resigned, he was also the Chair for the Glades Utility Authority. I am currently serving as the chair of the board, at some point, Belle Glade will be appointing another member to the board.
- Last week we held the P.O.P.S. ceremony that went very well
- Boxing arena – looking at a building behind the old hospital, some repairs are needed
- Will look into working out an agreement for use of the building
- Relay for Life – Ms. Sinclair and Ms. Paschal-Brown are working on that, the event will take place next month at airport park in Belle Glade.
- Recently initiated a co-ed softball league. There will be a city team.

**Report of the City Attorney:**

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg advises:

- Mr. Moreno came before the Commission for assistance regarding the zoning of his property.
- As approved by the Commission, he was contacted and advised of the costs for the rezoning, he declined the offer.
- The Special Magistrate has granted a rehearing which will take place tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.
- Glades Utility Authority (GUA) – still have not deeded water tank that has the antenna, we are reserving the right to the revenue from the antenna
- GUA has rejected it, will speak to the new Chair of the Board to resolve the issue.
- Code Enforcement liens – currently have six (6) liens, requesting motion from Commission to proceed
- The properties are:
  - 632 Rardin Ave.
  - 290 Cypress Ave.
  - 388 Cypress Ave.
  - 503 W. Baines Terrace
  - 317 Golden Place
  - 179 S. Barfield Hwy.

**Authorize City Attorney to move forward with the Code Enforcement Lien Foreclosures.  
Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Ordinances:**

City Clerk Feltner reads into record:

**ORDINANCE 2011-01 – FIRST READING** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES TO SEC. 21-1. THROUGH 21-97. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Attorney Brandenburg advised:

- Sheriff's Department requested a rewrite to allow them to more effectively enforce the regulations relating to peddlers
- The medical check provision for the peddlers has been removed.

Commissioner Babb advised:

- The Ordinance we are discussing affects our local people
- People are trying to do the right thing and are discouraged because of the many requirements
- The license fee is \$300, in these tough economic times, that cost should be cut in half
- Need the process to be simple without affecting the safety and welfare of the community
- As to yard sales, currently allowed only on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, should not be restrictive, should be able to have one anytime through the month.
- Criminal background check seems a little extreme.

City Attorney Brandenburg defines the different types of peddlers:

- Stationary peddler is a person who sets up in a commercially zoned area, with property owner permission.
- Itinerant peddler is someone with ie. - an ice cream truck
- Solicitors – are persons who go door to door selling goods.
- The Ordinance does loosen some restrictions.

**Commission concurs that yard sales should be allowed on any Saturday of the month.**

City Attorney Brandenburg advised that he will bring back this Ordinance for first reading.

## **Citizens Comments:**

Eva Mae Gilmore of 198 N. Greenstar Ave., Pahokee, FL. 33476

- Concern relating to bus loop at the middle school
- Buses come through way over speed limit
- Floor in house cracking
- Requests that speed bumps be installed
- More traffic through there than what was originally said.

Mayor Sasser advises that they will send a letter to the School District regarding the buses and their speed through the neighborhood.

**Citizens Comments continued:**

Richard Iderosa of 3127 Bacom Point Rd., Pahokee, Fl. 33476

- Have oversight of Glades Area Pantries
- Received grant for a refrigerated truck, can now bring frozen goods to the community
- Also received grants for a walk in cooler and walk in freezer
- This year the kids camp will run two (2) months
- Planning to start a school, not to be in competition with other schools
- Emphasis on fine arts and focus on leadership
- Building not zoned for school, working with Mr. Holley and Mr. Moore
- Would like school to be open in August, have several students already enrolled.

Bertha Tulloch of 778 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Pahokee, FL. 33476

- Has a home daycare
- Already has licenses
- Questions why she has to pay \$50.00 to the City each year
- Also, the people fixing the water pipes do not come back and fill in the holes.

Mayor Sasser advises that that all businesses within the city pay a business tax to be licensed in the city to operate their business.

City Manager Moore advises that he will address the issue regarding the GUA contractors with Mr. Stiles.

Richard Brown of 303 Carissa Drive, Pahokee, Fl. 33476

- Expressed concern regarding peddlers licensing requirements and fees.

**Correspondence/Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:**

Commissioner Walker:

- Acknowledges Mr. & Mrs. Iderosa for their continued efforts in the city
- Glades Interagency Networking Awards luncheon is Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.
- The keynote speaker is Congressman Alcee Hastings
- Lunch is at a cost of \$15.00 and will be at the Dolly Hand center
- Thanks the city for the support of Children's Week, over 850 children and 350 adults attended the event at Rardin Park.
- Relay for Life, there will be a meeting on Thursday at 5:15 at Lakeside Medical
- Thanks staff for partnering with the P.O.P.S. program
- Youth symposium was a very powerful and inspiring event.
- Thanks all for their attendance.

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Commissioner Biggs:

- Also acknowledges the Iderosa's for all that they do in the community, excited about the school
- Inquires if Mr. Boiton received the information he requested at the last meeting regarding Muck City Rd.

Sergeant At Arms Lt. Alonso advised that he spoke with Mr. Boiton after the last meeting and provided phone numbers. To date, Mr. Boiton has not contacted anyone.

Commissioner Biggs continues:

- Inquires of the six (6) campers that stated that they could not afford to return

City Manager Moore advises that he and the Mayor met with the new manager Mr. Boyd. Also, Mrs. Colvin, who brought it to our attention met with him as well.

Commissioner Biggs continues:

- Looking for a lot of jobs to come into the area, the School District has two (2) projects, Gove Elementary and Rosenwald Elementary
- County Commissioner Santamaria has provided to Jermaine Webb an opportunity to encourage folks to learn, those in training can receive \$500 per semester.
- Need to hold a work fair here in Pahokee, hoping to have it at Rardin Park, suggests Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Commission concurs on the date and location.**

Commissioner Babb:

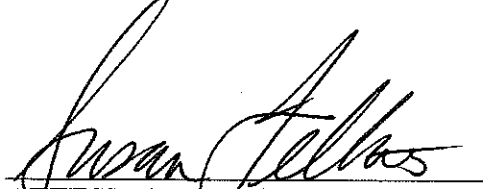
- Inquires of a written report regarding Mr. Joseph and the recreation department, would like a brief report.
- Inquires as to a list of vendors associated with the recreation department, has not seen one.
- Recommends that Mayor Singletary's picture and plaque be moved to where it will be more accessible to the audience.
- Recommends a plaque for Mayor Padgett also.
- Consider an Ordinance requiring businesses to paint their buildings.

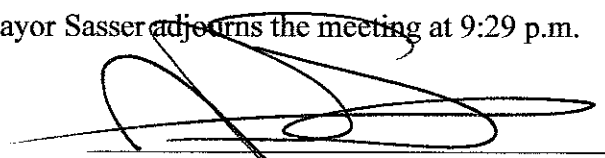
Mayor Sasser advises that that is already on the books as well as pressure washing buildings.

Vice Mayor Crawford:

- Thanks all for their attendance and participation
- There are rumors out there that Commissioner's do not attend every meeting
- Each Commissioner does different things for the city in different ways
- Thanks all again for their attendance.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

  
ATTEST: Susan Feltner, City Clerk

  
J.P. Sasser, Mayor