



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 22, 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, February 22, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 7:03 p.m. Invocation was by the Pastor of the United Methodist Church 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	Absent excused (Santamaria Forum)
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present.
	City Manager Derrek Moore	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sgt. at Arms: Lt. R. Alonso	Present @ 7:26 p.m.
	Deputy Clerk Rashonda Warren	Present

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

Deletions: Item F - 6 – Consent Agenda – Resolution 2011-12 – Budget Amendments

**Approval of the Agenda Items.**

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

**Motion carried. Four (4) Ayes. One (1) absent.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Item E – 1- Regular Commission Meeting –February 8, 2011

**Approval of February 8, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes.**

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

**Motion carried. Four (4) Ayes. One (1) absent.**

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**Consent Agenda:**

- 1. RESOLUTION: 2011-07** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CITY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS A DISCOUNT TO THE CITY OF PAHOKEE’S PORT MAYACA CEMETERY FEE SCHEDULE.
- 2. RESOLUTION 2011-08** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE LEASE AND EMPLOYEE SHARING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS (POPS) PROGRAM.
- 3. RESOLUTION 2011-09** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT THAT THE DESIGNATION OF RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN (RACEC) CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION INCORPORATING DESOTO, HIGHLANDS, GLADES, OKEECHOBEE, HENDRY, AND HARDEE COUNTIES (INCLUDING THE CITIES, TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES WITHIN EACH), THE CITIES OF BELLE GLADE, PAHOKEE, SOUTH BAY, AND THE COMMUNITY OF IMMOKALEE; AND, THAT ALL ENTERPRISE ZONES IN THESE COUNTIES AND COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO EXIST; AND THE CONTINUATION OF ALL STAFFING GRANT FUNDING FOR FLORIDA’S HEARTLAND REDI, INC., THROUGH ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 4. RESOLUTION 2011-10** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, DEMANDING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPEDITE THE PLACEMENT OF SAFETY GUARDRAILS ON STATE ROAD 80 FROM THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD 880 TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROAD 15 IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.
- 5. RESOLUTION 2011-11** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE BROWNFIELD CLEAN UP PROGRAM FOR THE PEEHOKEY PLAZA SITE.
- 6. RESOLUTION 2011-12** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING VARIOUS BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

**Approval of Consent Agenda.**

**Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.  
Motion carried. Four (4) Ayes. One (1) absent.**

**Proclamations:**

1. Declaring March 5, 2011 as Sickle Cell Day

**Approval of Proclamation Declaring March 2, 2011 as Sickle Cell Day.  
Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.  
Motion carried. Four (4) Ayes. One (1) absent.**

**Presentations:**

Commissioner Walker advises that the Certificates of Appreciation were approved several meetings ago. Reads into record:

Certificate of Recognition  
Presented to  
Michael Guerrier

On behalf of the Mayor and Commission of the City of Pahokee, we would like to recognize Michael for his many accomplishments such as, 2010 Junior Golden Gloves Champion for the State of Florida, 2010 Florida Gold Coast Boxing Champion, 2011 Florida Silver Gloves Champion for the State of Florida, and he recently competed in the Regional Competition held in North Carolina.

Michael is recognized as the 7<sup>th</sup> State Regional Champion. "Keep up the good work!"

Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011  
Presented this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2011.

The Commission presents the Certificate to Michael Guerrier.

Commissioner Walker reads into record:

Certificate of Recognition  
Presented to  
Coach Michael LeStrange

On behalf of the Mayor and Commission of the City of Pahokee, this certificate is presented to Deputy LeStrange for your continued commitment and dedication towards the youth of our community. "Your community is proud of you!"

Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011  
Presented this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2011.

The Commission presents the Certificate to Deputy Michael LeStrange.

**Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Sasser advises:

- We have lost our Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) Liaison, Ted Roberts. We have encouraged the ACOE to continue to fund that position.
- Initial meeting with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on two (2) paving projects.
- SR 715, tentative start date in 2014
- SR 15/US 441 will start at MLK Blvd. and go north into Canal point. Start date is next year.

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

City Manager Moore calls upon Mr. Paine of Professional Opportunities and Programs for Students (POPS).

Mr. Paine addresses all:

- Program originally began in Orlando
- State Officials decided to expand program into Miami-Dad, Broward and Palm Beach County.
- Provides summer internship opportunities for high school students
- Offers life skills necessary to prepare students for life after high school
- It is a year round program.
- Program was specifically targeted for the Pahokee – Belle Glade area

City Manager Moore advises that City Attorney Brandenburg had several items that he wished to discuss, and is requesting that that be done in a workshop.

**Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

City Manager Moore also advises:

- GUA monthly meeting cancelled, will meet again in April.
- Vendors Appreciation Luncheon on Friday March, 11, 2011, approximately fifty (50) respondents so far.

### **Report of the City Attorney:**

1. City of Pahokee vs. Perez – Letter from Attorney Montgomery.

City Attorney Brandenburg addresses the Commission and advises:

- City has been working with a company to develop the Pahokee Plaza Site
- During a survey process, there is to the West a five (5) foot strip, that shows belonging to the City
- To the North a fifteen (15) foot strip that shows on Perez's land but owned by the City.
- Mr. Perez's attorney sent a letter that Mr. Perez did not like the solution, he would only do what we wanted if the City dropped the Prince Theatre case.

City Attorney Brandenburg recommends that the Commission reject Mr. Perez's offer and authorize the City Attorney to send a letter declining the offer.

**Authorize City Attorney Brandenburg to send letter declining Mr. Perez's offer.**

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

**Motion carried. Four (4) Ayes. One (1) absent.**

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

Commissioner Walker:

- Thanks all for their attendance
- Advises of Pahokee Heritage Festival, concert at the High School, tickets are \$10.00.
- Saturday there will be a youth day at MLK Park
- Sunday there will be a sunset Gospel songfest at the Lake.
- March 5<sup>th</sup>, the REACH Fair is in Belle Glade.
- Thanks Deputy LeStrange for all he does with the youth of our community.

Commissioner Babb:

- Advised that County Commissioner Santamaria made a comment that he was disappointed in the Tri-Cities.
- Tri-Cities coalition is doing an excellent job, name one other location where three communities have joined together.
- Requests assessment of the Four day work as it relates to the different departments.
- Requests that the Calendar of events be posted on the website.

Vice Mayor Crawford:

- Thanks all for their attendance.

Mayor Sasser:

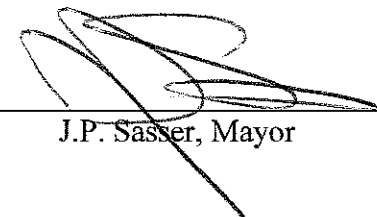
- Advises that the Commission attended the 2011 Florida Rural Summit, it was smaller cities like Pahokee.
- Requests of City Manager Moore some demographics/statistics of Pahokee area.
- Code enforcement is a priority.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



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ATTEST: Susan Feltner, City Clerk



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J.P. Sasser, Mayor