

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 7:02 p.m. Invocation was by City Manager Mr. Moore 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 via telephone
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present @ 7:07 p.m.
	City Manager Derrek Moore	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sgt. at Arms: Lt. R. Alonso	Present @ 7:06 p.m.
	City Clerk Susan Feltner	Present

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

Additions: Item F - 4 – Consent Agenda – Resolution 2011-18 – F.I.N.D. (RTE 2)
Item F – 5 – Consent Agenda – Resolution 2011-19 – F.I.N.D. (Wave)
Item F – 6 – Consent Agenda – Resolution 2011-20 – American Hi-Tech
Item G – 4 – Proclamations - Honoring Leonard Dobrow
Item G – 5 – Proclamations – Honoring James Smith Jr.
Item G – 6 – Proclamations – Recognizing the 16th Annual Children’s Week

Approval of the Agenda Items.

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Item E – 2 – Special Commission Meeting – March 3, 2011

Approval of February 22, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting and March 3, 2011 Special Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

1. RESOLUTION: 2011-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING VARIOUS BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

2. RESOLUTION 2011-16 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD ANNESE AS THE BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AND APPROVING BUCK EVANS AS AN ALTERNATE.

3. RESOLUTIUON 2011-17 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF THE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY SAUTERNES V, LLC, LOCATED AT 1797 EAST MAIN STREET, PAHOKEE, FLORIDA.

4. RESOLUTION 2011-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WATERWAYS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (2011).

5. RESOLUTION 2011-19 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WATERWAYS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (2011)

6. RESOLUTION 2011-20 - A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA FINDING THAT AMERICAN HI-TECH HOMES, BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED APPLICANT PURSUANT TO §288.107, FLORIDA STATUTES; REQUESTING A WAIVER OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Babb requests to pull Resolution 2011-16 from Consent for discussion. City Manager Moore advises that we needed to have emergency inspections made, and that we will be advertising for these services.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion by Vice Mayor Crawford. Second by Commissioner Babb.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations:

Item G – 1 - Declaring May 25, 2011 as National Missing Children's Day

Item G - 2 – Declaring April 2011 as water Conservation Month

Item G – 3 – Declaring May 15-21, 2011 as Water Reuse Week

Item G – 4 – Honoring Leonard Dobrow

Item G – 5 – Honoring James Smith, Jr.

Item G – 6 – Recognizing the 16th Annual Children's Week

Approval of Proclamations Agenda Items G-1 through G- 6.

Motion by Vice Mayor Crawford. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Sasser advises:

- Commission and staff recently attended Palm Beach County Days in Tallahassee.
- Met with Senator Bullard and Senator Sach's staff.
- Pahokee was the only city that presented a unified group, and the intent was noticed.
- Received a letter from Palm Beach County inviting the City of Pahokee to participate in the Budget information planning.
- Recently L.O.R.E. requested a letter of support while we were in Tallahassee, concern was that the text of the letter was too broad.
- A letter of support must have Commission approval.
- One future concern is that they will eventually compete with the three cities for funding. (same grants)
- Received call from Lt. Col. Kinard of the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE).
- City lost a \$3 million dollar grant from Florida Inland Navigational District (F.I.N.D.) as the ACOE would not issue the permit for the dredging of route 2.
- ACOE has reassessed the time line for the dike repair, project will be finishing sooner and will advise when we can reapply for the permit.
- The operators of the Marina & Campground were concerned about the impact the dike repair would have on their business, but yet the fees for the marina & campground have gone through the roof. Would like for the City Manager and Mayor to meet with the operators to discuss this issue.
- Was notified of illegal activity taking place under a tree on a piece of City property located on Booker Place.

Sergeant at Arms Lt. Alonso advises that there has been illegal activity taking place at that location. Deputies have recommended cutting the tree down. PBSO will continue to target the area for the illegal activities.

Consensus of the Commission is to develop a park on the property similar to the domino park.

Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Moore:

- Introduces Mr. Richard Annese, Building Official for the City of Pahokee.
- Advises that April 9th is the Great American Clean up, registration is at the Recreation Department at 8:00 a.m.
- April 29th is "I Love Pahokee Day" at Pahokee Elementary, the City has partnered with Pahokee Elementary for this event.

Parks & Recreation Director Herbert Crawford advises:

- There is a Youth Symposium scheduled for Saturday.
- Q-Fest is April 14th – 16th. Golf Tournament on the 14th, NFL celebrity Basketball is on the 15th at the Pahokee High, and will wrap up on the 16th with a community BBQ.
- Planning a fundraiser, would like to bring in a carnival to raise some money for some other programs.

Report of the City Manager continued:

Parks & Recreation Director Crawford continues:

- Requests permission for the carnival to use the field at the recreation department.

Approval of use of recreation Field by J & L Enterprises for the fundraising Carnival.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Moore continues:

- Will provide a complete list of projects at the first meeting in April.
- Ethics Commission was scheduled for a presentation tonight, they will be here at the April 12th meeting. Have made arrangements for the Ethics Commission to meet with staff also.
- Health Department has been renovating the old Highway Patrol building; they will be in attendance at the April 26th meeting.
- FDOT will be rehabbing US 441/SR15 from Martin Luther King Blvd. in Pahokee to the elementary school in Canal Point. It will include new sidewalks and beautification along the roadway.
- Resurfacing of SR 715/Bacom Point Road starts in 2014. Would like to hold a Town Hall meeting to get feedback from the community.

Town Hall meeting set for April 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

- On March 30th, FEMA will be here to close out the hurricane files.
- Pahokee Housing Authority will provide recommendations of Board Appointments; will bring that back at next meeting.
- Ms. Barbara Iderosa would like to place a Christian school at 183 S. Lake Ave., requesting a rezoning to allow for the school. This information has been sent to Calvin-Giordano for consideration and recommendation.
- As to the Two (2) property owners now requesting assistance with a Land Use Amendment, the cost is \$4,000.00 each. Typically these costs are paid by the applicant and not the City.
- Advises that he has provided each Commissioner with a copy of the letter from Mr. Moreno

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg advises the Commission regarding Mr. George Moreno:

- Mr. Moreno has asked for Motion of Rehearing regarding the Special Magistrate Order finding him in non-compliance.
- Mr. Moreno thought he had an agreement with the City relating to zoning relief.
- City did not commit to bear the cost of the Land Use Amendment

Recommendation – allow City Attorney to meet with Mr. Moreno, advise him of the cost of Comprehensive Plan Amendment, put on deposit with the City \$4,000.00, no guarantees, will speak with Special Magistrate regarding postponing implementation of fine.

Authorize City Attorney to contact Mr. Moreno's Attorney with offer.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.

Motion carried unanimously.

Report of the City Manager continued:

City Manager Moore continues:

- Mr. Brian Crawford has requested assistance from the City regarding the Prom.

City Attorney Brandenburg donates \$60.00.

**City to donate \$100.00 to Pahokee Middle Senior High School for the Prom.
Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Walker.
Motion carried unanimously.**

City Manager Moore continues:

- Going through the process of selecting the Employee of the Year.
- Encourages citizens and Commissioners to participate and make a nomination.
- This award will be presented at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, which is scheduled for April 29th.

Citizens Comments:

Santiago Boiton of 231 S. Lake Ave., Pahokee, FL. addresses the Commission:

- Expressed concern regarding the speed limit signs on Muck City Road.
- Has received speeding tickets
- Feels that the roadway is not properly posted.

Mayor Sasser advises that the location of the “speed trap” is not within city limits and suggests that Mr. Boiton contact County Commissioner Jess Santamaria, as the city has no authority.

Commissioner Biggs suggests that the City Manager contact Mr. Boiton with the information on who he should speak with regarding this matter.

Sharon Colvin of 3096 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee, FL. addresses the Commission.

- Expressed concern regarding the marina and campground rates.
- Concerned about the loss of the winter visitors to our community.
- Noticing that more and more are going to Belle Glade.
- Campsite rental was \$575 a month and jumped to \$750 per month.
- The community as a whole will suffer from the loss of business that these visitors provide.
- Advises that she has a list of six (6) names of campers that have stated that they will not be back.

Mayor Sasser asks if Mrs. Colvin could supply the City Manager with a list of those names, to let them know that the city is following up on this issue. City will meet with Lake Okeechobee Outpost to resolve the issue.

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Correspondence/Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:

Commissioner Walker:

- Requested that the Clerk send out an email advising of the Children's week.
- The hanging of the hands will be tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. here in the Commission Chambers.
- Has concern regarding notification from the Clerk and Manager when they will not be in the office.
- Inquires if Ms. Warren will receive any compensation for the duties she has been handling while the Clerk has been ill.

Vice Mayor Crawford advised that Ms. Warren is a Deputy Clerk and when the Clerk is out assumes those duties. Recommends that Ms. Warren's pay scale be increased.

Commissioner Babb advised as it relates to leave, it is the Manager and the Clerk's own responsibility to notify the Commission when they will not be in. They should also notify Human Resources.

Commissioner Walker continues:

- Commends Mr. Moore and staff regarding the Vendor's Appreciation Luncheon
- Advises on April 19th the G.I.N. Community Awards Luncheon will be held. Recommends that the City recognize either an employee or a member of the community.
- At Third St. and South Lake Ave., there is a tree hanging over the roadway creating a blindspot, people have to pull out into the road to see.
- On East Main Place, by the Elementary school, there is a bad spot in the roadway.

Commissioner Biggs:

- Commends Commissioner Walker for recommending that the city recognize either an employee or citizen at the community awards.
- Thanks everyone for their attendance.

Vice Mayor Crawford:

- While in Tallahassee, the City Manager, myself and Mr. Johnson met with some folks for over two (2) hours, regarding roads & streets, it was very informational.
- All of us working together, we can have a beautiful city.
- Thanks everyone for their attendance.

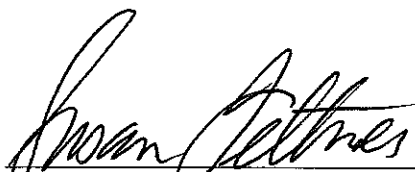
Commissioner Babb:

City to recognize employee Rashonda Warren and one (1) citizen at the G. I. N. Community Luncheon Awards.

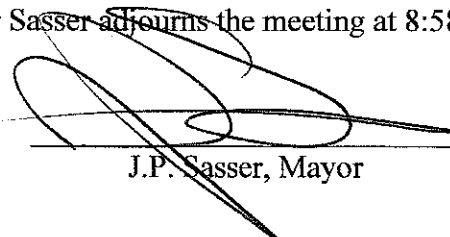
Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 8:58 p.m.



ATTEST: Susan Feltner, City Clerk



J.P. Sasser, Mayor