



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 9, 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, August 9, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 7:00 p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	Mayor J.P. Sasser	Present
	Vice Mayor Henry Crawford	Absent
	Commissioner Keith Babb	Present
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Derrek Moore	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant Altonios	Present
	Interim City Clerk Anika Sinclair	Present

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

**Approval of the Agenda Item.**

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

**Four (4) Ayes, One (1) Absent.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Regular Schedule Meeting – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Approval of Minutes.**

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

**Four (4) Ayes, One (1) Absent.**

**Consent Agenda:**

**Approval of Consent Agenda.**

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

**Four (4) Ayes, One (1) Absent.**

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**Presentations:**

**Proclamation for Vivian Green**

Mayor Sasser read into the minutes

**Whereas**, Mrs. Vivian Green, is a lifelong resident of the City of South Bay, Florida; and

**Whereas**, Mrs. Green was hired by the Palm Beach County School District in 1992, where she worked at Berkshire Elementary School from 1992 to 2004 as a Teacher, then as a Writing Resource Specialist, and later as an Assistant Principal; and

**Whereas**, in 2004 Mrs. Green became the West Area Administrator Support Specialist; and

**Whereas**, in 2006, Mrs. Green became the Principal for Pahokee Elementary School where she fostered a love of reading and learning to the students; and

**Whereas**, Mrs. Green increased student achievement, parental involvement, and partnership with the City and local businesses guiding Pahokee Elementary to achieve an "A" status in 2009 and "B" status in 2011 to maintain its Five Star status; and

**Now therefore**, on behalf of the City Commission and the citizens of the City of Pahokee, Florida, we hereby recognize Mrs. Vivian Green for her diligence and great care of our students in the City of Pahokee

**Approval of Proclamation.**

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

**Four (4) Ayes, One (1) Absent.**

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

Mayor Sasser advises:

- Next Wednesday, August 17, 2011 there will be a meeting with Commissioner Jess Santamaria, County Administrator, Bob Wiseman, the Marina and the City.
- The County will act as the mediator.
- Yesterday Al Boyd was relieved of his duties as Manager of Lake Okeechobee Outpost.
- At 441 by the railroad track SWS picked up the trash but the grass needs be get cut.
- Prior to the meeting Mrs. Colvin advised me of a pile of trash in the triangle by State Market Road and US 441
- The mobile home park at Barfield and US 441 there is a trash pile.
- Mr. Badala, Southern Waste System, was very accommodating with picking up the problem areas.
- The City needs to pinpoint the areas and work with SWS
- The City employees need to be more proactive with identifying locations of trash piles.

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

City Manager Moore advised:

- Provide an outline of event over the coming weeks
- There are two budget hearings in September but they conflicts with the School Board Budget Meeting and the County, request to have meeting dates changed from September 13<sup>th</sup> to September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> to September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Changing Meeting Days for September.**

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

**Four (4) Ayes, One (1) Absent.**

City Manager Moore continues:

- Provided list of events throughout the year with the cost.
- The children for the Summer Program will be going to Aquatica Wednesday, August 10, 2011
- The School Board Mixer is Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 6 p.m.
- Mr. Johnson will do a report on the progress of the demolitions and maintaining the City.

Mr. Johnson advised:

- Lawn Maintenance Equipments were placed
- An alarm system was added for security
- Will continue to maintain the designated areas at the Marina per the contract
- There has been four (4) recent demolition in the City including 319 Cypress Avenue, 1797 East Main Street, 133 S. Lake Avenue and

Mayor Sasser advised Channel 5 received an email from Mr. Wright about all the abandoned building in the City. They came out for an interviewed today. Arranged an appointment for Channel 5 to meet with Donia Roberts to discuss her rendering of her downtown redevelopment.

Mr. Johnson continued:

- Mapping out the City to locate signs to be replaced starting on Larrimore Road
- The trash pile on US 441 by the railroad tracks is in the unincorporated area and Waste Pro is responsible for that.
- Residents are putting their trash out as soon as the old pile gets picked up

The Commission discussed the City communicating and coordinating with SWS in areas of concern. Notifying residents of the appropriate days to put out the trash and putting trash in front of their own yards.

Mr. Johnson continues:

- As of today only three (3) properties have not complied with moving properties from the easement in Citizen Villas.
- The City will make arrangements to remove the items from the easement on Thursday, August 11, 2011.

Erica Redmond advised

- Registered approximately 1,200 children
- Fed approximately 1,400 adults and children
- Provided South bay with 519 backpacks
- In the process of assessing how many backpacks and supplies are remaining
- There were 36 vendors

Ivory Pascal-Brown advised:

- Gratitude to the Fire Department for cooking at the Back to School Bash
- The three (3) big contributors are Wells Fargo, Florida Crystals, and Everglades Farm Equipment.
- The Committee is requesting that Wells Fargo, Florida Crystals, and Everglade Farm Equipment receive plaques for their contributions and the other contributors receive Certificate of Appreciations.

**Approval of Plaques and Certificate of Appreciation.**

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

**Four (4) Ayes, One (1) Absent.**

Ivory Pascal-Brown continues:

- Chaney Brothers donated 2,000 hot dogs
- Dryers donated 2,000 ice cream
- Chik-Fil-A provided coupons and advised us that if they receive all the coupons back they will provide food for next year's Back to School Bash.

Commissioner Walker advised that she was approached by a vendor and was told this was the most organized Back to School Bash she attended. Commended Staff for a job well done.

City Manager Moore continues:

- Ruffled 10 bicycles and 8 computers at Back to School Bash
- There will be a Back to School Bash/Employee Appreciation on August 17, 2011
- Vehicle Action timeline was presented
- Asked Commission Walker to discuss the Glade Correction Institution Rally.

Commissioner Walker advised:

- Save GCI Rally was successful
- Thanks the Fire Department for cooking.
- As of now we have almost 6,000 signatures.
- Thank everyone for all their support
- The State of the State was suppose to visit on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- The State is on execution lock down was able to advise when the meeting can be rescheduled.
- If GCI is closed it will affect the Tri-Cities

City Manager Moore continues:

- The Fishing Tournament was successful today
- Approximately 113 children participated
- Sales Tax Holiday is August 12 to August 14

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**Report of the City Attorney:**

City Attorney Brandenburg advises:

- Litigation continues with Prince Theatre
- Pahokee Plaza agreement has been signed and sent to the office
- Reviewed with Mr. Moore and determined that specifications on exhibits are needed
- A site plan is needed to show what will be done at the site
- There are no intentions of holding up this contract but information is missing to move forward.
- Per the contract and discussion with Mr. Gonzalez he is supposed to provide homes at a minimum 1,500 sq/ft
- The exhibits provided do not meet the minimum square footage
- Does not want any disappointments with this contract
- Credit Cards are vulnerable to a City in respect to audits, inspector general, and ethics.
- Credit cards cannot be used for gasoline if you are getting car allowance.
- It is illegal even if it is paid back because it is considered a loan from the City
- Individual Commissioners are not authorized to make purchases on behalf of the City; only the Commission on a whole is authorized.
- Purchases should be done using the purchases order process
- Recommend against having credit cards, if you choose to have a credit card keep it under control.

The Commission discussed having the credit card as a safe guard, re-ordering cards that were destroyed; the credit card bill should appear before the Commission for review. The Commission requested to have the credit card policy revised with recommendations from the Commission.

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**Old Business:**

**Pahokee Plaza**

Mr. Brandenburg inquired and has not received an answer.

**Annexation**

City Manager Moore advised the City is still working on this item.

**Prince Theater**

No Report

**Citizens Villa**

City Manager Moore advised

- Met with County representatives, and Commissioner Biggs and
- Majority of the properties were built close to the easement
- The County will be back on August 15, 2011 to see what progress have been made.
- The City is working with residents and the County to move items that are in the easement.
- Commissioner Biggs and Reverent Nathaniel Holmes, Chair of the Community Relation Board will assist with getting residents to move items from the easement

**East Lake Village**

City Manager Moore advised he is still working on this

**Boxing Arena**

City Manager Moore advised he is planning to meet with contractors on July 27<sup>th</sup> with Deputy Lastrange and his Captain to discuss donating and reconstructing of the Boxing Arena at MLK Park

City Manager Moore advised he will add Code Enforcement and City Hall on the agenda for the next meeting.

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**New Business:**

1. Welcome Letter to New Businesses

City Manager Moore advises:

- All new businesses will receive this letter
- Letter will be retroactive

Commissioner Babb requested that the City develop a Welcome Package to include letter, map to City, and Code Enforcement information

Mayor Sasser suggests that we put the Welcome Package on the website. Also, there are a few new businesses in the City.

Commissioner Walker requested that the Commission is notified of new businesses so that they can also do a personal welcome. Also, request that a letter to Swifty thanking them for reopening.

2. **Resolution 2011-43 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 163.055 WITH RESPECT TO THE FISCAL CHALLENGES FACING THE GLADES UTILITY AUTHORITY (“GUA”).**

**Approval of Resolution 2011-43.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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## Citizens Comments

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

- Advised that she went into Big Bertha on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to obtain a copy of the gift certificate but they do not offer that option.
- Went around asking people what they think about Big Bertha and was told that the portions are small, food was cold, food is expensive, eating on plastic with plastic and drinking out of plastic in an expensive restaurant.
- There are no rest rooms in the restaurant, if a restroom is needed you will have to walk along the pool to the rest room.
- Emails were sent to Al regarding and was told that he will look into it.
- Will prepare a petition against the Marina for signature

Nathaniel Holmes of 173 S Greenstar, Pahokee, FL addresses the Commission:

- Advised on Barfield North from SR 15 there is a garbage pile on the right is an eye sore
- Requesting "No Dumping" for location
- In reference to Joe Louis (Annexation), the City should consider involuntary annexation for those who is not responding.
- 701 Johnson Court does not have water

Commissioner Biggs advised that the landlord is responsible for paying the water bill because the water is built into the rent but it has not been paid.

Commission request the City should contact Palm Beach County Health Department and FL Legal Aid to assist with 701 Johnson Court.

Commissioner Babb suggests that a penalty for dumping should be added to No Dumping signs.

Richard Brown of 3096 Carissa Drive, Pahokee, FL addresses the Commission:

- Expressed concern regarding GUA and the Glades becoming one City

Fire Chief Lupo advised:

- The contractor was awarded for the new Fire Station.
- The total project is \$2.4 million and 34% will go to local contractors
- The Fire Station will be on the County Commission agenda in August.

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

Commissioner Walker:

- Acknowledges Captain Prusansky for assisting with correcting the street signs
- Acknowledges Ms. Sinclair as the new Clerk
- Request a Proclamation for Mrs. Green
- Concerned that the Cemetery is not promoted

City Manager Moore advised that he is working with Mr. Ivester to promote Cemetery.

Member of the audience stated Belle Glade is much cheaper

Commissioner Walker continues:

- Consider a price comparison
- Introductory Bio of the Commissioners and City Manager
- Thanks to all for their attendance

Commissioner Babb:

- The City should inspect properties that are being rented

Mayor Sasser suggested annual inspections

Commissioner Babb continues:

- Propose the Tri Cities going to Tallahassee to support GCI

The Commission discussed GCI

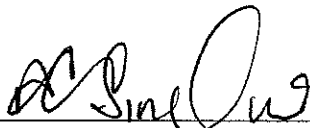
Commissioner Biggs:

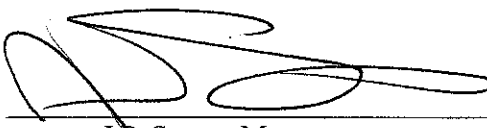
- Thanks Mr. Brandenburg for working with the Mayor to produce Resolution 2011-43
- Thanks the Mayor for his presentation
- Commend Commissioner Walker to discussing the Cemetery
- Advised Mr. Ivester to hire someone for pre-need sales in Pahokee to help promote the Cemetery.
- Thanks all for their attendance.

Vice Mayor Crawford:

- Thanks to all for their attendance
- Annual Fishing Tournament is August 9, 2011
- Request assistance from PBSO, Fire Department and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 9:15p.m.

  
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ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, Interim City Clerk

  
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J.P. Sasser, Mayor