



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 28, 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 26, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was by Commissioner Babb 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	Absent
	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 @ 7:20
	Interim City Clerk Anika Sinclair	Present

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

Addition: Item F - 6 – Resolution 2011-42 – Keeping Glades Correction Institute Open

Approval of the Agenda Item.

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

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

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Consent Agenda:

1. RESOLUTION 2011-37 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF PHILLIPS& JORDAN IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL AND OTHER SERVICES SET FORTH IN THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, CONTRACT NO. 08-233.

2. RESOLUTION 2011-38 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY CENTRAL, INC., FOR SCHOOL READINESS CHILD CARE SERVICE.

3. RESOLUTION 2011-39 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,500 TO THE YEAR 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

4. RESOLUTION 2011-40 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY TRUST FUND AGREEMENT, 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.

5. RESOLUTION 2011-41 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANIKA SINCLAIR AS INTERIM CITY CLERK.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

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

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Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Sasser advises:

- If you are not aware it has been a sad week in the City of Pahokee because one of our local business owners, Fran Jones, lost both of her sons in an accident. The Pope Family lost their son in an accident and the Cohick Family from the City of Belle Glade also lost their son in an accident.
- Asks that everyone keep the families in their prayers.
- If anyone is interested the Cohick funeral will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Belle Glade and the viewing is tomorrow from 6-8 p.m.
- The viewing for Pope is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church and the funeral will be on Friday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church.
- Last heard that Fran locked herself in the house and is not talk to anybody.

City Manager Moore advised that he emailed the funeral and viewing information to the Commission.

Commissioner Walker indicated that she was able to reach Fran by phone. She is devastated but is responsive and appreciative for the calls.

Commissioner Babb asked if Fran had family members in town.

Commissioner Walker stated that Fran's brother was in town the first night she was at her house. Prior to the brother arriving, she contacted the Sheriff Department to conduct a welfare check.

- Tomorrow there will be a Tri-Cities Meeting to discuss the GUA and GCI.
- Thursday Palm Beach County Commission will meet at the Marina around 1 or 1:30.
- Aim is to discuss all the positive things going on in Pahokee and the Glade.
- The Palm Beach Post called today and they were trying the state that the County is the "bad guy" in reference to the GUA.
- Refused to agree with the road that they were trying to take.

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Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Moore:

- The GUA Board Meeting will Wednesday, July 6th at 2 p.m. in Belle Glade.
- The 17.45 increase that is being proposed will be addressed.
- Firework will be on Monday night at the Marina.
- Big Bertha's will be closed.
- Received half of the donation promised from Bauer.
- Richard Keen donated \$500.00. Have sent a letter to Mrs. Donia Roberts
- Palm Beach County Sheriff Office will cost \$832.00 for the services that evening
- The cost of the fireworks is \$10,000
- FDOT is requesting to appear before the Commission to discuss SR 715 in the beginning of August.
- Scheduling a workshop for Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Sasser is pleased with how staff is working to notify residents for meetings.

- United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Richard Macheck, State Director and some of his staff on Tuesday, July 5th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss planning the Visioning for the City.
- Grants spreadsheet in the packets for review. If there are any questions Mrs. Redmon will come back to the next meeting to discuss. She has been very busy along with other staff applying for grants.

Mayor Sasser advised that on the grant sheet he does not see anything for roads & streets, sidewalks and paving.

City Manager Moore continues:

- Those funds are harder to get.
- Attorney Montgomery has a son the works for Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He is on vacation but has agreed to have a conference call either to.
- He is responsible for this area and he will come down to discuss getting funds combining GUA, SFWM, and DEP
- Will continue discussions with Palm Beach County in regards to getting funding for the roads but they are stating that funds are not available
- Discussed roads and streets with FHREDI and USDA
- Looking for funding but have not been able to find any or get any.

Commissioner Babb asked if Mr. Moore have reviewed the Sherriff's contract to verify if fireworks are covered. Also, suggested to include local security with the Sherriff to save money in the future.

Mayor Sasser indicated that we will get more deputies than we are paying for. In additional, we should compare local security fare and have them work in conjunction (concert) with PBSO.

- Paid for four (4) deputies and one (1) sergeant; however it fluctuates depending on the number of individuals that show up

Mayor Sasser advised that he discussed with City Manager and sent an email to Major Aroujo, Captain Grimes and Lieutenant Alonso trying to get a comparison showing what we paid for versus what we are getting

- Lt. Alonso was not able to provide an exact number of how many officers will show up.
- Meetings are schedule to determine how many officers will be present and how many staff is needed to assist.
- Mr. Moore calls Erica Redmon to add

Erica Redmond:

- Roads & Streets – Submitted a letter of Inquiry to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).
- After July 1st FDOT will notify if any additional information is needed.

City Manager Moore continues

- FDOT will work on SR 15 at MLK Park to Canal Point and SR 715 from Canal Street in Belle Glade to SR15 at the Bank
- Not sure if FDOT will assist with funding from MLK Park to Peehokee Plaza

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Report of the City Attorney:

City Attorney Brandenburg advises:

- Revised the agreement with Steel Company leave the reverter and add a performance revision and resubmitted to Company
- Initially received feedback stating that the performance bond may also be a problem.
- Yesterday received an email from their attorney
- The email stated “Gary, I spoke to Bobby yesterday afternoon and he indicated that the deal has not changed. Someone from the County had mentioned to him on Friday that even with a bond in place, it may have an impact on financing. Bobby spoke with the SBA and was informed on for the collateral for the bond is not the same collateral use for the SBA Financing there should be no a problems. With respect to the agreement you forwarded to me on June 24th, I am meeting with Bobby tomorrow and will have a response to you sometime tomorrow.”
- Have not received any additional update as of yet

Mayor Sasser advised that he met with Sherry Howard at the ribbon cutting and she didn't think that there was a problem either.

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Old Business:

Annexation

City Manager Moore advised

- Still working on it
- Has the list of individuals
- Donia Roberts has some property and will not participate because of some issues with Code Enforcement.

Prince Theater

City Attorney advised will file a Motion to Summary Judgment Nothings

Citizens Villa

City Manager Moore advised himself and Commissioner Biggs will meet with Shannon LaRocque and some of her staff tomorrow from 3 – 5 p.m.

East Lake Village

City Manager Moore advised:

- DEP may be able to help
- Develop a plan to resolve flooding over in McClure and East Lake
- Spoke with Laura Corry

Boxing Arena

City Manager Moore advised

- Spoke to Deputy Lastrange regarding reconstruction at MLK Park
- Sent lease to hospital people but they have not responded yet.
- Ms. Bohlen is assisting with this project

New Business:

RFP 2011-04 – Building Code Related Support Services

City Manager Moore advises:

- Had a couple of firm to respond
- Requesting permission to work out a contract so that he companies and bring back for approval.
- MT Causley, a company that has been doing business with the City is here tonight.
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Approval to negotiate with companies.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.

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

Correspondence/Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:

Commissioner Biggs:

- Concerned about the hurt that the citizens are experiencing with death in their family.
- Pray that the families come together and get some relief.
- Thanks all for their attendance

Commissioner Babb:

- None

Commissioner Walker:

- Few over grown properties on Bacom Point Road that needs to be addressed.
- City should consider discussing with the Banks that own properties to take care of them.
- Trash piles on Bacom Point Road.

Mayor Sasser advised he has been discussing with Mr. Alvin Johnson, Director of Public Service and was told that there is only one trash truck that comes out to the City now.

City Manager Moore advised that he meets with Mr. Johnson on a weekly basis and discuss the trash on Bacom Point Road. Some problems that Public Works have encountered are as soon as one pile is picked up it is replaced by another. Mr. Buxton is present tonight and will address the problem tomorrow. This problem is being monitored.

- Out of love and concern, we should watch what we say and the comments we make because we are all under scrutiny and does not want anyone to be approached by Ethics or anything that is said.

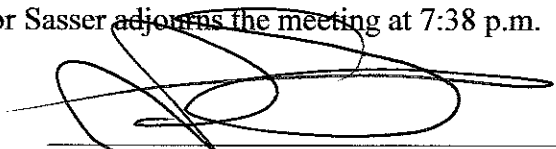
Commissioner Babb wants to confirm that residents are given warning citations for putting the trash out on the wrong days. Also, in the case of residents putting out large trash piles, makes sure that residents are aware because the trash pile is too large there will be a service charge.

City Manager Moore confirmed that code enforcement is monitoring the trash.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 7:38 p.m.



ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, Interim City Clerk



J.P. Sasser, Mayor