

**CITY OF PAHOKEE
MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, March 17th, 2008**

Vice Mayor Crawford, dispensing with the formality of the invocation and the pledge of allegiance, called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. in the 2nd Floor Commission Chambers of City Hall, 171 North Lake Avenue, Pahokee, Florida.

INVOCATION:

None

ROLL CALL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Vice Mayor Henry Crawford	Present
Commissioner Allie Biggs	Absent
Commissioner Keith W. Babb	Present via telephone
Commissioner Diana Walker	Present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Interim City Manager Mimi McAndrews, Sergeant At Arms Lt. Alonso, City Clerk Raquel Diaz, Jim Sheehan (Everglades Adventures), Regina Bohlen, Kokeysia Foster, Cleveland Robinson, Susie Feltner, Andrew Denton, Alvis Davis, Ted Gallo, Deputy Snow, Richard Brown (Tadpole), Derreck Moore, Ted Roberts, Art Cobb, Herbert Crawford, Naji Tobias, Captain Silva, Nathaniel Holmes, Sandy Maynor, Mary Salvatore, Shirley and Sandra Jarriel, Barbara (Buttons) Hatton, Barbara Mills and Lydia Caso, as well as many other citizens.

CITIZEN COMMENTS / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Vice Mayor Crawford opened up the floor for comments from the numerous members of the audience.

Nathaniel Holmes - 173 Greenstar- spoke of the need for recreation facilities for the youth, such as a pool and a theater, reaffirming his previous comments in front of the Commission.

Ted Gallo – asked if today’s meeting was legal and when had it been advertised.

Alvis Davis – spoke of what transpired when he was sworn into office.

Commissioner Walker asked if all of Mayor Sasser’s City property had been turned in and when Interim City Manager McAndrews said that it had been, to the best of her knowledge, the Commissioner said that former Mayor Sasser had probably not planned to return or he would not have turned in all the City’s property.

Regina Bohlen - 1548 E. Main Street – said that the rules had been thrown aside in order to swear in Mr. Whitaker.

Sandy Maynor spoke in favor of the newly elected Mayor and re-elected Commissioner Walker being sworn in today without delay.

Commissioner Babb appeared via telephone and asked several questions regarding the urgency with which the oath of office was being administered and asked why the special meeting had become an open forum. He questioned the Interim City Manager/City Attorney, Mimi McAndrews and she specified that she was acting in the capacity of Interim City Manager only and could not render a legal opinion.

Vice Mayor Crawford explained at some length that the candidates should have been sworn in on the same Tuesday of the election, if not the very next day, and also mentioned that he had consulted a former City Attorney of long standing before calling for this meeting.

Vice Mayor Crawford asked Ms. McAndrews if indeed all the finances had been “frozen” and she replied that indeed they had been.

Vice Mayor Crawford made a motion and Commissioner Walker seconded the swearing in of the candidates that won the election. All the Commission voted to pass the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The newly elected Mayor, Wayne Whitaker and the re-elected incumbent, Commissioner Diane Walker, took the oath of office, administered by City Clerk Diaz.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Henry Crawford, Mayor

ATTEST: Raquel Diaz, City Clerk