

**CITY OF PAHOKEE
MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 08, 2008**

Vice Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. in the 2nd Floor Commission Chambers of City Hall, 171 North Lake Avenue, Pahokee, Florida.

Invocation:

Jose Ramos delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Elected Officials:

Mayor Wayne Whitaker	Present
Vice Mayor Keith Babb	Present
Commissioner Henry Crawford	Present
Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
Commissioner Diane Walker	Present

Others in Attendance:

Interim City Manager Mimi McAndrews, City Clerk Raquel Diaz, Sgt. At Arms Lt. Thomas Padgett, Parks and Recreation Director Herbert Crawford, Port Mayaca Cemetery Director Art Ivester, Finance Director Derrek Moore, Community Development Director Ted Roberts, Public Services Director Art Cobb, Jr., I. T. Andrew Denton, Cleveland Robinson, Kokeysia Foster, Naji Tobias (Sun Newspaper reporter), Mrs. Whitaker, JP Sasser, Captain Silva, Regina Bohlen, Barbara (Buttons) Hatton, Don (Coach) Thompson and wife Alice, Jose Ramos, Jim Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, Richard (Tadpole) Brown, Raul Diaz, Leonard Dobrow, Vera Hopson, Jeffery and Angela Harden, Margaret Denton and Family, Rosa McClentscale, Lillian Tomeu, Willie Brown, Royal York, Deputy Sheriff Waters, Sandra Suggs, Margaret Strachan, Larry Hyslope, Olga Hayes, Shaquoia Smith, Christopher Vance and Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Watts and Susan Feltner.

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

There were two additions, one the presentation for Coach Thompson and the second for the Fair Housing Month. There were several citizen's who wished to comment and they were to be heard at the end of the Commission Meeting.

Approval of the Minutes:

None available at the present time.

Consent Agenda:

1. RESOLUTION 2008-09- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

2. RESOLUTION 2008-30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER REPORTING POLICY.

3. RESOLUTION 2008-31 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORTING POLICY.

4. RESOLUTION 2008-32 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE CITY CLERK REPORTING POLICY.

5. RESOLUTION 2008-33 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE,

6. RESOLUTION 2008-34 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH TRITON FOR WATER METERS.

7. RESOLUTION 2008-35 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ACCEPT A \$1,250.00 DONATION

8. RESOLUTION 2008-36 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR ADP PAYROLL SERVICES.

Vice Mayor Babb made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Report:

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Proclamations:

April 2008 Fair Housing Month.

Commissioner Walker moved and Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Presentations:

1. 20 Year Service Award -- Susan Feltner celebrated her anniversary on March 30, 2008.
2. Coach Don Thompson received a plaque.
3. Citizens of Service Patrol were not present and the presentation was moved to the next meeting.

Ordinance

First Reading: Ordinance No: 2008-01 An Ordinance of the City of Pahokee, Florida Amending Chapter 2. Administration, Article III, Section 2-97, Termination and Severance Pay, Providing an effective date; Providing for repeal of laws in conflict; Providing for severability; Providing for codification.

Commissioner Biggs questioned the need for amending this Ordinance.

Interim City Manager Mimi McAndrews said that she had agreed to correct the discrepancy between the code and the Charter and by amending the Ordinance she was complying.

Vice Mayor Babb moved to approve the ordinance and Commissioner Crawford second the motion. Commissioner Biggs did not approve and Commissioner Walker and Mayor Whitaker did.

Resolutions:

1. Res. 2008-22 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR A TEMPORARY SPECIAL MASTER.

2. Res. 2008 – 25 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE RELATED TO THE BARRIER ISLAND STUDY PROJECT EXTENDING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE STUDY

Old Business:

1. Mobile home parks -
2. Middle School – Everglades Preparatory- The contact information is needed to continue per the Interim City Manager.
3. Sago Palms -
4. Herbert Hoover Dike
5. Regional Water Treatment Plant – Check with county about assistance on water bills for customers because water is getting turned off. This is happening even though a letter from the County or of the Governmental Facility that will be helping the customer to pay the water bill on file, per Diana Walker.

New Business:

1. Discussion of City Manager selection.

Report of the City Manager:

No report

Report of the City Attorney:

No attorney present.

Citizens Comments/General Concerns:

Royal York – referred to the City as a cesspool

Correspondence, Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:

Commissioner Biggs:

The Commissioner spoke of an insulting letter she received after she was sworn in. She said that she could not understand about nobody knowing about the Regional Water Plant when they had all been involved in the discussions. The Commissioner spoke of having received no second to the motion of her getting her turn as Vice-Mayor.

Vice-Mayor Babb:

The Commissioner discussed the selection of the charter review committee, Larry's Island and asked if the roads and streets were ever paved. He also spoke of the plants found in the median and agreed they should be of the low maintenance type.

Commissioner Walker:

Commissioner Walker spoke of tri-city meetings and their being hosted by Pahokee. She mentioned the GTAC (Glades Technical Advisory Committee) meeting having taken place in Pahokee on the 27th and in South Bay on the 24th. She felt that the Interim should meet with the two other City Managers. The Commissioner wanted to know the status of the Community Relations Board Meetings. She asked if the City's finances were still frozen. The status of the Everglades Prep was questioned, as well as the cost to the City. She discussed the handling of water bills.

Commissioner Crawford:

The Commissioner had not comments other than he was glad to see the audience's participation. He also asked the newspaper reporter from the Sun to please not report what he had hear from Mr. York in the terms Mr. York had expressed.

Mayor Whitaker:

Asked the participants to stay positive and spoke of the cleanliness of the City, pointing out that he had not sighted any prisoners working around the City.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 P.M.

Wayne Whitaker, Mayor

ATTEST: Raquel Diaz, City Clerk