



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 24, 2010**

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 24, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 7:05 p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor J.P. Sasser	Present
	Vice Mayor Henry Crawford	Present
	Commissioner Keith Babb	Present @ 7:25 p.m.
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	Interim City Manager Derrek Moore	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present via telephone
	Sgt. At Arms: D/S Scarzo	Present
	City Clerk Susan Feltner	Present

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

Additions: Item F2 - Resolution 2010-64 Accepting Vac-con truck from PBC (\$10k)
Item H-2 – Presentation – Regatta

Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Item E-1 – June 22, 2010 Regular Commission meeting
Item E-2 – July 13, 2010 Regular Commission meeting
Item E-3 – July 27, 2010 Regular Commission meeting
Item E-4 – August 10, 2010 Regular Commission meeting

Approval of Minutes; Agenda Items E-1 through E-4.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.

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

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Consent Agenda:

1. RESOLUTION 2010-63 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SEBRING AIRPORT AUTHORITY IN THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO REORGANIZE GENERAL-PURPOSE FOREIGN TRADE ZONE NUMBER 215 TO THE FOREIGN-TRADE ZONES BOARD UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE SITE FRAMEWORK.

2. RESOLUTION 2010-61 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A VAC-CON TRUCK VALUED AT \$10,000 FROM PALM BEACH COUNTY..

Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

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

Presentations:

1. Census 2010 - Angela Johnson

City Clerk Feltner addressed Commission and advised that Ms. Johnson was not able to attend as planned. Clerk Feltner presented to the Commission on behalf of the Census 2010 a plaque recognizing the City of Pahokee for their support and inspiring participation in the 2010 Census.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Sasser addressed the audience and advised:

- Last week he, the manager and other Commissioners attended the 84th Annual League of Cities Conference.
- Today the City met with ACOE, GUA, Everglades Outpost regarding the work that is scheduled. ACOE process is slow, but things are moving forward with the dike rehab.

Report of the City Manager:

Interim Manager Moore addressed the Commission and advised:

- Timer clock has been ordered and will be installed prior to the next meeting
- Inquires of Commission of wording for the three (3) banners recognizing Ricky Jackson. (Welcome to Pahokee, Home of Ricky Jackson)
- Advises that he will be meeting with PBSO this Thursday regarding Policing service contract.

Calls on Public Services Director Alvin Johnson to report on the school zones.

Public Services Director Johnson addresses the Commission and audience and advises:

- Pahokee High School Principal, Mr. Alejo requested four (4) solar powered flashing signs.
- Spoke with Interim Manager Moore and will look into costs.
- School crossing areas have been repainted, all signs have been installed.
- Was contacted by Louis Pope regarding the speed limit, Mr. Pope stated that the State had increased the speed to 20 MPH. about five (5) years ago.
- Staff has researched Statutes. It is the Municipalities decision, but can be no higher than 20 mph.
- Currently school zones are posted at 15 mph.

Report of the City Manager continued:

Commission agrees that the speed limit within the school zones should remain at 15 MPH.

Interim City Manager Moore calls upon Human Resources Director Mrs. Kendall to present the employee of the quarter.

Human Resources Director Mrs. Kendall addresses the Commission and audience and advises:

- Received several nominations. Including one (1) from a citizen, would like to encourage more citizens to participate.
- Directors decided upon Mr. Paul Buxton as employee of the quarter.
- Calls for Public Services Director Johnson to come forward and present the award.
- Employees receive a plaque and a monetary award of \$300 dollars.

Interim City Manager Moore calls upon Ms. Redmon and Ms. Pascal-Brown to come forward and update Commission regarding the back to school bash.

Ms. Pascal-Brown addresses the Commission and the audience and advises:

- Event was held on Saturday, August 7th at the Recreation Dept. Complex.
- The goal is to provide children with much needed supplies for the start of the school year.
- The event was very successful
- Giveaways included gift certificates, bicycles, and six (6) computers
- Were able to provide supplies for 2, 602 children county wide, including Hendry, Martin and Okeechobee County.
- Funds as well as school items were donated to make this venture a success.
- Thanks everyone for their participation.

Report of the City Attorney:

City Attorney Brandenburg advises:

- The first Hearing of the Nuisance Abatement Board will be on Thursday and PBSO will be presenting their case regarding Baines Superette.

Mayor Sasser advises that the Regatta folks are now present, calls them forward for their Presentation.

Jessica O'Conner addresses the Commission and audience and advises:

- Have met with Loggerhead and Okeechobee Outpost regarding planning a boat race
- Expecting 100 -200 people to participate in race
- Expected spectators 2,500 – 5,000 daily
- Estimating \$850k economic impact in Pahokee and surrounding area
- Race is scheduled for October 23 & 24, 2010

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Ordinances:

1. **ORDINANCE 2010-11 – FIRST READING –AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, CREATING CHAPTER 8.5, ARTICLE III, MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE CANALS, SWALES AND STRUCTURES, SECTION 8.5-74, MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE, SECTION 8.5-75, RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR MAINTENANCE, SECTION 8.5 – 76, OBSTRUCTING DRAINAGE, INCLUSION IN CODE, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

City Attorney Brandenburg advises that Ordinance will require property owners to maintain canals, swales and other structures related to drainage.

Approval of Ordinance 2010-11 – First Reading – Maintenance of drainage canals.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Middle School – Commissioner Biggs
 - School session will start on time
 - Ninety days until completed
 - Encourages all to visit the media room.
2. Census 2010 – Commissioner Walker
 - Clerk has already provided report under presentations
3. Habitat for Humanity - Vice Mayor Crawford
 - Construction moving along
 - Several volunteers out this past weekend to assist.
 - Asks that if anyone have time to come out and help.
4. Inland Port – Commissioner Babb
 - Has not heard anything new in two weeks.
5. East Lake Village Park
 - Clerk Feltner advises status quo, have not heard from Mr. Sodders.

Mayor Sasser advised that he will see Mr. Sodders at Rotary and will request that he contact the Clerk.

6. Annexation – Joe Louis Avenue
 - Commissioner Biggs advises that we are waiting for response to the applications that were mailed out.
7. Pahokee Plaza
 - Mayor Sasser advises that the comparisons of the companies interested have been completed.
 - Interim City Manager Moore advises that staff will bring back a recommendation at the September 14th meeting for Commission discussion and approval.

Citizen's comments:

Charles Reineke, General Contractor of 1121 Bacom Point Road addresses the Commission and inquired:

- This morning at a meeting regarding the restrooms for Commissioner's Park, why were there were no drawings available?
- Inquires of how these jobs are advertised?
- Prince theater, what is going on? See people working on it all the time?

Interim Manager Moore advised:

- Funding for restroom project will not allow for engineering and design cost
- City Attorney advised that we can not do a design build
- City will absorb cost of the engineering and design
- Item will be re-advertised
- Advertises in the Palm Beach Post and on our website.

Mayor Sasser addresses the issue of the Prince Theater and stated:

- Only has a permit for demolition
- Attorney advised to document all work being done
- This issued is scheduled to be heard in the courts on September 14th.

Regina Bohlen of Begonia Drive addresses Commission and states:

- Update on downtown revitalization
- Wachovia bank was purchased by Circle S Pharmacy
- Renovations have begun
- Have met with 4-5 business owners, who will be submitting applications

Sharon Colvin of Bacom Point Road addressed the Commission and inquired:

- Regarding the March to Stop Violence Rally
- There were not many in attendance
- Inquires of how people are notified.

Commissioner Walker addressed the issue and advised:

- It was short planning and short notice
- Thought that Mr. Tony Dungy may been engaged, waited for his response, which in turn delayed the planning.

Mayor Sasser suggests one of the lit flashing signs to advertise community events.

Clerk Feltner requests of the Commission for permission to take off Friday August 27, 2010. Commission approved.

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Commissioners Comments and Concerns:

Commissioner Walker:

- Thanks the O'Connors for bringing the boat race to our community.
- Although Mr. Buxton has left would like to congratulate him.
- Thanks staff for their presentation on the back to school bash
- Feels that the city is moving forward
- Commends Mr. Moore on keeping the Commission informed
- Thanks all for their attendance.

Commissioner Babb:

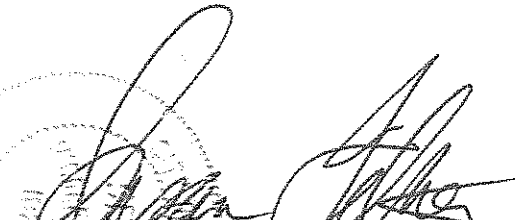
- For the entryway signs, should have Ricky Jackson's name on it.
- Advises for 18 years, have discussed entryway signs but yet have them.

Interim Manager Moore advises that we have applied not only to MPO for funding, but to other agencies as well, for the signs.


Commissioner Biggs:

- Recognizes Theresa Fordham Jones in the audience from Rep. Mack Bernard's office.
- Thanks all for attendance

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



ATTEST: Susan Feltner, City Clerk



J.P. Sasser, Mayor