



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 23, 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 23, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 7:02 p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

Roll Call:	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 At Arms Lt. Alonso	Present
	Interim City Clerk Anika Sinclair	Present

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

Move: **RESOLUTION 2011- 52** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE JOB GROWTH INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AMERICANHIGH TECH HOMES, INC. AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE to Old Business for discussion.

Add: Presentation for Employee of the Quarter

Add: New Business - Hurricane Preparedness

Approval of the Agenda Item.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.

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

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Walker.

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

Presentations:

Employee of the Quarter

Mayor Sasser reads into the minutes:

City of Pahokee
Proudly recognizes
Employee of the Quarter
April ~ June 2011
Erica Redmon
A Valued Member of Our Team

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Sasser advises:

- Advise the citizen that the biggest fallacy is when the Palm Beach Post said county considering illuminating the Glades Cities.
- The County does not have authority to illuminate Cities
- The Citizens have the right to vote to turn the Charter in or an act of the State of Florida Legislator
- Frustrated about the lack of knowledge the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners have about the Glades
- The City of Pahokee has a great working relationship with the County employees

Request to have a workshop on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 6 p.m. to address the video shown at the Tri-Cities Meeting and video from County Commission Meeting.

Approval of Workshop on August 30, 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.

Four (4) Ayes, One (1) Absent

- There is a meeting next week with US Army Corp of Engineers
- Seven Kings approached Palm Beach County to assist with the Marina and we will be meeting to discuss
- Tomorrow is the City of Pahokee's Visioning Day with USDA and other parties

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Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Moore advised:

- Mrs. Redmon and Ms. Sinclair will provide booklets for tomorrow's Visioning Day
- The Pahokee Rotary will be sponsoring breakfast
- The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce will sponsor lunch
- Lunch will be held at First United Methodist Church
- Mr. Brandenburg will sponsor afternoon snacks
- Mrs. Bohlen has volunteered to prepare the snacks
- The Visioning Day will begin at 9 a.m. and end 4 p.m.
- Staff is working on a report showing how much money was received from Hurricane Funds for City Hall and how the dollars were spent.
- Erica Redmon will be an alternate board member for Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative (FHREDI)
- School Board Mixer was August 18, 2011 and it was very productive
- There have been many events and partnerships and staff is trying to develop a process for proclamations, certificates of appreciation and plaques
- Requesting Workshop on September 12, 2011 immediately following the Budget Workshop to determine the process to receive Proclamations, Certificates of Appreciation and Plaques

Approval of Workshop on September 12, 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

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

Report of the City Attorney:

City Attorney Brandenburg advises:

- Working on the City's Not For Profit Corporation and should have it by next meeting
- Filed the Motion for Summary Judgment for Prince Theatre case
- Court ordered Patel Anand to demolish property at 133 S. Lake Avenue and pay \$5000.00

Commissioner Walker asked about clarification on Discretionary Funds/Special Project Funds

City Attorney Brandenburg advised he sent a memo in response to discretionary funds. The County Commission had discretionary funds. A grand jury recommended that the funds be deleted and not used anymore. Recommends that the City not to do this

Old Business:

Prince Theatre

Motion of Summary Judgment was filed

Annexation

City Attorney Brandenburg advised in order proceed with an involuntary annexation, commission the outside consultant, Calvin, Giordano & Associates to conduct a study of the area that should be annexed and how City services will be provided to the area. Once completed, the City would contact the Supervisor of Election for an election date to provide a referendum to the registered voters in that area. If they vote in favor then they will become a part of the City. There is an option to provide the referendum to the rest of the City

**Approval of the City Manager to contact Calvin, Giordano & Associates
Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.**

Pahokee Plaza

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City Manager Moore advised that he and City Attorney Brandenburg have been trying getting the contract completed

City Attorney Brandenburg advised they have been responsive to him. Last time Mr. Gonzalez communicated he advised that he will be at the Visioning and will discuss then.

Resolution 2011-52 – Tabled until next meeting

Citizens Villa

City Manager Moore advised

- Mr. Johnson and Ms. Feltner were able to get the items moved from the easement
- The County advised that they are sending the information to the State entity that is funding the project and will take about four (4) to get started on the drainage

East Lake Village

City Manager Moore advised this will be discussed at the Visioning

Boxing Arena

City Manager Moore advised he is in contact with Deputy Lastrange. The company Deputy Lastrange is working with needs a survey of MLK Park

City Hall

Will discuss all options with USDA at the Visioning

New Business:

1. Credit Card Policy

City Manager Moore advises he has been working with City Attorney Brandenburg to amend the current policy. The policy that was placed in the agenda was amended and Interim City Clerk Sinclair passed out the final version

Item: Tabled until next meeting

2. Hurricane Preparedness

City Manager Moore advised:

- Communicating with Chief Lupo, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, and Lt. Alonso, Palm Beach County Sheriff Department, in regard to the Storm and we will continue to watch it and provide periodic updates
- Met with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Crawford, they will be filling up the City vehicles and making other preparations for the City
- We are receiving daily updates from Palm Beach County Emergency Operation Center
- We have a contract with GRD Solutions and I have been communicating with Chuck Tear throughout the day

Mayor Sasser advised that the City was awarded a grant from United States Department of Agriculture for Emergency Equipments

Citizens Comments

George Moreno of 397 Barfield Blvd., Pahokee, FL addresses the Commission:

- Requesting an update on the rezoning of his property

City Manager Moore advised:

- After the last discussion Vice Mayor Crawford asked what was the cost to go through the process of rezoning
- Provided the information to Vice Mayor and he said he would provide the information to Mr. Moreno
- There has not been any additional actions taken to rezone the property because there has not been any confirmation that Mr. Moreno will spend the additional \$4000 - \$6000
- Mr. Moreno should come to City Hall to discuss beginning the rezoning process

Mr. Moreno advised he has been going through the process since January and does not understand why

City Attorney Brandenburg advised:

- He Opened a hardware store illegal, without the correct permit
- You were sighted and brought in front of the Special Magistrate
- There were three to four postponements
- The Special Magistrate found you guilty of opening a hardware store without a permit
- You will be fined daily unless you close the hardware store
- Prior to all the Special magistrate finding you guilty, you came in front of the Commission looking for assistance with rezoning
- The Commission asked City Manager Moore to check with Calvin, Giordano about the cost
- Cost came back at \$4000 - \$6000 and the Commission advised they will not incur the cost
- If you would like to process the rezoning you can do that yourself

Correspondence/Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:

Commissioner Walker:

- Thriftway building is under new ownership and anticipating opening around October
- Request that the Clerk keep track of questions that needs to be followed up on
- Thanks everyone for attending

Commissioner Babb:

- Thanks everyone for attending
- Request that everyone attend the Workshop on August 30th regarding the County illuminating the Glades cities

Commissioner Biggs:

- Requesting the Commissioners assist with transportation for the children
- The law states that if you are less than two miles you are suppose to walk
- Some of this is not the School Board or Transportation problem but we need to have a Workshop to discuss the problem in Padgett Island, Shive Island, McClure Road and McClure Village.
- We need to determine who is responsible for sidewalks, lights, and crossing.
- Was informed that if the children can do it on Seminole Pratt and Whitney then our children are no better
- We want to protect our children and we should have a workshop. If citizens want to get involved they are welcome to do so
- We need to be ready by next school year because we only have transportation for this year

Approval of Workshop on September 6, 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Walker.

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

Mayor Sasser advised:


- If anyone is interested after the meeting he/she may get with Pastor Patti to provide donations to a family that lost their 2 month old baby and they cannot afford to bury the baby.
- The City of Pahokee would have donated a plot in the children section of the cemetery

Inaudible speaker in the audience

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 8:24 p.m.



ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, Interim City Clerk



J.P. Sasser, Mayor