

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 25, 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, October 25, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 7:00 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
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Derrek Moore	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Lt. Bryant	Present
	Deputy City Clerk Erica Redmon	Present

Approval of Agenda Items:

Approval of the Agenda Item.

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

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Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations:

Fishing Tournament Award

Mayor Sasser and Commissioner Babb presented the Longest Fish trophy to Camarie Boldin.

Commissioner Biggs and Commissioner Walker presented the Most Fish trophy to Yolisha Siverain.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Sasser advised, Ms. Waugh, City Manager Moore, and he attended a Workforce Alliance meeting with Palm Beach State College, Workforce and Economic Development. Discussion was preparing citizens for jobs and the top two issues, which came up were computer skills and convicted felon's records being bonded. This is a way to be hired. Mayor Sasser suggested to the City of Pahokee to locate a place and if so, will the college come to teach our citizens. Economic Development is willing to find computers to assist adults with obtaining there G.E.D. and other tests. Commissioner Biggs recommended the list of applicants from the mini job fair which was held previously to be looked upon and solicit those names first to work.

Mayor Sasser continues to state that the GUA negotiations will be public this Friday at 9:30 a.m. 301 N. Olive Ave on the 12th floor. (Palm Beach County Commission Meeting)

Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Moore advised:

- Tri-City Meeting is canceled.
- Palm Beach County League of Cities Meeting (10-26-2011)
- Quarterly Town Hall Meeting (11-1-2011 @ 6:00 p.m.)
- November 9, 2011 Solid Waste Authority will be out to speak about the new facility on 45th Street and the qualifications of our citizens.
- Commissioner Walker suggested getting the list from Commissioner Biggs and sending out special notices about the job fair.
- Mayor Sasser recommended working on promotional.
- Commissioner Walker requests an outline on the G.U.A. negotiations.
- December 12, 2011 Christmas Parade.
- Staff Christmas Party is scheduled for December 16, 2011.
- Veterans Day recommendations.
- Demolishing of 176 Bacom Point Road.
- Scrimmage between 145 pounds and freshman football on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. smaller players will play Glades Glen.
- Commissioner Walker advises, the Grand Marshall is usually the Citizen of the Year.

Report of the City Attorney:

Emilio Perez advises, last commission meeting he was unavailable and unaware the lease agreement would be discussed. Mr. Perez understanding is that the commission agreed to increase his rent by \$250 a month and \$100 each year thereafter. Mr. Perez stated, there is not enough mechanic work to support

the rent increase. He is requesting, if no conclusion could be made may he use the property in the back of the building, which does not belong to the City to do mechanic work?

City Attorney Brandenburg advises, to allow mechanic work in the back, a zoning review application has to be completed. The City staff has done an analysis of cost and it is below the market price. The City will receive only half of the market value asset.

Mr. Perez advises, Commission should analyze how much mechanic work is being done. Mr. Perez stated how much is profited from mechanic work vs. not doing mechanic work.

Mayor Sasser advises, was property placed for bid before being leased?

Vice Mayor stated that Perez had given a proposal to the Commission to renovate the property up to \$100,000. He asked the Manager, does any other renter from the City pays the complete taxes of the property.

City Manager Moore stated that the other renter (Everglades Prep) contract is in the process of being revised. They have also put in a lot of work for renovation. Property taxes are usually placed in the contract. Mayor Sasser advises, the Commission has agreed on the increase and Mr. Perez is opposed.

Commissioner Babb stated, that staff originally recommended a \$500 increase and it was cut to \$250. Commissioner Babb took in consideration that Mr. Perez actually owned the property once before. He apologizes if the City Manager or staff didn't inform Mr. Perez of the previous meeting. Vice Mayor would like staff to find out how much Mr. Perez's profit from doing mechanic work? Mr. Perez asks if he stop doing mechanic work will the rent stay the same for the next 7 years? Commissioner Babb stated it is a negotiation. Commissioner Biggs recommended that staff goes back to the drawing board and come back to the Commission with an agreement. City Manager Moore advises there will be some sort of increase.

Presentation:

Fishing Tournament Award

Mayor Sasser and Commissioner Walker presented the Senior Fisher trophy to Ms. Pearl Freeman

Susan Bucher (Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office)

Ms. Bucher recommended a sign that states City Hall. There are substantial changes to the election laws.

- Voter Registration.
- Third party voter registration forms in order to register voters.
- If not with the above organization you may be charged with a felony.
- Elections office can solicit voters.
- Citizen petition initiative, legislation is not pleased, law changed only for two years.
- Belle Glade City Hall will be open early for voting.
- Commissioner Biggs would like someone from the S.O.E. to come to the Town Hall meeting on November 1, 2011

Prince Theater:

No report.

Annexation:

City Manager Moore advises Calvin & Giordano is working on the report and once complete the manager will get it to the Commission.

Pahokee Plaza:

Mayor Sasser would like to set a meeting. Commissioner Babb would like to know when the RFP will be available.

Citizen Villas:

Awaiting Palm Beach County.

East Lake Village:

City Manager Moore advises this is an ongoing working process

Boxing Arena:

No Report

City Hall:

City Manager Moore advises it is an ongoing item.

Commissioners Comments:

Vice Mayor Crawford advised:

- Rapid situation with a landlord (Pink Building near Domino Tree). Electricity has been off for 3 days. Would like for City Manager Moore to look into it. Mayor Sasser would like a rapid action policy to be created. City ordinance to state requirements for commercial properties. Commissioner Walker will contact Legal Services.

Commissioner Walker advised:

- Ensure notices get out into the Community and Churches about the Town Hall Meeting.
- Status of CRA?
- Legislative session has been moved to January. Children week has changed; the tentative date will be January 6th or 9th.

Approval of Kids Week new date to put hands in Chambers (January 11, 2012).

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Babb advised:

- Will be participating in "I love the Government".

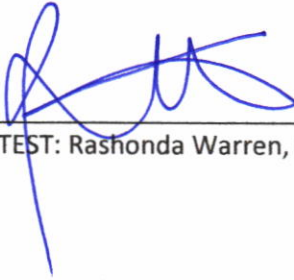
Commissioner Biggs advised:

- Would like to know why the previous Mayor's pictures are not placed in the City Chambers.
- Received an email from previous East Lake School students and would like to consider naming the new Fire Station East Lake or Golden Hawks.

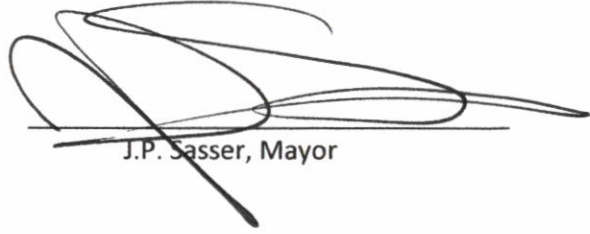
Mayor Sasser advised:

- Veteran's Day Program reminder.
- Support the Football Team.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 8:38 p.m.



ATTEST: Rashonda Warren, Deputy City Clerk



J.P. Sasser, Mayor