



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 12, 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, October 12, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was by Commissioner Babb followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 @ 7:08 p.m.
	Interim City Manager Derrek Moore	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sgt. At Arms: Lt. R. Alonso	Present @ 7:10 p.m.
	Deputy Clerk Rashonda Warren	Present

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

Approval of the Agenda Items.

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Item E-1 – September 7, 2010 Workshop Meeting – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

Item E-2 – September 7, 2010 Workshop Meeting – Commissioner’s Park

Item E-3 – September 14, 2010 Workshop Meeting - FY 2010-2011 Budget

Item E-4 – September 14, 2010 Commission Meeting – Regularly Scheduled

Item E-5 - September 16, 2010 Special Meeting for Public Hearing – 1st Budget Hearing

Approval of Minutes. Item E-1 through Item E-5.

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 2010-49 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FIFTH ADDENDUM TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE.

2. RESOLUTION 2010-74 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF PAHOKEE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION RENTAL FEES.

3. RESOLUTION 2010-75 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE QUIT CLAIM DEED TRANSFERRING PROPERTY, AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”, FROM THE CITY OF PAHOKEE TO GLADES UTILITY AUTHORITY.

4. RESOLUTION 2010-76 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING VARIOUS BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

5. RESOLUTION 2010- 77 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A PERMIT FOR THE PAHOKEE MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE.

6. RESOLUTION 2010-78 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR CDBG FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,817 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVEMENTS AT COMMISSIONER’S PARK.

7. RESOLUTION 2010-79 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR CDBG FUNDS IN THE AMPUNT OF \$335,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATIONS OF THE GYMNASIUM AT THE PARKS & RECREATIONAL COMPLEX.

8. RESOLUTION 2010-80 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL RULES TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE WORK WEEK SCHEDULE.

9. RESOLUTION 2010-81 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A SETTLEMENT TO A CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR A RELEASE OF LIEN ON SAID PROPERTY.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

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

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Proclamations:

Item G-1 – Declaring October 27, 2010 as Healthy Mouth Healthy Body Day

Mayor Sasser reads into record:

Declaring October 21, 2010 as “Lights On Afterschool Day”

Whereas, the Citizens of the City of Pahokee stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth families and adults.
- Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

Whereas, Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc., in support of its mission, as an intermediary organization, to ensure that afterschool programs are of high quality in terms of delivery, practice and standards, will celebrate its 6th *Annual Lights On Afterschool Palm Beach County* event on October 21, 2010; and

Whereas, *Lights On Afterschool*, a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 21, 2010, promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities; and

Whereas, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 15 million children have no place to go after school; and

Whereas, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the City Commission of the City of Pahokee, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2010, as *Lights On Afterschool Day*; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Commission enthusiastically endorses *Lights On Afterschool* and commits our community to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure that the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

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Proclamations:

Item G-2 – Declaring October 21, 2010 as Lights On After School Day

Mayor Sasser reads into record:

Declaring October 27, 2010 as Healthy Mouth Healthy Body Day

Whereas, tooth decay remains the most common chronic childhood infectious disease and is almost entirely preventable. Caused by a bacterial infection of the mouth, this infection can spread to other parts of the body if left untreated; and

Whereas, the mouth is the major entry point to the rest of the body; if the mouth is not healthy the rest of the body will be compromised. The effects of poor oral health on the body are associated with heart disease, diabetes, lung disease and delivery of pre-term and low birth babies; and

Whereas, we have a variety of common-sense solutions to the problem of tooth decay. By working with our schools to offer dental screenings and treatment services on site, as well as promoting the appropriate use of fluorides such as, fluoride varnishes combined with dental sealants, up to 90% of dental cavities can be prevented; and

Whereas, access to oral health care at present is quite limited for many and by maximizing the use of all dental professionals to meet preventive and restorative oral health needs, the Florida Public Health Institute and local Oral Health Coalition believe that we can keep Floridians healthy by eliminating dental diseases before it starts; and

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Florida has designated October as Dental Hygiene Awareness Month and efforts to call attention to the importance of good oral health will be highlighted with activities by our local Oral Health Coalition and the Florida Public Health Institute on Wednesday, October 27th.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim October 27, 2010 as Healthy Mouth Healthy Body Day to promote high quality and timely preventive and restorative healthcare services for all our residents.

Approval of Proclamations Agenda Items G-1 and G-2.

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Babb requests that the Commission pull Resolution 2010-80 from the consent agenda for discussion.

Remove Resolution 2010-80 from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Walker

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Babb stated that he is not really in favor of this. Not opposed to the four (4) day work week, policy as written does not provide flexibility to staff to choose which day they are off. The public now has one day less to take care of business at city hall.

Mayor Sasser said that city hall would be open till six p.m., which would accommodate people who work till five p.m., giving them time to come in and take care of things.

Approval of Resolution 2010-80

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.

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

Presentations:

Item H-1 –Relay for Life – Sandra Stewart, Barbara Bell-Spence

Barbara Bell-Spence advises that the 2011 Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society will be held at Airport Park on May 13 – 14, 2011. The annual kick off will be held at Lakeside Medical Center on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Requesting participation of the City by way of sponsoring a team for \$100. Ms. Sandra Stewart advised that she is the event chair, we are representing the Tri-Cities and this year's goal is 35 teams. The City of Pahokee and the residents have always provided great support to this event.

City of Pahokee to Sponsor a team.

City Manager and Parks & Recreation Director as chair & co-chair.

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walker advises that she has been working with the Relay for Life Committee and would like to continue in representing Pahokee. Commission concurs.

Item H-2 – Regatta – Ms. Jessica O'Connell

Not in audience.

Item H-3 – Marina Development Update – Everglades Ventures, LLC

Jason Neufeld speaks of the planned boat race on October 23 – 24, 2010. Sincerely hopes that this event will become a Pahokee tradition. Advised Commission that audit has been completed and was submitted to the Mayor and Manager on September 15th. Auditor reviewed lease for outstanding items. Advised that Okeechobee Outpost will be hosting the Tri-Cities meeting December 10, 2010.

Ken Blair addressed all and stated that the Tiki bar facility has been named Big Bertha's fish joint and is scheduled to be open in mid-November. Rip-Rap project has been completed South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will return in the spring to plant vegetation along the shoreline. Maintenance dredging will not occur until Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) has finished their repairs to the levee. Has been meeting regularly with the ACOE regarding the impact the dike repair in Pahokee will have on the marina and campground.

Someone in audience speaking, Unintelligible, not at microphone.

Commissioner Walker inquires of status of amphitheater.

Mr. Blair advised that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit is in place, although funding has not been secured, also ACOE not allowing fill on the dike at this time.

Commissioner Walker inquires if marina could provide an update to the Commission on a monthly basis.

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Mayors Report:

Mayor Sasser advised that he and the City Manager have been meeting regularly with ACOE and Everglades Ventures LLC. The ACOE has the potential in shutting down the marina. We have sent a letter listing our concerns. City has been working with Bauer Foundation to provide additional access points to keep heavy construction traffic from the downtown area. Another issue is the water line in the dike that provides service to Canal Point. Until the Glades Utility Authority (GUA) moves the line, repairs to the levee in that area cannot start. Jay Cashmere, with Channel Five News, will be doing a positive story on the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Wilma.

Someone in audience speaking not at a microphone, unintelligible.

Mayor Sasser states that the public cannot be denied access to the lakefront. Everglades Ventures does have control of the facilities they operate. There is a \$5.00 charge per day for use of the boat ramp. There is no fee to fish from the pier

Mayor Sasser reads a letter that was submitted by Chief Gary Burroughs.

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City of Pahokee City Commission

207 Bacom Point Road

Pahokee, FL 33476

October 11, 2010

Dear Mayor and Commission,

It has now been four years since I left the employment of the City of Pahokee. I spent 41 years living in the City of Pahokee, graduated from Pahokee High School in 1972, three of four of my children were born in Everglades Memorial Hospital, buried one of my brothers in Port Mayaca Cemetery, worked for the City of Pahokee from 1981 until 2006. And when I moved to Clewiston, where my wife was teaching, it was a hard decision to make. But I didn't like her driving back and forth.

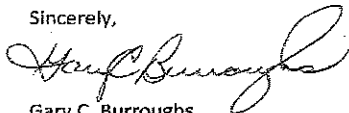
A lot has happened in the short time that I have been gone. Faces have changed at City Hall and people have come and gone. I enjoy the job that I have with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and the chance to expand my horizons now covering the entire Glades Area. It has been a real learning experience for me. But I, and several of your former Pahokee firefighters, miss "the way things were".

I am happy to see that Pahokee will have a new fire station in the not too distant future. I am excited about that. I will most likely be retired before that happens. I plan to retire in early 2012 to north Florida. I certainly want to come back to the opening of the new Pahokee station when it is complete. I am getting information, pictures, and news articles about the current fire station together now to give to Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. I need some pictures of the fire station building when it was an auto parts store. If you are digging through some old pictures of parades, or anything else for that matter, that pictures the old parts store, I would like a copy. If you have suggestions about someone having pictures, I would like to know that too.

Lastly, I would like to have the Pahokee Fire Station fire pole. That's the brass pole that is currently in the fire station. I personally shined that pole, used that pole, and assisted teachers, students, parents, commissioners, friends, and family down that fire pole throughout the years that I was working for the City of Pahokee first as a volunteer and then as a firefighter and on to Chief. I don't know the value of the pole and would pay that to be able to hold on to that piece of fire department history. I would also gladly return it to the City of Pahokee if someone wanted to give it proper prominence in a Pahokee Historical Museum.

Please let me know of your decision.

Sincerely,



Gary C. Burroughs

**Approval of Chief Gary Burroughs to have the brass pole from the Fire Dept.
Prepare Proclamation requesting the new fire station be named after Chief Burroughs.
Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Walker.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sasser commends Chief Burroughs for his direction and leadership throughout the many hurricane(s) crisis as it relates to emergency operations for the city.

City Managers Report:

Interim City Manager Moore advised Commission;

- Will monitor the four day work week. Will survey staff in early 2011.
- It does begin November 1, 2010 city hall will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation will remain with their regular schedule.
- The Cemetery will have an abbreviated schedule.
- Roads and Streets will come in from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Employee of the quarter has been selected, Marcelino Venegas from the cemetery will present award at next meeting.
- Employee appreciation luncheon to be held on Friday in the cafeteria, invites Commission to join
- Regarding renovations of the gymnasium, two (2) studies were required to be performed, the environmental study came back clean. Asbestos was found in minimal amounts around windows and doors, looking into cost of abatement.
- Requests permission to go forward with design and engineering costs of \$25,000.

Approval of \$25,000 expenditure for design and engineering costs for gymnasium renovation. Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Interim City Manager Moore continues:

- Restrooms at Commissioner's Park, \$65k CDBG funds already allocated, redirected \$27k from East Lake Village Park project to Commissioner's Park project.
- Design and engineering cost is \$3,800
- County has awarded \$60k for improvements to the football field at the Parks & recreation complex.
- City Christmas party is December 17th, Commissioner Walker is heading up that committee
- Tri Cities BBQ will be held in Pahokee, Commissioner Biggs is heading up the toy drive.
- Peehokey Plaza was designated as a brownfield site, must meet with DEP regarding allowable uses before we can move forward.
- 2007 audit has been completed and submitted

Accepting FY 2007 audit.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Interim City Manager Moore continues:

- Advises that he and Parks and Recreation Director will be meeting with CSC , regarding funding issues as it relates to middle school after school programs
- Requests a workshop for Tuesday October 19 at 6:00 p.m. with business owners, Chamber of Commerce and Sherry Howard of PBC to improve business development in the city.

Commission concurs to have workshop meeting on October 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Brandenburg advised that the thirty (30) day closure of Baines has expired. Mrs. Frost has not cooperated with the Sheriff's office regarding no loitering no trespassing signs. Mrs. Frost has appealed the ruling of the Nuisance Abatement Board (NAB), believes that the city will prevail. Suggests that either the NAB meets to address non-compliance or the city to pay costs of signs and have them installed.

Commissioner Biggs stated that she has personally been by there, people are not hanging out and Mrs. Frost has been closing at 8:00 p.m. It was requested by the Commission that we have a workshop meeting with the NAB.

Commissioner Walker suggests that the NAB be included on the agenda for the workshop meeting set for October 19, 2010. Commission concurs.

City Attorney Brandenburg recommends that Thomas Baird, attorney for the NAB handle Mrs. Frost appeal. Commission concurs.

Lt. Alonso is speaking, not at a microphone unintelligible.

City Attorney Brandenburg advised that the city is being sued by Mrs. Hines, that matter has been referred to PRM. Mr. Perez has filed a counter lawsuit, the counter suit does not have any merit. There has been no order by any city person telling him not to demolish the building.

City Attorney Brandenburg states that he would like his letter dated October 12, 2010 in response to Mr. Perez's letter dated October 9, 2010 to be included into city record.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

October 12, 2010

The Honorable J.P. Sasser
Mayor of the City of Pahokee
171 North Lake Avenue
Pahokee, FL 33476

Dear Mayor Sasser:

The purpose of this letter is to correct statements Mr. Perez made in correspondence to you dated October 9, 2010. Incorrect statements that are made part of the Public Record tend to be viewed as "factual" unless corrected:

1. I am unaware of the reason the bid was cancelled.
2. March 2 – the City Quit Claimed the property to Mr. Perez after an RFP. He was chosen because:
 - A. He promised to expand his gas station (his deposition shows that this is not the case).
 - B. He promised to demolish the structure in 90 days (not done).
 - C. He asserted he needed ownership so that he could proceed to demolish the structure (failed to do so in 90 days).
3. The City granted a permit. No action was taken on the permit. No inspection was requested.
4. March 18, 2010 - Contract for demolition. He could have demolished it then; he decided not to, broke his promise, and losing the \$3,500 is his own fault.
5. Received petitions that he initiated and used as an excuse to break his promises.



6. May 24 – Mr. Perez has a permit to demolish the structure – nothing else. Stop Work Order was properly issue for all other work.
7. May 25 – Mr. Perez told he needed to abide by his promise and contract.
8. He could have proceeded to demolish. If he had any questions, he could have called me. If he lost any money, it was his own fault.
9. June 26 – Reports of work unrelated to demolition received by City. City issues a Stop Work for non-permitted work. It is clear demolition can proceed. I personally told Mr. Perez, in front of the City Commission, that he could proceed.
10. June 10 – Certified letter to City. No need for City to respond; letter merely “invented facts” similar to October 9, letter.
11. Mr. Perez served by the City with lawsuit to demolish. City never ordered Mr. Perez to stop demolition and any time he inquired on the topic to the City, it was made clear that he could proceed to demolish Prince Theatre.
12. July 12 – City issued Notice of Violation to Prince Theatre regarding various violations that create unsafe building. Standard form NOV used which called for “repair or demolish.”
13. No knowledge.
14. No knowledge.
15. I have been told three times by City staff that no permits were issued for Prince Theatre.
16. No work requiring permits can occur.
17. New Notice of Violation issued to come before Special Master.
- 18-19. This matter is now set for hearing in front of the Special Master. There has been no compliance.

Brandenburg & Associates, P.A.

The Honorable J.P. Sasser
October 12, 2010
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Bottom Line

Mr. Perez promised he would demolish in 90 days, which expired on 6/2/2010. There is nothing confusing about this. He defaulted.

Mr. Perez promised he would use the property to expand his gas station. He has not and, per deposition of owner, Nana Petroleum, he will not.

Very truly yours,

BRANDENBURG & ASSOCIATES, P.A.

By: 

Gary M. Brandenburg

GMB/slm

Brandenburg & Associates, P.A.

**Accept letter into Minutes of this meeting.
Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Babb.
Motion carried. Four (4) ayes. One (1) nay.**

Old Business:

Item N-1 – Middle School – Commissioner Biggs

Commissioner Biggs advised it is status Quo. There are some issues and would like this item to remain on the agenda.

Item N-2 – Census 2010 – Commissioner Walker

Commissioner Walker advised she has no new updates.

Item N-3 – Habitat for Humanity – Vice Mayor Crawford

Vice Mayor Crawford advised that they are working on the house every day, it is coming right along. Soon there will be a new four bedroom home in the community.

Item N-4 – Inland Port – Commissioner Babb

Commissioner Babb advised that he has no new update, but was pleasantly surprised to learn that Bernard Mack is making the Inland Port his number one priority.

Item N-5 - East Lake Village Park

Interim City Manager Moore advises that funds were redirected from this project, but we continue to work toward obtaining more property for the park.

Item N-6 – Joe Louis Avenue Annexation

Status Quo, no new report.

Mayor Sasser said that he met with the property owner of 442 N. Cocoanut Rd., in East Lake Village regarding the canal beside her home. The chain link fence was on her property line, but now is in the canal, there is only four (4) feet between home and canal and ground is very boggy. This is an issue between the property owners and Apelgren's farm. Apelgren's has offered to bring in some fill. Mayor Sasser stated that he has learned that currently you are allowed to dig a canal on the property line. There is another property owner in the community that is having the same issue with a new canal being dug.

City Attorney Brandenburg advised that there is a law called Common Law of Lateral Support, where you cannot dig a trench on the property line, knowing that your neighbors land or home will subside over into it. Advises that he can include language in the Canal Maintenance Ordinance that canals dug on the property line have adequate lateral support or require set backs from the edge of the property.

Item N-7 – Pahokee Plaza

Mayor Sasser advises that this has already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Citizens Comments:

Mayor Sasser calls on Ms. Cicely Scott.

Commissioner Biggs advised that Mrs. Scott had to leave but wanted to request being on the next agenda regarding Cross Roads Academy.

Mayor Sasser calls on Mr. Emilio Perez.

Mr. Perez addresses the Commission and requests permission to meet with Mr. Moore and the City Attorney to see if we can settle the issue with the Prince Theater.

Mayor Sasser stated that no action is required by the Commission. Mr. Perez can make an appointment with the City Attorney.

Mayor Sasser calls on Mr. Ron Elliott.

Mr. Elliott addresses the audience and stated that he is unhappy, feels he has been wronged and maybe even advised to the extent of fraud. This is regarding the Pahokee Plaza property. Met with Mr. Moore and was advised that when the criteria are set for the selection process he would meet with me again. Requests that the audience prevail upon the Mayor so that he (Mr. Elliott) can be placed on the agenda

Mayor Sasser advised that several companies were interested in the Pahokee Plaza site. As a result of the selection process, another company was selected. Mayor Sasser reminded everyone that it was stated on record that the city and Palm Beach County would work to have all the companies located here.

Mr. Elliott is speaking from audience. Not at a microphone.

Commission concurs for Mr. Elliott to be placed on the next agenda for the October 26, 2010 meeting.

Commissioner Biggs:

**Move Mr. Moore from Interim Manager to City Manager.
Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Crawford.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Biggs stated that we had a committee working with Palm Beach County to make the best decision for the city. Thanks audience for attendance. Recognizes that Commissioner Holley from Belle Glade is the audience, as well as Southern Waste Systems.

Correspondence/Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners continued:

Commissioner Babb said that the Tri-Cities Coalition is scheduled to meet here in Pahokee on December 15th. As we are hosting the BBQ on the 10th, would recommend that the Dec. 15th meeting be rescheduled and/or cancelled. Also reminds Commission at last Coalition meeting there was discussion of the Coalition meeting quarterly versus monthly. Asking everyone to keep that in mind for next Coalition meeting.

Commissioner Walker advises:

- Black Elected Officials Gala is this weekend at the PGA Resort
- During the Mayor's Literacy program on the 7th, she went to Bright Ideas and O'Say to be sure that Pahokee was represented.
- Encourages everyone to participate in the Take Stock in Children program, those who are interested would become a mentor to a student.
- Advises that the Tri- City meeting will be held in South Bay on the 20th due to early voting in Belle Glade
- Suggests that Commission possibly use the vacated space at the Chamber building for a Mayor & Commissioners office.

Commissioner Walker moves that the Commission consider the space at the Chamber building. Motion died.

City Manager Moore advises that he has been in discussion with a company for use of the space. Advises that he will bring this back as soon as he can determine how serious the company is in leasing the space.

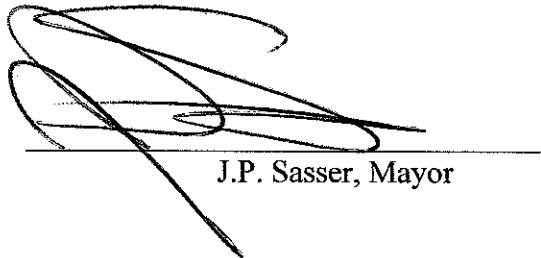
Commissioner Walker expresses thanks to the community for the support, cannot discuss the issue, but appreciates the support.

Vice Mayor thanks all for attendance, with the community's help we can make this a better community.

There being no further city business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 9:06 p.m.



ATTEST: Susan Feltner, City Clerk



J.P. Sasser, Mayor