



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 19, 2010**

Pursuant to due notice the Commission Workshop meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 E. Main St., Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 6:05 p.m. Invocation was by Commissioner Babb followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Officials attendance was recorded as follows:

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	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
	Sgt. At Arms: Lt. R. Alonso	Absent
	City Clerk Susan Feltner	Present

Mayor Sasser advises that the City Manager suggested that we open with the Nuisance Abatement Board as the attorney is here and that is what he is needed for. Commission concurs.

**1. Nuisance Abatement Board**

City Manager Moore stated that the Commission requested this item on the agenda to discuss a variety of issues related to the nuisance abatement board.

City Attorney Brandenburg stated that the Commission adopted Ordinance 2010-03 establishing the board, process and procedures. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office presented a case against Baines Superette, process and procedure of the Ordinance was followed, subsequently the board did determine the property was a nuisance a decision was made after much deliberation and entered an order. He advised that Mrs. Frost through her attorney has brought an action against the city and does not believe that Mrs. Frost will prevail in any regard of the way and manner that the case was processed.

City Attorney Brandenburg advised that he did receive a call from Mrs. Frost attorney today suggesting that they may want to settle the matter, if they posted the signs and that the hours of operation be changed.

Mayor Sasser suggested that the Commission become the nuisance abatement board. The current board should meet to resolve Mrs. Frost case, as she is cooperating.

Commissioner Babb advised that the Commission can serve as the board, but there is still an element of politics involved. Compliments the members of the board. The Concept of the board is not worth the cost, as it relates to future lawsuits, would be in favor of disbanding the board.

Commissioner Biggs stated that she did attend the hearing, there were two (2) attorney's present. The board struggled with coming to a right solution. However, the cost associated with the board is too expensive for this city.

### **1. Nuisance Abatement Board continued:**

Commissioner Walker stated that she agrees with the comments made by all the Commissioners, both Commission as the board and abandonment. The cost is a large factor as we are trying to reduce costs. The Board acted in the capacity that they were appointed to do.

Mayor Sasser stated that he did not want to abandon the board. He recommends that this be on the next agenda for discussion. Recommends that the Commission become the board and see how that works.

Kylie Larsen of 1049 East Main St., addressed all and stated that she supports the board. Board members should be educated reading fines to counter act the costs of the hearings.

Nicholas Larsen, member of the board, stated that board members need spelled out rules. No evidence was presented prior to the hearing. Stated that it is a tool that is needed.

Corneshia Chisholm addresses all and speaks about costs to the city. We contract to the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services, should not be paying twice. Do not create other opportunities in the community for functions that already exist that may impose additional costs to the city. The community needs to take a proactive approach in their city and be involved.

Sylvanius Miller addresses all and states that black people were raised to group with their own kind. Folks been hanging on that corner for years. It is a learned lifestyle.

Royal York addresses all and states that people hear what they want to hear. People only see one half, what people haven't seen is the evidence that was presented. The board serves at the pleasure of the Commission. It is a tool for the Sheriff's office and is against abandoning it.

City Attorney Brandenburg suggests that if the Commission wishes to appoint their selves as the board, we could eliminate the other attorney to help reduce the costs.

City Manager to schedule a workshop at 6:00 p.m. before the next Commission meeting with the nuisance abatement board members.

### **2. Regatta – Jessica O' Conner**

Jessica O' Connor addresses the Commission and advises there are tickets available for the Commissioners. There already 51 boats pre-registered. They are expecting about 1,000 spectators per day.

Mayor Sasser advises that the event is required to have a helicopter flying to search for manatees. Cost is about \$1500 per day. Fish and Game advised that they would allow a fixed wing aircraft to perform this function.

### **3. Front Street Development – Sherry Howard**

Ms. Howard addresses all and provides an update regarding downtown development. In 2009 HUD awarded Palm Beach County a Section 108 loan for Pahokee revitalization. Circle S Pharmacy will be moving into the Wachovia property. This is a very positive program. Total project estimated costs are \$7 million.

**4. Chamber of Commerce – Lewis Pope, President**

Mr. Lewis Pope addresses all and advises that there is no walk thru traffic and currently they are only open three days a week due to finances. Inquires of the green market. Would like to get Grassy Waters Festival started back up.

Mayor Sasser advised that he will contact Ms. Howard to see what we can do to jump start that venue again. The City and the chamber need to join together to assist local businesses.

City Manager to look in to assisting with staffing at the Chamber so they are open five (5) days a week.

Commissioner Babb stated we may need to look at a tri-city approach as it relates to promoting the Glades area. Need to schedule a round table discussion with business owners.

**5. City of Pahokee Business Development**

Mayor Sasser advised that this has been pretty much covered with the planning of the round table discussion with the Chamber of Commerce and business owners.

City Manager Moore advises that anyone that would like to participate in the program that Ms. Howard reported on, to please reach out to the Ms. Howard, City Manager's office or Ms. Regina Bohlen.

Mayor Sasser asks of business owners in the audience to please stand and identify their business.

The owner of Pizzano's Pizza advised that he would be more than happy to attach city flyers to the pizza boxes for deliveries.

**D. Discussion, Comments, Concerns:**


Commissioner Biggs thanks all for their attendance and advises that the purpose of the meeting tonight is to see what the Commission can do to help our local businesses thrive.


Commissioner Babb thanks the businesses and the residents for their attendance. The business community is the life blood of our city.

Commissioner Walker also thanks all for attendance and hopes that the City can improve our image, so people are not afraid to travel in different areas of our community. Encourages future attendance from the community.

The owner of Pizzano's pizza advised that the Sheriff's office has been great and has advised him of areas not to deliver too, citing that it is dangerous. Advised of one incident with a driver being robbed and it was not in an area that was marked on the map provided by the Sheriff's office. Mayor Sasser stated that he would like to have a look at that map.

There being no further business of City to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the workshop at 7:52p.m.

  
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Attest: Susan Feltner, City Clerk

  
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J.P. Sasser, Mayor